



TARGETS

As specified in the RRP5



272,780

Syrian refugees (registered or awaiting registration)



14,826

Persons unwilling to register



110,724

Affected Lebanese



8,895

Lebanese returnees



22,500

Palestine refugees from Syria (PRS)



188 million

USD required

NEEDS

Enrolment among Syrians remains low. The reasons for this can be summarized around four areas a) costs of transportation and tuition fees; b) language barriers; c) safety concerns among Syrian parents who fear that their children would face discrimination and violence in schools and d) capacity of the public schools to enrol more children.

As the number of refugees increases the strains on the public school system grows. The public school system catered for 300,000 children prior to the crisis in Syria. There are currently approximately 280,000 children aged 3-18 registered with UNHCR which means that, if enrolled, the public school system would double in size.

MEHE commits that 100,000 children can be accommodated in the public school system the coming school year, meaning that if the projections for 2014 hold true approximately 530,000 children will need to access education outside the formal system.

The areas of high refugee concentration overlap with the places where the most vulnerable Lebanese populations live. These are areas where the number of Lebanese children attending public schools is high in comparison to other areas where private schooling is more frequent. The quality of education in public schools is increasingly affected as classes become overcrowded and schools are under-resourced. The schools lack supplies and the teachers are poorly trained and badly equipped to manage growing class sizes, tension and children with

OBJECTIVE

Children have access to quality education

ACTIONS/OUTPUTS

- 1 Children have access to inclusive education
- 2 Schools are safe and protective
- 3 Youth have access to appropriate learning

KEY SEPTEMBER DEVELOPMENTS

- The school year started in September and Syrian children have started enrolling
- Ministry of Education and Higher Education has ensured access for Syrian children to the public school system through two circulaires issued in September
- Many vulnerable Syrian families are not able to cover the compulsory parent contribution of 60 USD, while some schools are not fully accommodating the reimbursement schemes being presented by supporting organizations
- The inter-agency back-to-school support programme is underway

ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE

102,894 children reached with the following education services:



50,111 children enrolled in formal education



45,348 children enrolled in non-formal education



68,373 children participated in recreational activities



60,025 children received psycho-social support



2,757 teachers trained



340 schools received fuel for heating



12 schools rehabilitated, including WASH facilities



11,180 children reached with health services in schools

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