



KEY FACT OF THE MONTH

Some **10,700** community members reached by legal awareness in March

HIGHLIGHTS:

The registration of Syrian refugees continued in line with projected trends. 49,295 Syrian refugees registered during the month and more than 67,000 requested new appointments. The total registered population was 945,922 at the end of March (220,140 HH), with the highest concentration in Bekaa Governorate (34%). Overall, children (25.7% G, 26.9% B) and women (26.2%) remain the overwhelming majority and almost 28% of the registered families were headed by a woman. The monthly number of recorded Palestine refugees from Syria (PRS) slightly decreased. There are currently 52,848 PRS recorded with UNRWA in Lebanon.

To cover the need for legal assistance, especially civil documentation and other family/civil issues, activities in this area have progressively increased (up 38% from February). In March, legal partners provided 3,154 individual legal consultations across the country, largely to Syrian refugees (87%) and to PRS. These activities included consultations in detention facilities. In addition, legal partners reached out to almost 10,700 individuals (58.5%F, 91% Syrian refugees) providing legal awareness sessions, largely to improve knowledge on obtaining birth and marriage certificates.

In March, almost 1,600 individuals (Syrian refugees, PRS, returnees and affected Lebanese), from both genders and all ages were consulted through protection monitoring missions conducted by selected sector partners countrywide. Monitoring visits aimed at assessing and analyzing protection trends, and regularly contributed to detect vulnerable cases for referrals. Based on reporting partners' inputs, more than 12,700 individuals (55%F) were targeted by community-based activities, principally group information sessions to increase awareness on available services and assistance. Referral and targeted support for categories of persons with specific needs continued to be provided. Based on the available reports, more than 1,300 persons with disabilities received specialized assistance from the beginning of the year.

Syrian Refugees Registration stats:

Age	0-4	5-11	12-17	18-59	60+	Total	
Female	87,651	96,881	57,621	232,606	14,417	489,176	51.9%
Male	91,606	102,587	59,123	189,789	11,094	454,199	48.1%
Total	179,257	199,468	116,744	422,395	25,511	943,375	100.0%
	19.0%	21.1%	12.4%	44.8%	2.7%		

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NEEDS ANALYSIS:

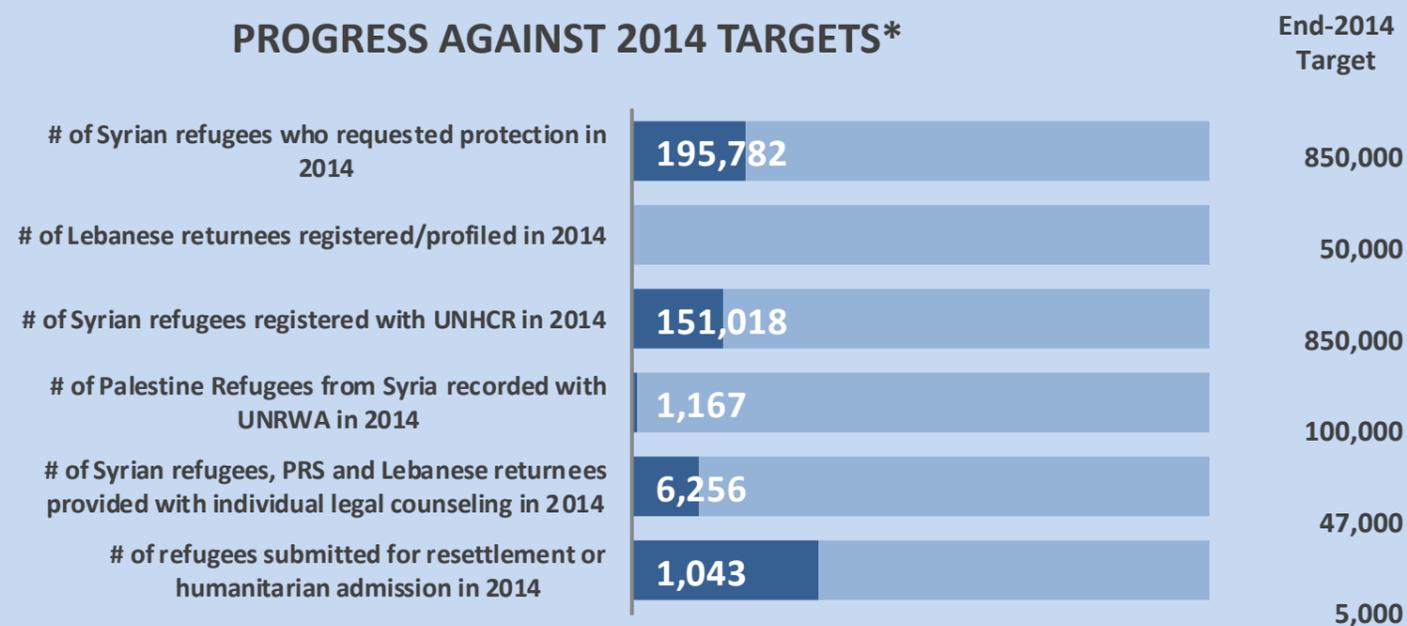
While targeting new registrants, registration will also focus on the process of renewal/verification, to update data and foster accuracy, including for individuals earlier registered through simplified procedures.

Efforts to improve access to registration will continue through various modalities, including transport support to registration facilities, successfully undertaken in Mount Lebanon and in the South. In addition, attention will be devoted to obtain a better understanding of the size of the unregistered population, through joint efforts with protection and other partners in the field.

Systematic protection monitoring by sector partners will contribute to increased analysis of common protection issues and trends countrywide. Attention will be devoted to the growing eviction trends affecting vulnerable refugee families particularly in the North and in the East. While monitoring of eviction trends is being reinforced through improved information collection tools across the country, the protection sector is coordinating with the shelter sector, particularly through field-based Eviction Committees/ Technical Groups. Through these mechanisms, already operational in the North and in the Bekaa, results of field assessments are debated; strategies for preventive interventions, through mediation or legal advice, are decided; and assessment for alternative accommodation solutions are planned, particularly for the most vulnerable.

Community outreach and information, in particular on access to assistance, services and registration, will benefit from the progressively increased presence of trained refugee volunteers and other community focal points.

PROGRESS AGAINST 2014 TARGETS*



Adjustments have occurred in the cumulative figures from the previous months due to data entry by partners.

Source: figures reported above reflect the information reported to Sector Coordinators by Partners participating in Working Groups.

CHILD PROTECTION



HIGHLIGHTS:

A successful inter-agency working session was held to better understand current systems and legal frameworks in Lebanon surrounding temporary and alternative care for children, particularly non-Lebanese children, and to map out next steps for developing alternative care options. The national CPIEWG held a retreat where sector members identified the need for increased guidance and tools to help standardize and improve quality of psychosocial programming, implement the case management practical guidance, strengthen support for high-risk and vulnerable children and establish emergency and alternative care options for children without appropriate care.

Staff from eight organizations operating in Akkar, Tripoli, and Tyr participated in the fourth round of peer-to-peer coaching sessions, which focused on addressing physical abuse within homes and the family.

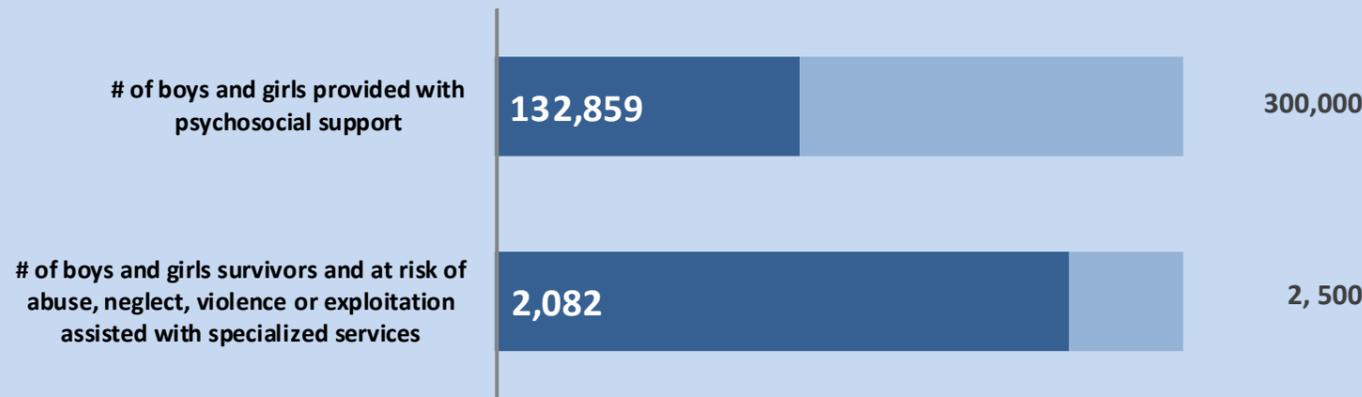
NEEDS ANALYSIS

Findings from a survey involving focus group discussions with adults and children in Beirut, Mount Lebanon and the South, as well as a SWOT analysis in the South highlight the complexities when considering care arrangements for children, including consideration of political affiliations, religious backgrounds, gender, urban/rural origins; difficulties in placing older children, especially boys, and potentially negative community perceptions of sheltering groups of adolescent boys (or girls) together; and added support required for families caring for children who are not their own, including financial and access to education, particularly to discourage negative coping mechanisms, such as child labour.

Child protection actors are engaging in cash working group discussions on the upcoming transition from delivering non-food item assistance to providing cash assistance. The sector is advocating to ensure that decisions on inclusion for assistance consider the particular needs of vulnerable children. This includes recognizing each child under age 18 as a dependent and not a working provider for households, and the automatic inclusion of all unaccompanied minors, child-headed households, and separated children in the most vulnerable category, thereby qualifying them for assistance.

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*Increase in figures reported reflect March totals reported by CPIEWG members with adjustments made for January and February.
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Reporting Agencies:



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HIGHLIGHTS:

Efforts to maximize access to safe spaces for women and girls and men and boys are ongoing. The number of sites accessible to Syrian refugees, PRS, affected Lebanese host communities and Lebanese returnees stands at 81 for March, an increase from 59 sites in February. Syrian refugees remain the largest population group targeted by these activities. Analysis of data also shows that adult women have greater access to safe spaces in comparison to men and community members under 18.

Outreach to communities and activities focusing on the dissemination of information have continued throughout the month. While there is a general increase in the number of communities reached through sensitization and awareness-raising, the South and Bekaa reported the highest number of outreach activities this month.

NEEDS ANALYSIS:

Ongoing programming consists of providing safe spaces, community based prevention, multi-sectoral services and the dissemination of information.

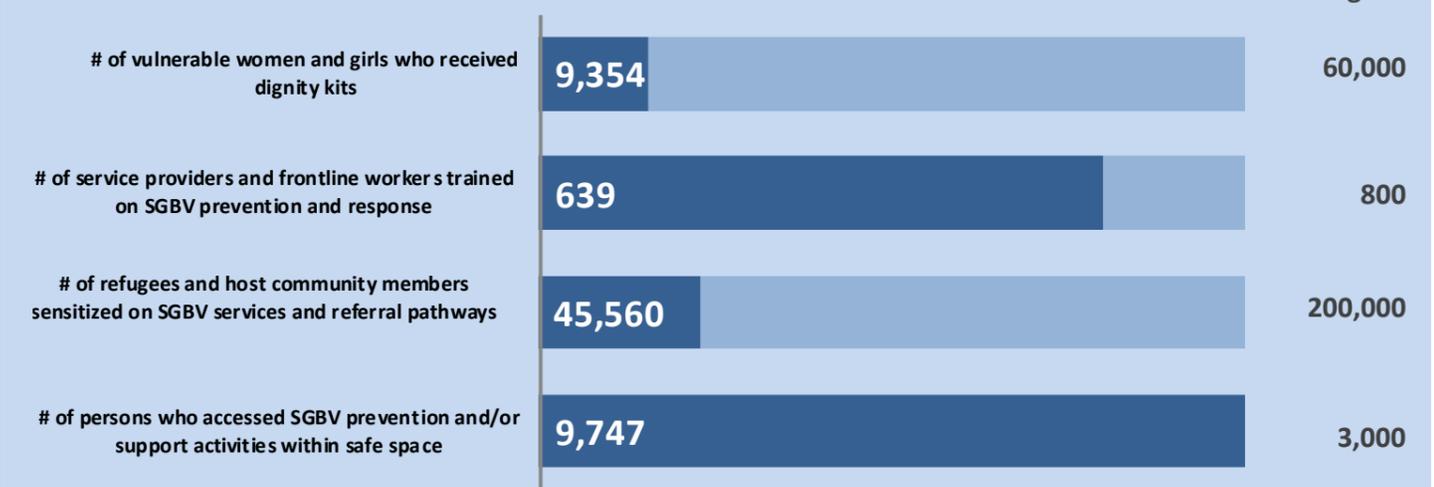
In addition, the sectoral working group highlights the need to increase focus on prevention and response programming for adolescent girls, and, on community outreach and provision of mobile services to survivors and women and girls at risk in remote and dispersed locations.

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3,250 women and girls, men and boys accessed safe spaces

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