



Overview

The main objectives of the health sector are 1) to improve access to Primary Health Care 2) to strengthen health institutions and 3) to strengthen reproductive health services for refugees and members of impacted host communities.

Curative

- **Patient Consultations:** 20,415 consultations were conducted in PHCCs in the 9 camps. Health utilization rate (visit/person/year) was 2.4, lying within the expected range of 1-4.
- **Referrals:** 1,354 patients were referred from the camp PHCC to secondary and tertiary health facilities for further investigations and/or hospitalization.
- **Mental health services:** 537 patients attended services.

Preventive measures

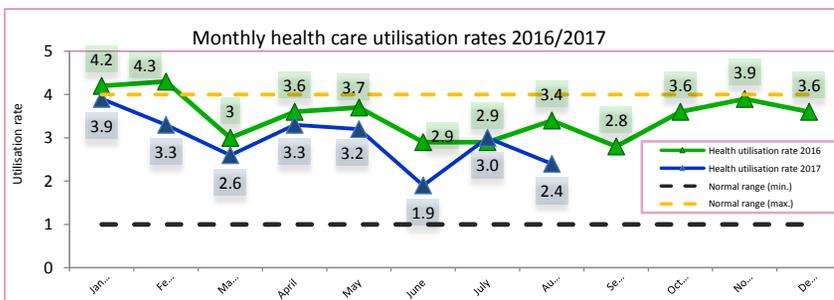
- Routine vaccinations and growth monitoring services are accessible in all 9 camps. Directorates of Health (DoHs) in KRI, with UNICEF's support, have vaccinated 324 children against measles, 1,528 children against Polio, together with 854 children who received vitamin-A supplements.
- UNICEF provided Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF) counselling assistance on appropriate breastfeeding to 1,809 Pregnant and Lactating women (PLW). Nutrition services were provided to 2,506 (1,254 girls) children, among which 73 were malnourished (66 Moderate Acute Malnourished (MAM) and 7 Severe Acute Malnourished (SAM) cases), and have received special supplementary foods accordingly.

Promotion

- In Akre settlement/Duhok, IOM emergency health team continued providing awareness sessions on health topics including general personal hygiene, diarrhea, respiratory and skin diseases, focusing on signs and symptoms, modes of transmission, treatment and preventive measures on communicable diseases. 61 community leaders and focal points (28 females, and 33 males) were elected to transfer the health messages to camp populations.
- In Arbat camp/Sulaymaniyah, EMERGENCY continued providing health education on different topics including breastfeeding, oral health and dental hygiene, chronic diseases control, diarrheal disease and common skin diseases etc... 2,393 individuals received health education in 477 sessions inside the clinic.

Coordination

Health coordination meetings between DoH, UN agencies and health partners were conducted in Erbil, Duhok and Sulaymaniyah governorates in order to enhance coordination and collaboration between health partners.



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Needs analysis:

Lack of Medicine: Medicine shortages remain a key concern in public facilities, particularly for patients with chronic diseases due to the high number of refugees and IDPs who overstretched the health system.

Public Health facilities: Continued support to MoH is required for health care facilities in urban areas through either rehabilitation/renovation or provision of medical equipment.

Health staff: Irregular payment of salaries due to the ongoing financial crisis in KR-I has affected the provision of health services at public health facilities.

Disease surveillance: Control and prevention of communicable diseases need to be strengthened in close cooperation with other sectors (e.g. WASH, Camp Management).

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