



An estimated **81,877** are refugee children between the ages of 3 – 17 years. Of these **59,357** are school age boys and girls between ages of 6 to 17 years.

JULY HIGHLIGHTS:

As of the end of the school year, **31,144** students are enrolled in formal education (grades 1 – 12); **15,508** in camp settings, and **15,636** in non-camp settings. Of the **29,338** children enrolled in basic education (grades 1 – 9), 69% are boys and 71% girls. 3,810 students are benefitting from non-formal education activities including alternative education, catch-up classes and recreational activities. Another **2,038** children between the ages of 3 - 5 are attending **Early Childhood Care and Development (ECCD)** activities. The academic year for Refugee Children finished in June. Education sector partners are focusing their activities on summer catch up classes, summer schools and other non-formal educational activities during the school holiday. Summer activities including chess, math, computer skills, music, media, Kurdish and English classes will continue until school start.

In **Erbil Governorate** 60 students participated in academic summer school courses in Rozhava secondary school in Basirma camp. In Kawergosk and Darashakran Camps, the community is organizing catch up classes for students in the secondary cycle. A further 1,698 children are benefitting from non-formal education activities within Child Friendly Spaces (CFS) in the 4 camps. 36 teacher and facilitators have completed non-formal education and ECCD activities in 3 camps and a two day youth workshop with the youth committee of Qushtapa camp was completed. 750 student kits were distributed in Qushtapa, Kawergosk and Darashakran camps and two CFS in urban settings.

In **camp schools in Duhok Governorate**, 450 students participated in a hygiene awareness-raising event and 475 students involved in the summer festivals in Kar, Roj Ava, and Afreen schools in Domiz Camp. 144 students in Jiyan School also in Domiz camp participated in sports, computer, and Kurdish classes. The construction of 2 new schools in Gawilan and Domiz Refugee camp is progressing well and the schools will be completed for the start of the new academic year in September. In two CFS's in Domiz camp and War City 1,308 children benefitted from non-formal education and 151 children used the Book Bank and 17 mothers attended mother toddler classes.

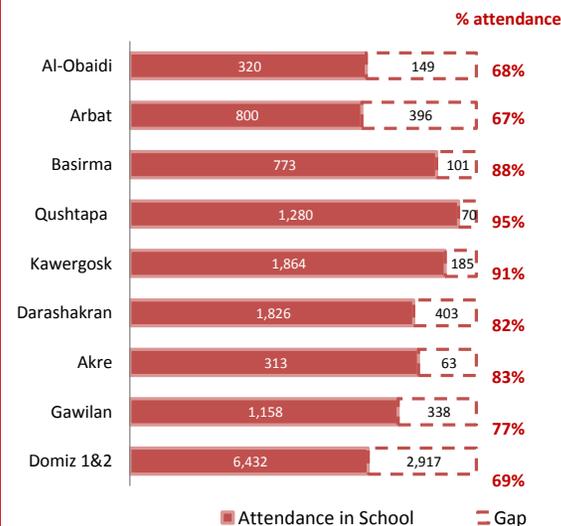


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NEEDS ANALYSIS:

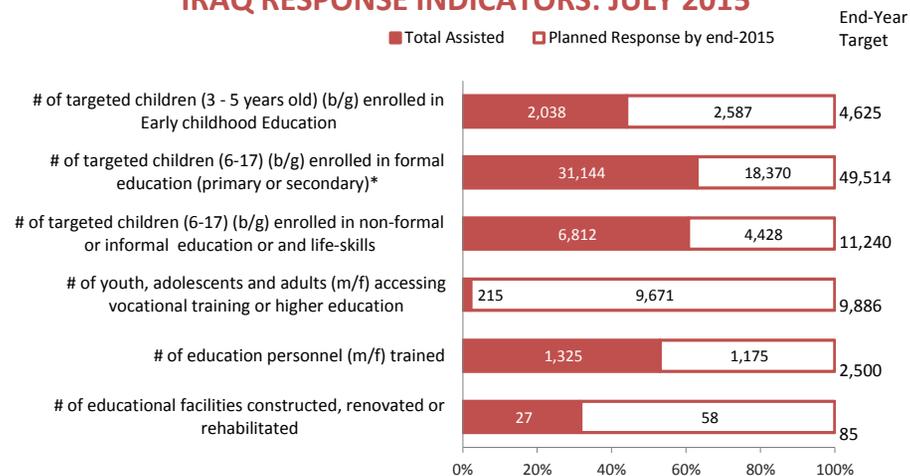
While 74 % of children (6-14) are attending schools in camps only 62% of the same age are attending schools outside of camps. Only 5% of children between 15 – 17 years of age are attending formal education. According to MoE assessment there are 1303 refugee teachers; only 50 per cent are receiving salaries. Due to financial constraints KRG Ministry of Finance is no longer able to provide for their salaries. The education cluster is supporting on advocacy to cover the urgent need for funds to cover the teacher salaries. There is a greater need for ECCD activities in all camps to provide activities for refugee children to prepare them for entry into school. The quality of basic education provided is challenged due to lack of teachers and overcrowded classrooms. There is a large number of youth and adolescents with nothing to do in great risk for negative coping mechanism and risk behaviour. Provision of secondary education, life skills and vocational trainings is urgently needed. Additional financial support and allocation of adequate learning spaces are required to cover for existing needs.

Children (6-14 years) attending primary schools in camps



In **Sulaymaniyah** the construction of two prefab caravan schools has been completed in Qirga and Chiwarchira areas to be handed over to the Directorate of Education in preparation for the start of the new school year. A new school in Arbat refugee camp is also near completion and will provide access to 1,000 refugee children. Repairs are on-going in Afrin refugee school in Bainjan for the 150 refugee students attending that school. Amouda refugee camp school in Arbat refugee camp school also underwent repairs. 20 students in Kamil Baseer and Kardokh schools were participating in computer classes. Sector partners are finalizing preparations for the Back to School Campaign, which will officially start in August in the KRI. The new school year is scheduled to commence on September 10. The MoE officially approved the proposal to allow urban Syrian Refugee Students in lower elementary classes to register in Kurdish schools 1st -3rd grade. This will ease the demand on the Arabic schools in KRI. Furthermore, a number of Quick Impact Projects will be implemented per governorate to reinforce local school capacity.

IRAQ RESPONSE INDICATORS: JULY 2015



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 251,690 Syrian refugees registered by UNHCR (37.63% in camps and 62.37% out of camps).

*After verification of final enrolment statistics as of the end of the academic year there is a slight variation in the enrolment for refugee children as reported last month

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