

Over 42,000 child refugees benefited from child protection or psychosocial support activities in January

REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS JANUARY:

Interventions to provide protection and assistance to the more than 1.9 million Syrian refugee children remain a priority for 3RP partners and host government authorities around the region.

In Lebanon, The National Plan to Safeguard Women and Children was launched at the end of January to facilitate access to appropriate services and to strengthen the institutional capacity of the Ministry of Social Affairs and its partners and help them better regulate the provision of services to children in need of protection.

In Jordan, the Forced and Early marriage Task Force has updated its 2015 work plan, including including compilation and dissemination of prevention and response tools among members, awareness raising campaigns and continuation of advocacy with authorities. 109 Child and Adolescent Friendly Spaces, 21 Community Centres, and 11 women safe spaces were supported by 3RP partners during the month.

In Iraq, newly arrived refugee children are engaged in activities in child friendly spaces and provided with psychosocial support. remains a challenge, as many are traumatized by the recent conflict. A total of 97 unaccompanied and separated children have been identified, registered and provided with care during January.

In Egypt, over 780 children, youth and parents accessed community-based psychosocial support and child protection services, while in Turkey a new Child Friendly Space became operational in Eyyübiye province of Urfa.

NEEDS ANALYSIS:

While the conflict in Syria continues to cause loss of life, injury, destruction and displacement on a large scale, it is increasingly difficult for Syrians to find safety, including by seeking asylum. Many of those arriving in host countries in the region are increasingly vulnerable and many have been displaced multiple times prior to arriving.

International solidarity and burden-sharing with host countries are therefore ever more important to preserve protection space for refugees and ensure protection from refoulement. Access to registration, verification, including through the use of biometrics, and the renewal of documentation remain critical. They also assist, along with community-based protection processes, to ensure that refugees' need for information and engagement - especially for those living outside of camps - is met.

Refugee children, including the more than 136,000 Syrian children who have been born in exile since the conflict began, require specific assistance, as do survivors of violence, including SGBV, which has been a persistent feature of the conflict which affects women, girls, boys and men in different way.

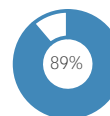


Refugees cross into Turkey after fleeing fighting around Kobani in North East Syria. Ivor Prickett/UNHCR.

Sector Response Summary:



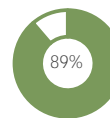
4,687,000 Refugees & Local
Community Members targeted by
end-2015
4,160,165 assisted in 2015



Syrian Refugees in the Region:



4,270,000 Syrian Refugees
expected by end-2015
3,787,715 currently registered or
awaiting



3RP Overall Funding Status:



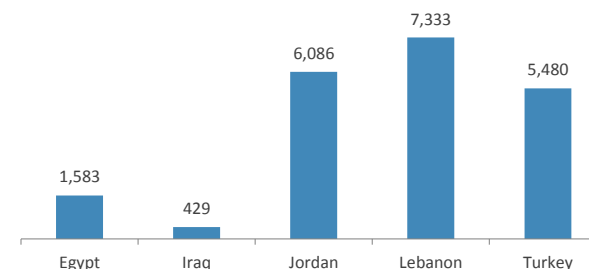
USD 4.5 billion
required in 2015 (Agencies)
USD 212.26 million received in 2015



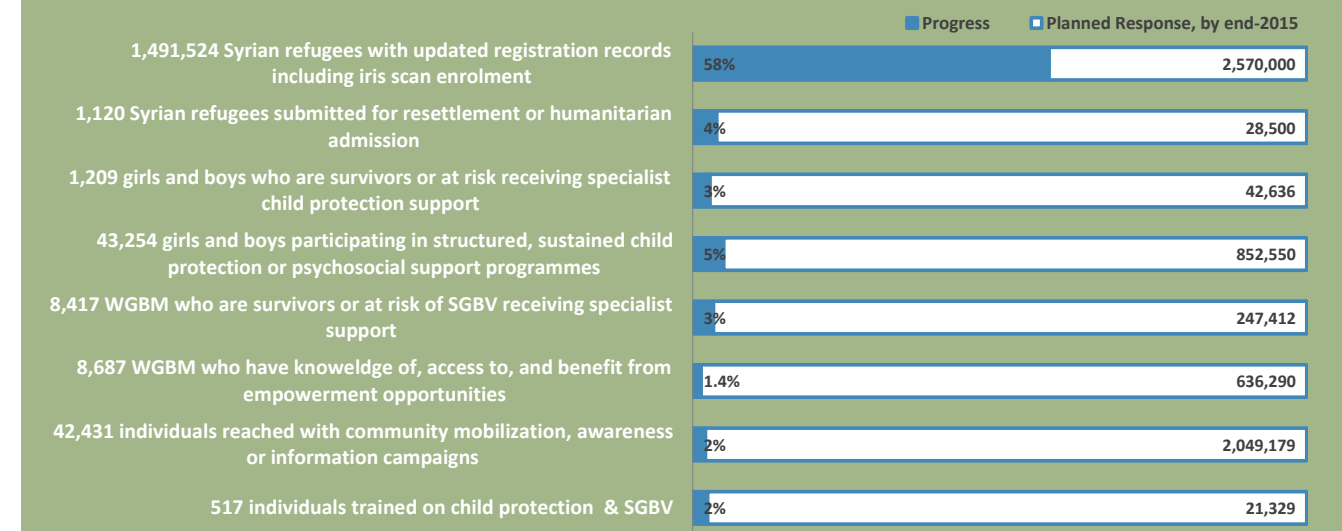
RESETTLEMENT & HUMANITARIAN ADMISSION TO BE FURTHER SCALED UP IN 2015-16

Since 2013, a total of 26,588 Syrian refugees from the region have been submitted for resettlement and humanitarian admissions to third countries, including almost 21,000 in 2014 alone (see chart below). In addition, a further 11,130 places have been granted by States via visas under other forms of admission. UNHCR continues to encourage greater burden-sharing with countries hosting Syrian refugees through resettlement opportunities or other forms of admission and will seek another 100,000 resettlement places for Syrian refugees in 2015 and 2016. The current target for submissions in 2015 is 28,500, of which 1,120 have already been submitted.

20,911 Syrian refugees submitted for resettlement or humanitarian admission in 2014



REGIONAL RESPONSE INDICATORS: JANUARY 2015



These dashboards reflect the achievements of the more than 200 partners, including governments, UN Agencies, and NGOs, involved in the 3RP response in Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon and Turkey. Targets are based on full funding of the 3RP and an expected 4.27 million refugees by end-2015.