



Partners are forced to focus on life-saving activities due to underfunding of the Health Sector

CONSEQUENCES OF UNDERFUNDING:

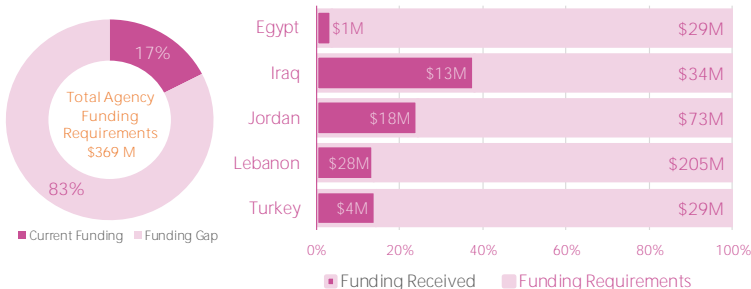
With the Health Sector funded at 17 per cent across the region, partners are having difficulty meeting targets in key areas. As a direct consequence of the underfunding, the response will necessarily focus on life-saving activities rather than continued investment in efficient and streamlined services based around Primary Health Care (PHC) centres.

The impacts are already evidenced. Almost half way through the year, 1.5 million consultations have been provided to individuals, which is only 29 per cent of the 5.4 million target. In Jordan, while needs are able to be met for refugees living in camps, current funding is only available to meet the PHC needs of approximately 40 per cent of Syrian refugees in urban settings. The remaining 60 per cent will have to rely on their own limited resources to access essential primary care, including for chronic diseases and reproductive health care. For example, more than 5,000 women of reproductive age in Azraq Camp will not have access to reproductive health services, including family planning, management of sexually-transmitted diseases and clinical rape management. Among them, more than 500 pregnant women will be lacking ante-natal and post-natal care services.

Meanwhile, support to health systems and facilities in the region has also been low, with 78 (14 per cent) of the target 550 facilities assisted so far across the region. Investments in human capacity are also lagging, with around 2,800 (22 per cent) of the target 13,200 health care staff trained across the region. In Iraq, the lack of medicines in public health facilities could not be addressed due to inadequate funding, while rehabilitation and provision of medical equipment focused on very few high priority facilities only. It is also estimated that a shortage of funds will lead to 3RP partners being unable to cover essential medications for chronic illness, leaving some 3,200 Syrian refugees in Egypt with increased user contribution fees.

In Lebanon, underfunding has also meant that Early Warning Alert and Response Systems (EWARS) for communicable disease outbreaks are not fully supported. The EWARS system is yet to be rolled out in its entirety in all geographical areas, limiting outbreak preparedness and increasing the risk of poor response to and control of potential outbreaks.

Health Sector Funding Status:

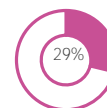


Polio vaccination in Jordan, UNHCR/J. Kohler

Sector Response Summary:



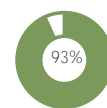
5,362,842 Refugees & Local Community Members targeted for assistance by end-2015
1,545,678 assisted in 2015



Syrian Refugees in the Region:



4,270,000 Syrian Refugees expected by end-2015
3,980,623 currently registered or awaiting registration



3RP Overall Funding Status:



USD 4.5 billion required in 2015 (Agencies)
USD 1.062 billion received in 2015



ISRA'A'S STORY: A LOST BABY BECAUSE OF INADEQUATE CARE

Isra'a, already a mother of two, is expecting her third child. When she arrived in Lebanon 18 months ago she was pregnant. "We left Syria so I could give birth in safety and I had my baby in a private Lebanese hospital." Isra'a's voice catches as she remembers. Her son was premature and needed neonatal care. Isra'a and her husband sold everything they had in order to pay his medical bills. When the money ran out, Isra'a was unable to pay, so she and her baby had to leave the hospital. Isra'a looks away, touching her belly tenderly, "He died seventeen days later at home."

She is anxious about seeing the midwife at the Kfar Sir reproductive health clinic, El Nabatieh. "The antenatal care is free here. I heard about the UNFPA women's centre from friends. No practice would accept me and medical care in Lebanon can be very expensive. I did not know that I could have free reproductive healthcare until I came to the women's centre". At the clinics and women's centres, women like Isra'a receive more than reproductive healthcare.

Dedicated staff reach out to women like Isra'a, who are traumatized and in need of psychological support to help them cope with loss and enable them to move forward.

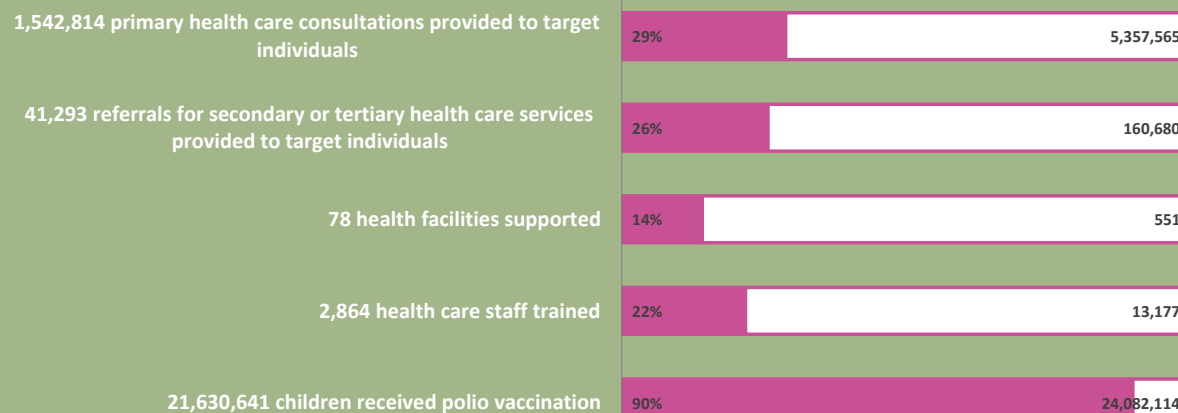
Isra'a's life as a refugee has been traumatic: "At least the people that work at the women's centre see that we're not bad people. I'm glad I found this place."



Credit: UNFPA

REGIONAL RESPONSE INDICATORS: JANUARY - MAY 2015

■ Progress ■ Planned Response, by end-2015



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