



Over 22.5 million Syrian and host community children have now been vaccinated against polio since the start of 2014

JUNE HIGHLIGHTS:

Prevention and treatment of **communicable and non-communicable diseases (NCDs)** among persons of concern remains a high priority in the region. In Lebanon, approximately 85 per cent of the 515,000 Primary Health Care (PHC) consultations in the first half of 2014 were for acute conditions, with the remaining 15 percent made up of NCDs, mental health conditions and injuries. In Egypt, 38 per cent of the 28,116 PHC consultations since the beginning of 2014 were due to NCDs. In Jordan, a total of 42 nurses and health educators and 45 doctors were trained in NCD management in Amman.

In Turkey, the first inspection was conducted for seven of the pre-fabricated **health facilities** and it is expected to make the first delivery of these facilities at the end of July. Preparations are also ongoing for printing 100,000 copies of health awareness leaflets in Arabic to distribute in health facilities and camps. In Iraq, RRP partners started providing curative services in Domiz 2 camp, as well as 24/7 health services in the new Arbat camp. During June a total of 5,594 consultations were performed in Azraq camp in Jordan.

In Iraq, a 3 days training on the Minimum Initial service Package for **reproductive health** was conducted for 20 health practitioners. A comprehensive action plan was developed by the participants and was subsequently endorsed by the Ministry of Health. More than 2,600 Syrian women have now accessed antenatal consultations in Egypt this year, with the number rising to 8,600 in Iraq, more than 16,200 in Jordan, and 21,500 in Lebanon.

In Jordan, the first round of the Sub National Immunization Days was conducted in June, reaching almost 200,000 children inside and outside of camps in high risk areas with **polio vaccination**. An additional round of the national polio campaign was also conducted in Istanbul, Turkey. Across the region, more than 22.5 million children (Syrian refugees and members of host communities) have been vaccinated against polio this year.



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SYRIAN REFUGEES IN THE REGION:

2,879,678	Current Refugee Population
3,590,000	Refugee Population Planning figure, end-2014

NEEDS ANALYSIS:

Syrian refugees outside camps have free access to national health care systems in all RRP countries aside from Lebanon. For refugees in camps in Iraq and Turkey, free access to primary health care is provided by national health systems (and in the case of Iraq through humanitarian partners), whereas in Jordan, refugees accommodated in camps have their primary health care needs met by RRP partners. RRP actors support an estimated 75 per cent of the cost of primary health care services for Syrian refugees.

RRP partners provide access, and cover costs, for secondary and tertiary health care for the most vulnerable refugees in all countries in the region through targeted, and means-tested, processes, with the exception of Turkey. RRP partners report that national health care systems are strained to meet the increased health needs of refugees. Mental health needs are growing and that service providers underserve the needs, including for survivors of torture, violence and post-traumatic stress syndrome.

The utilization by women of ante-natal services is low, and there are higher than regional rates of caesarean deliveries, leading to higher costs and greater risks to patients and infants. In addition, ensuring that women have access to normal delivery services is an ongoing necessity. Assessments indicate the need for prevention services to avert deterioration of acute malnutrition and also a need for micronutrient intervention. Infant and young child feeding indicators show poor feeding practices.

Given the incidence of polio and measles and the higher risks of outbreaks of other vaccine-preventable diseases, additional support is required to promote and provide immunization services to refugees and host communities.

