



## KEY ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE MONTH

**678** persons benefitted of increased income generation opportunities

### HIGHLIGHTS:

An evolution of social cohesion activities towards more participatory approaches were reported. No new community support projects were completed. However, 19 new participatory mechanisms were set up at the local level; a three-fold increase from the beginning of the year. Such mechanisms are enabling the wider community to participate in the identification of priority projects, which should be implemented in the next few months.

On the livelihood side, 772 persons benefited from vocational training. Some 678 individuals availed of income generation opportunities, which is a substantive increase from the past months.

A livelihood and social cohesion working group was established in the South, which will enhance coordination in the sector.

### NEEDS ANALYSIS:

A social cohesion study by Save the Children and AUB (focusing on Akkar and Bekaa) produced important findings on perceptions of the Lebanese towards the refugees and vice-versa. Both population groups perceive each other as a threat economically (on jobs) and to each other's security.

The study highlights the need for the overall operational response to be more conflict-sensitive and for social cohesion partners to scale up their activities, particularly with regard to peacebuilding initiatives and livelihood opportunities. The study also emphasized the need for partners to set up complaints procedures for both population groups.

To address these challenges, livelihood partners will focus their efforts in June on attracting more Lebanese to participate in the activities, especially in those focusing on vocational training. Discussions are ongoing with the Government regarding the right-to-work agenda for refugees. The sector will also scale-up its interaction with the media in the coming months to manage perceptions of the population groups towards one another. A UN campaign is under preparation in this regard.

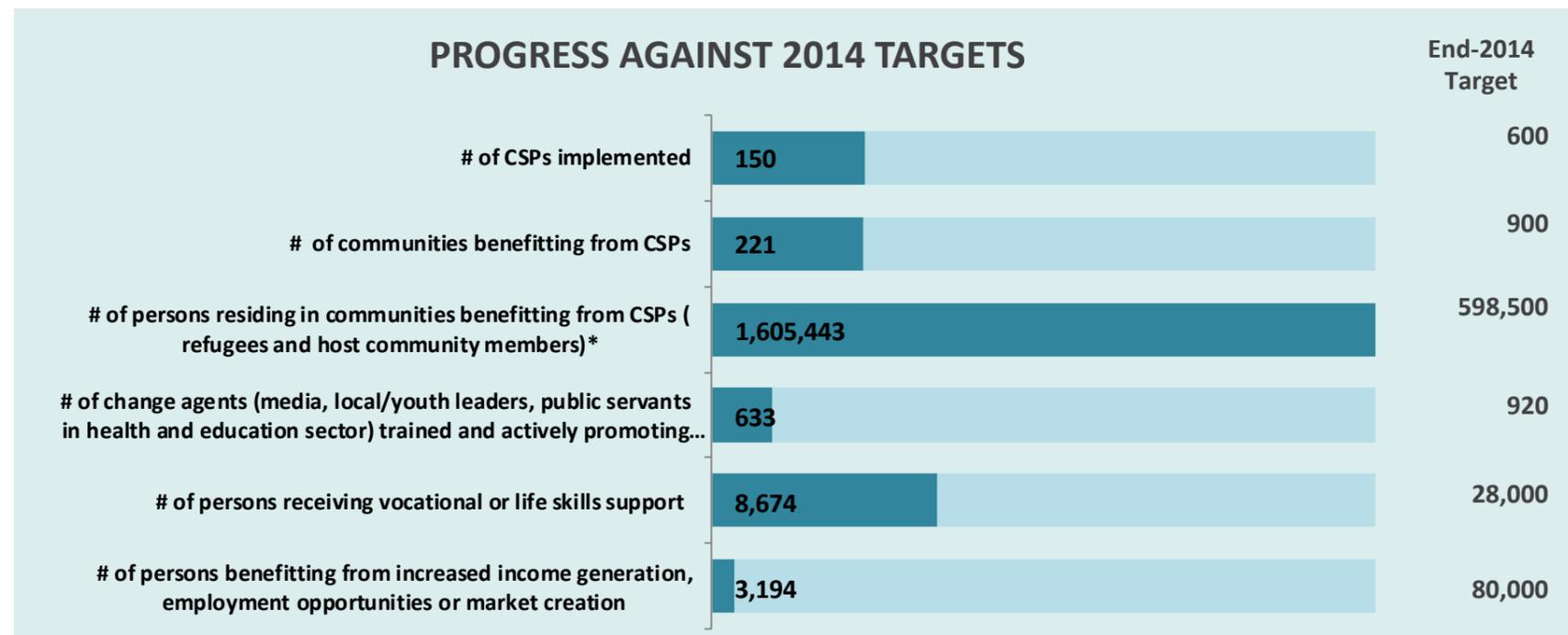


Community Support Project focusing on youth empowerment in the North of Lebanon.

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Agencies reporting:



\* This indicator will be replaced starting next report - All targets have been adapted following RRP6 mid term review

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

