



# REGIONAL: RRP6 MONTHLY UPDATE - MAY

# PROTECTION

## Mid-Year Funding Update

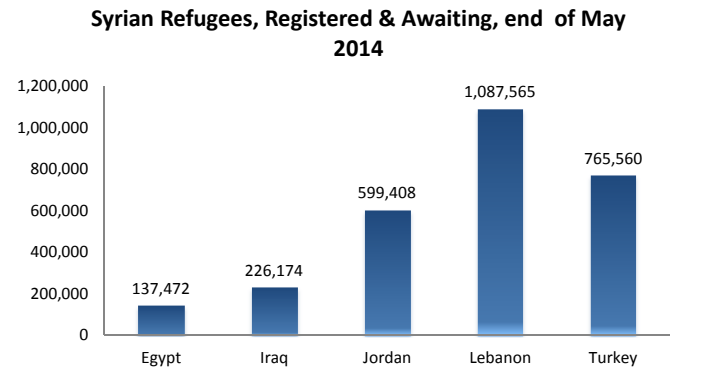


## MAY HIGHLIGHTS:

In the area of **sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV)**, more than 15,000 survivors in Lebanon have received services to meet their needs since the start of the year. In Jordan, more than 6,000 survivors of SGBV have benefited from case management services this year, while the project to strengthen the inter-agency response was conducted for humanitarian staff working in sectors other than SGBV in the new Azraq camp. Specialist support for SGBV has been provided to more than 260 people in Iraq and 50 in Egypt.

**Legal counselling, awareness-raising and training** continue to be important interventions to protect the rights of refugees. In Lebanon, almost 11,600 individuals, including people in detention facilities, have received legal counselling this year, while almost 47,500 have participated in legal awareness sessions. In Egypt, a workshop was held for 22 judges and prosecutors on international refugee law, while in Turkey training was conducted for around 30 government officials on international refugee law. In Jordan, more than 16,000 people have received legal information, counselling or representation since the start of the year. An Office of the Sharia Court has been established in Zaatari Camp to deal with issues of family law, while the Civil Registrar has assigned focal points in all three refugee camps to process applications for birth certificates for children born in those camps.

Awareness raising on the importance of **birth registration and civil documentation** also continues across the region. An assessment among urban refugees in Iraq indicated that they have little awareness about civil status documents, highlighting the need for awareness campaigns in that country.



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## SYRIAN REFUGEES IN THE REGION:



This Dashboard was published after the release of the **RRP6 Mid-Year Update** and reflects the revised Syrian refugee population planning figure, RRP budget and response indicators/targets. The Mid-Year Update is available at <http://www.unhcr.org/syriarrp6/midyear/>

## NEEDS ANALYSIS:

Syrian refugees continue to seek safety and protection in large numbers in the region. On average more than 100,000 newly arriving refugees have been registered every month since the beginning of 2014. Maintaining access to safety for those fleeing conflict and continued protection from refoulement are the fundamental tenets of protection, and key elements of the protection response are registration, including through renewal of documentation, the multi-sectoral prevention and safe response services to sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) and child protection systems as well as community participation and empowerment. The focus on host communities also remains a key element of the regional protection strategy.

Increased mainstreaming of protection in all humanitarian actions and sectors is required to prevent, identify, and address potential rights violations - particularly for women, children, and other vulnerable profiles. In this respect, an important need is to reach out to new partners, including community-based and faith-based organizations, to more effectively coordinate interventions and to ensure that services are delivered in a non-discriminatory manner in accordance with protection and humanitarian principles.

As the refugee crisis shows no sign of ending, with limited prospects for voluntary return in safety and challenges related to local integration, strengthening the resilience of refugees becomes essential. At the same time, increased resettlement, humanitarian and other forms of admission of refugees to third countries form part of the protection strategy offering a more durable solution for some of the most vulnerable refugees.

## REGIONAL RESPONSE INDICATORS:

