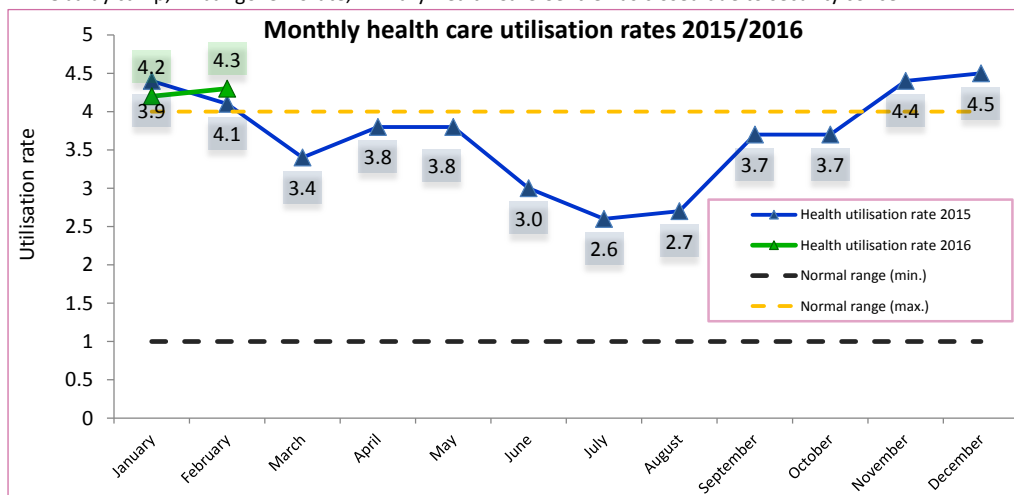




34,938 consultations are provided to the Syrian Refugees in primary health care services

FEBRUARY HIGHLIGHTS:

- A total of 30,860 patient consultations (acute and chronic conditions) were conducted in Primary Health Care (PHC) facilities in refugee camps (source UNHCR HIS-Health Information System). This translates an average patient consultation rate of 4.3 consultations/ person/ year was registered in February which is slightly above the expected range of 1-4 consultations. This increase is related to an increase in upper respiratory infections with the onset of winter. Major cause for patient consultations remained upper respiratory tract infections, skin infections and urinary tract infection. 985 patients were referred to secondary and tertiary hospitals for further investigations and/ or hospitalization. During the same period, 1,143 patients attended mental healthcare services.
- With the support from UNICEF/WHO, National polio immunization campaign has been conducted in Iraq by Directorate of Health (DoH) in each governorate for five days targeting Syrian refugees as well. Results of campaign revealed a good success with 98.5% coverage in Duhok (9,799 U5 Syrian children vaccinated), 93.1% coverage in Sulaymaniyah (2,823 U5 Syrian children vaccinated) and 98% coverage in Erbil (10,748 U5 Syrian children vaccinated).
- In order to improve mental health services and follow up on recommendations from last UNHCR/WHO mission on Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS), UNHCR has recruited a MHPSS consultant who will work with MoH/DoH and implementing partners to strengthen coordination mechanisms in MHPSS and enhance quality of Mental Health and Psychosocial Support in Primary Healthcare programmes.
- In Obaidy camp, Anbar governorate, Primary Health Care Centre has closed due to security concern.



Planned response based on full funding of 3RP for an expected direct beneficiary population of 250,000 Syrian refugees and 1.5 million members of impacted local communities by end-2015. There are currently 246,051 Syrian refugees registered by UNHCR (39% in camps and 61% out of camps).

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