



KEY ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE MONTH

44 CSPs were completed

426 persons benefitted from income generating activities

HIGHLIGHTS:

Activities in the sector continue to pick up, particularly in regards to Community Support Projects. 44 more projects were completed, benefitting 70 communities and representing an investment of 1.2 million USD in host communities.

A first conflict mitigation mechanisms was established in Bekaa, in addition the 10 already active in the North and South, showing that the preparatory phase to establish such mechanisms is now coming to an end.

As for livelihood activities, 735 persons benefited from vocational trainings in April and 426 from income generation opportunities.



Community Support Project focusing on rehabilitation of water systems in Lebanon

Credit: UNHCR

NEEDS ANALYSIS:

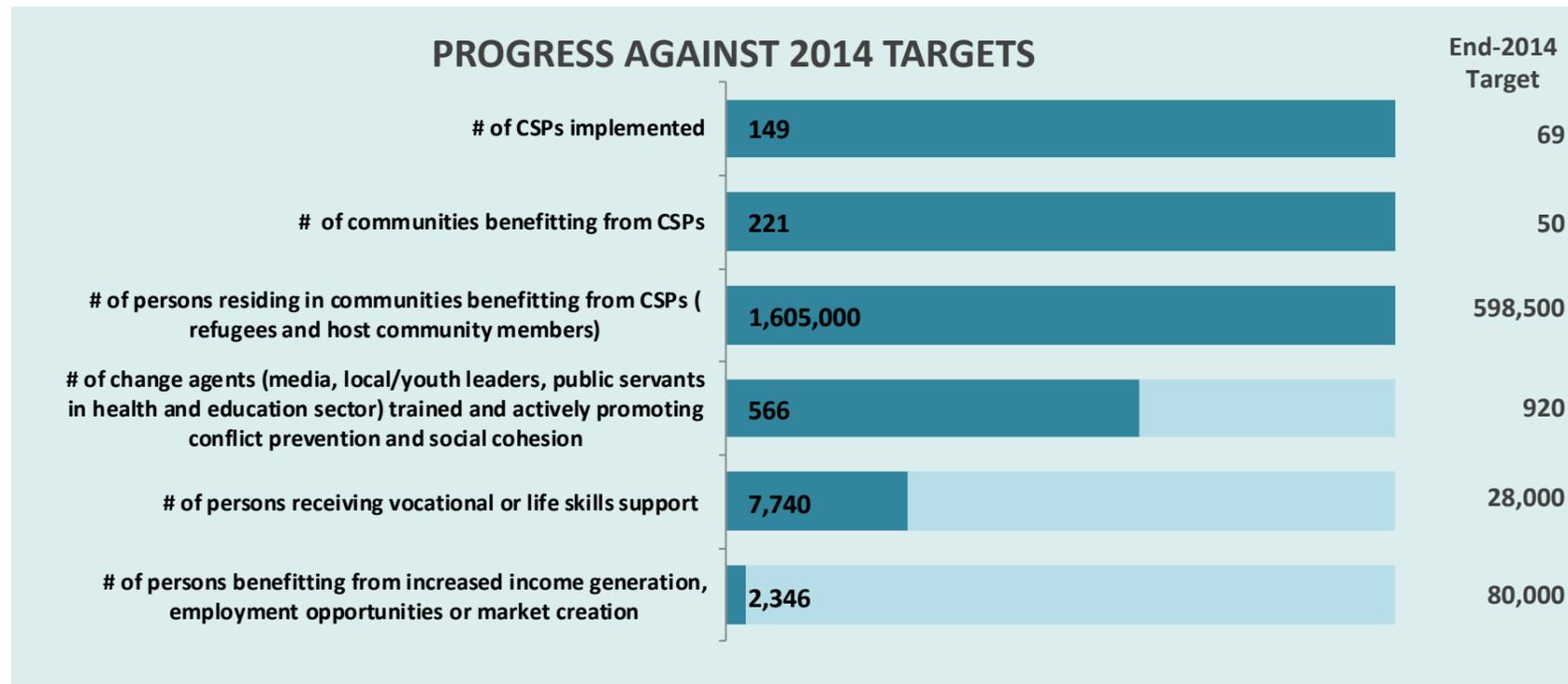
The sector confirmed that its priorities will not be changed for the rest of the year and remain focused on (1) expanding local conflict mitigation mechanisms; (2) training local and national change agents to actively combat misperceptions fuelling hostilities (3) reinforcing service provision through host community support projects (CSPs); (4) expanding conflict-sensitive and innovative livelihood activities and (5) mainstreaming social cohesion throughout the response. Participation and interest in the work of the sector is growing visibly, both at central and local level.

In order to further enhance the impact of the sector and particularly of social cohesion projects, a workshop was organised on 16 April to draft guidelines on how to conduct participatory processes at the local level, bringing together lessons learnt and best practices from peacebuilding initiatives and CSPs.

The sector has also set up with the CASH working group a committee to draft SOP for Cash for Work projects.

The coming month will be focused on the RRP Mid Year Review. Yet, the sector will also deepen social cohesion mainstreaming in other sectors, respectively CASH (the impact of CASH assistance on social cohesion and livelihoods), child protection and education (working together on peace education and violence affecting children) and WASH (working on the impact of water scarcity on social cohesion and

PROGRESS AGAINST 2014 TARGETS



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