



KEY FACT

A total of **616,275** primary health care consultations were provided in 2014

HIGHLIGHTS:

There is a significant need for mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) as part of the response. Cases of mental health and psychosocial support conditions within the population are very low, with approximately 1.5% displaying such conditions. This figure may reflect a stabilisation in the MHPSS needs of the population; however it is more likely to be the lack of trained healthcare professionals that can diagnose and treat MHPSS conditions.

Since January, 2014 there has been sixteen cases of acute and severe psychiatric conditions referred to the national psychiatric referral hospital in Lebanon. These patients were hospitalized for a short period of time. While it is encouraging that the vast majority of people with mental health disorders can be handled on an out-patient basis, there is likely a larger, unmet need in the population that needs to be addressed.



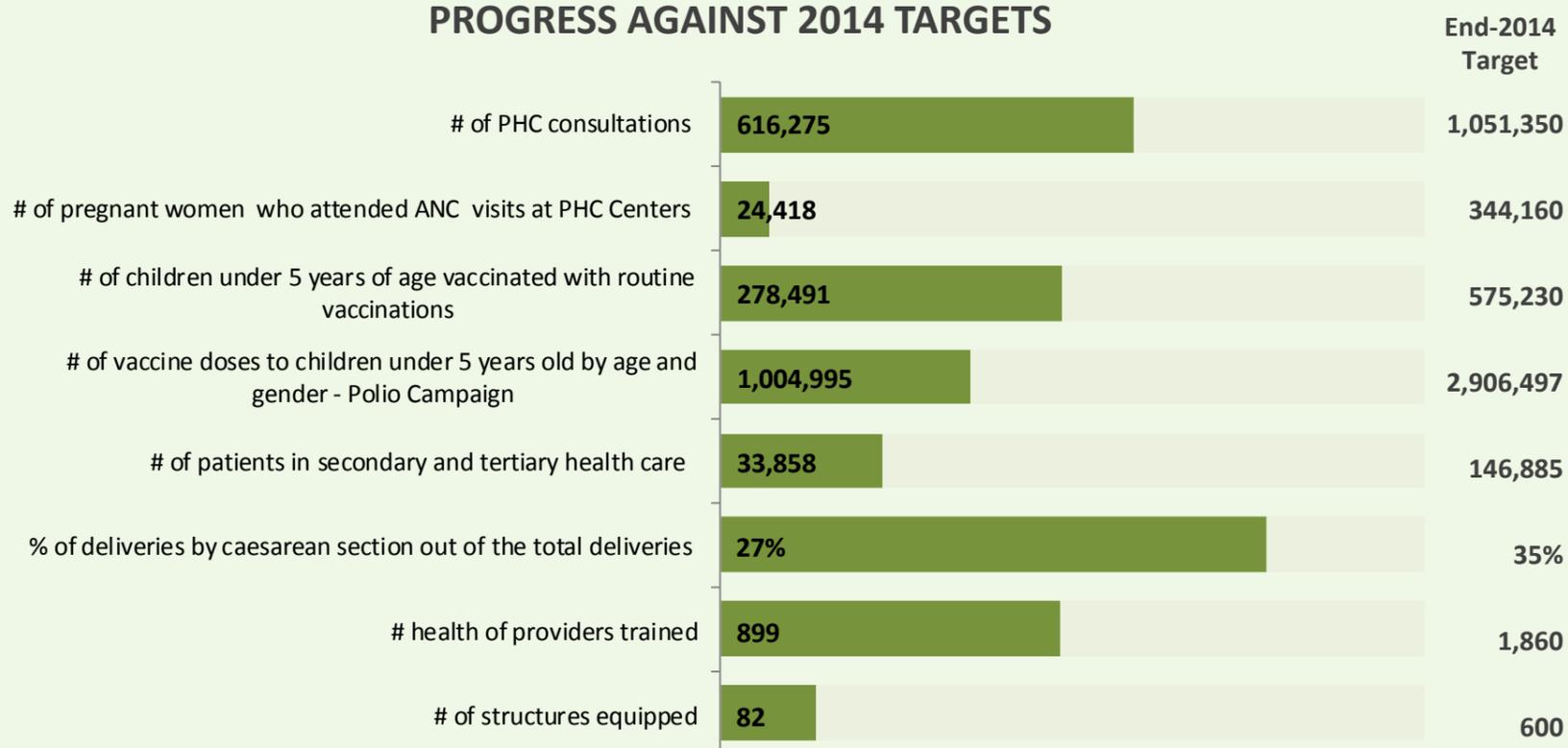
Lebanon/ Syrian refugees/ A doctor at a mobile clinic looks after an infant Syrian child, accompanied by his mother, at the refugee transit site in Aarsal, Lebanon./UNHCR/M.Hofer/

NEEDS ANALYSIS:

The MHPSS Task Force is mainstreaming and harmonizing MHPSS programs and activities within the response. This includes developing a strategy on indicators for participatory evaluation of programs, completing the 4Ws (Who is doing What, Where and When) and scaling up a referral system between NGOs, especially for urgent cases outside working hours.

Furthermore, efforts are being targeted to better understand the mobilization of the current community, scale up community participation, roll out PFA trainings and increase the mental health GAP Intervention Guide (a clinical manual for doctors and nurses) which is being adapted for the integration of MH into the PHC network. In addition, training will be provided for PHC doctors, nurses and social workers. Strengthening collaboration with the PSS task force hosted under the child protection sector will also be required. In parallel to these interventions, the national MH program at the MOPH will be hosting a national consensus on a MH strategy for Lebanon.

PROGRESS AGAINST 2014 TARGETS



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

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