



KEY FACT OF THE MONTH

The WASH Sector is galvanized around planning for water scarcity responses

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Overall May indicates progress to targets:
- In completion of household latrines 16,114 output of May is in line with previous months across agencies. Additional sanitation activities include distribution of household or communal bins and support to Municipalities for solid waste collection.
 - In Individuals having attended Hygiene Promotion May is a decline on the previous month to 45,656.
 - The distribution of water storage containers has maintained an erratic trend with May the lowest since January, only 13,589 across agencies.
 - In communal Water supply 100,184 May beneficiaries continues the high number set in April and the increase from previous months. The majority of these beneficiaries (94,676) are from completion of a single water scarcity appropriate pump improvement and network repair programme in North Lebanon.



Refugee children collecting water at a water point established by WASH partners in Lebanon

Credit: UNHCR

NEEDS ANALYSIS:

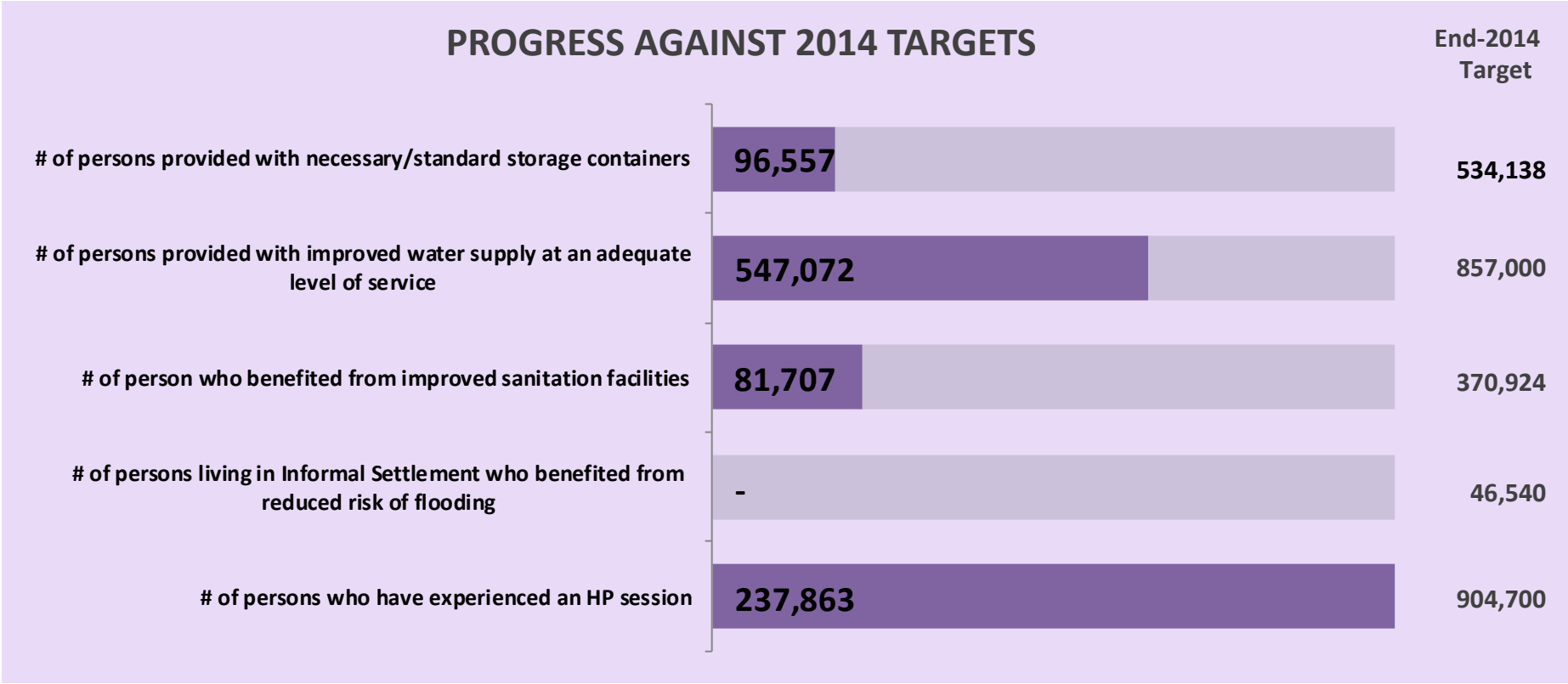
Initial steps taken in planning national and regional water scarcity preparedness. This multi agency initiative is being developed to mitigate any potential water related scarcity issues that emerge during an expected very dry summer.

The planning is being conducted at national and sub-national levels and is coordinated with Government and other longer term scarcity related planning. Mapping the most vulnerable locations and identification of possible mitigation activities is currently underway. Potential ERF funds are being solicited as well as advocacy for donor flexibility on WASH funds.

An Acute Watery Diarrhea Preparedness plan is being drafted by the sector in collaboration with Health.

The Ministry of Environment is engaging with the WASH sector to conduct a rapid assessment on the environmental impact of Syrian refugees in Lebanon.

The WASH coverage in informal settlements and substandard buildings is still significantly challenging and testing the response capacity of all partners. Water supply during the forthcoming dry season is of concern, however hygiene promotion needs to be improved, and better results in terms of septic tank emptying and grey water disposal are a priority.



Source: figures reported above reflect the information reported to Sector Coordinators by Partners participating in Working Groups

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