



KEY FACT

950 children under 5 years of age have been admitted for malnutrition treatment

HIGHLIGHTS:

There has been a concerted effort on strengthening the screening and management of acute malnutrition at primary and secondary health care levels by partners and UN agencies in collaboration with the MOPH.

This includes screening for malnutrition at community level including health promotion on optimal Infant and Young Child (IYCF) practices.

Whilst the nutritional status of refugees is not considered alarming at present, the situation can deteriorate due to potential aggravating factors (winter, WASH conditions, food insecurity, increasing refugee numbers and new arrivals in poor health condition) and requires ongoing surveillance.



Lebanon/ Syrian refugees/ A Syrian child assisted in a primary health center supported by partners of the Public Health sector

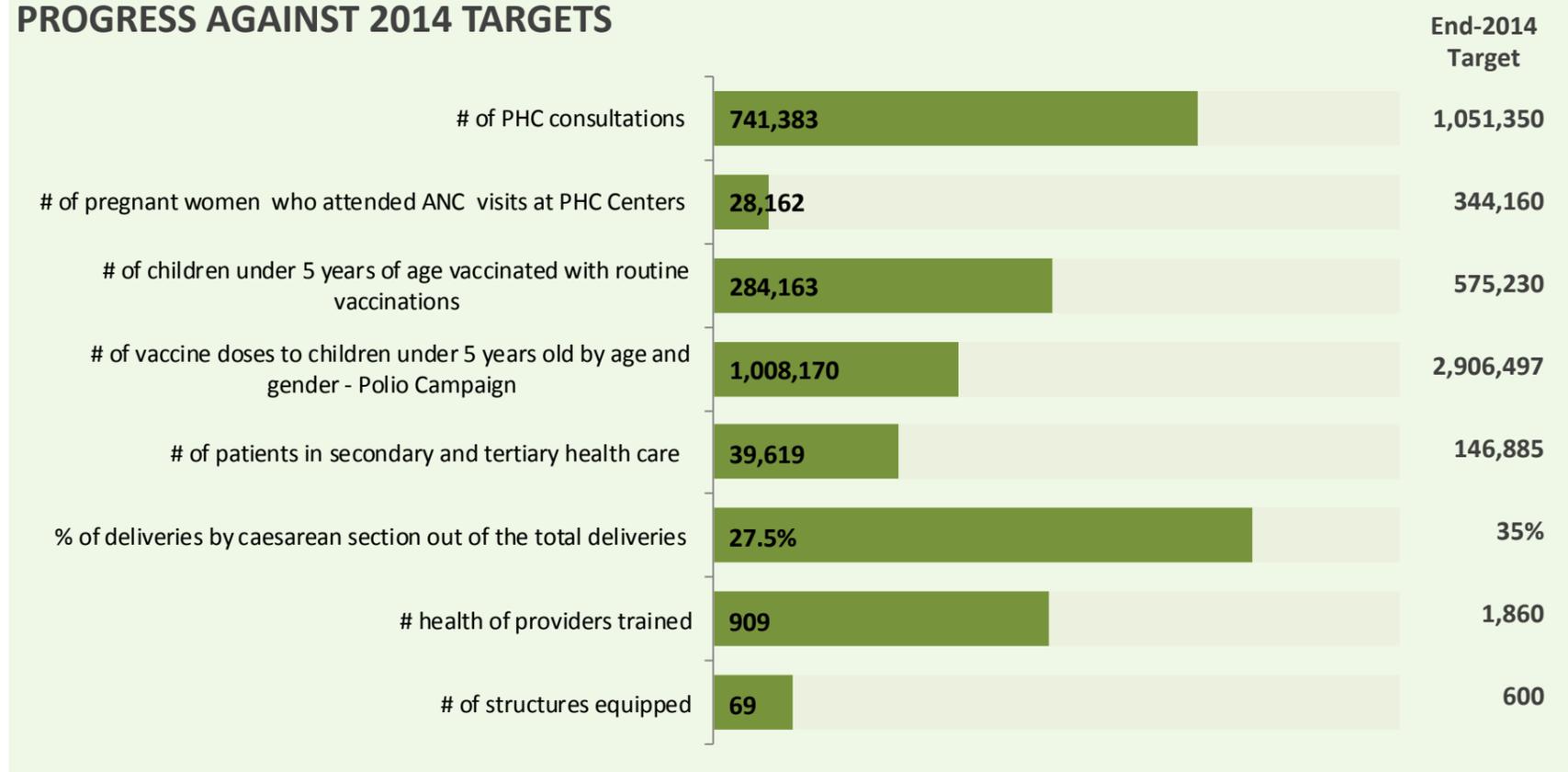
NEEDS ANALYSIS:

The Nutrition sub working group is mainstreaming and harmonizing nutrition programs and activities for the response. This includes facilitating development of national protocols and guidelines for programme implementation in line with international standards, e.g. management guidelines for severe and moderate acute malnutrition and micronutrient deficiencies.

Active community screening for acute malnutrition and suboptimal Infant and Youth Child Feeding (IYCF) practices, performed by trained screeners, has been taking place for children between 6 and 59 months and below 2 years of age respectively. All children identified with malnutrition are immediately referred for treatment and follow-up at the trained primary healthcare centres or referral network. Alternatively, children receive direct treatment on site when no trained primary health care is available in the area.

In parallel, promoting optimal IYCF practices occur through trainings and building the capacity of healthcare providers on promoting breastfeeding and counseling mothers on optimal IYCF practices. In close collaboration with MoPH and the National Program on IYCF, partners have been actively involved in raising awareness and addressing violators of the Code for Breast Milk Substitutes and Law 47/2008.

PROGRESS AGAINST 2014 TARGETS



Source: figures reported above reflect the information reported to Sector Coordinators by Partners participating in Working Groups
* Figures of structures equipped were reduced after cleanup of data reported by partners.

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