

Out of **226,174** refugees
215,393 are registered and 10,781 are waiting for registration

MAY HIGHLIGHTS:

As at 31 May 2014, 226,174 Syrians were registered with UNHCR (81,262 households); a total of 4.6% of the population is pending registration at the end of the reporting period.

Multi-functional teams continued to monitor the situation at the border. Access to the territory, with the border being closed, and access to asylum for those individuals who entered on 10-15 days visas or entered the country illegally remains a major concern. Advocacy for access to asylum for persons in need of international protection is ongoing, as well as interventions at various levels to prevent deportation of persons with international protection needs.

The release of the report on instances of SGBV affecting Syrian refugees in camps and urban environments by UN Women caused great concern amongst the refugees and actors in the refugee programme. Refugees in Duhok and Erbil camps staged protests and several focus group discussions with refugee leadership, women and other stakeholders have taken place to maintain open channels of communication on SGBV issues prevalent in the community.

UNHCR and partners also offered various training and awareness sessions for example on early marriage, cultural and traditional roles of men and women, and continuous response services including legal aid, psycho-social support and other community based activities.

In Duhok and Erbil consultations have taken place with youth and proposal in support of community based communication, e-learning and management of internet cafes has been submitted for funding under the Youth Initiative Fund.

A birth registration campaign was revived in Erbil following the multi sector needs assessment amongst urban refugees which indicated that refugees have little awareness about civil status documents.

The Protection WG, the Protection SG, the Child Protection and SGBV sub-working groups have maintained a regular schedule of coordination meetings to ensure effective delivery of protection services and to address gaps.



SYRIAN REFUGEE POPULATION IN IRAQ:



NEEDS ANALYSIS:

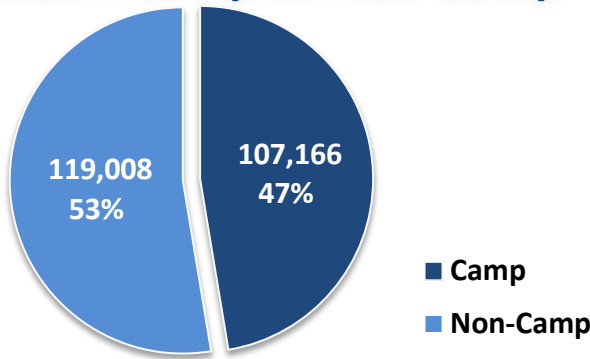
Safeguarding asylum space remains a key activity of UNHCR and its partners. Identifying persons in need of international protection amidst mixed migration movements is challenging, as well as ensuring access to asylum for those new arrivals who initially enter as persons who seek medical assistance or for family visits, and at a later stage seek to submit asylum applications. Ensuring timely and accurate registration is also key. This includes ensuring reliable mechanisms are in place to update the data base on a regular basis with regard to specific needs that may have been identified at the registration stage or later in the process of asylum.

Overcrowding of the Erbil refugee camps has become a serious matter, discussions to expand the capacity of the camps and resolve the numerous unregistered persons in the camps are ongoing.

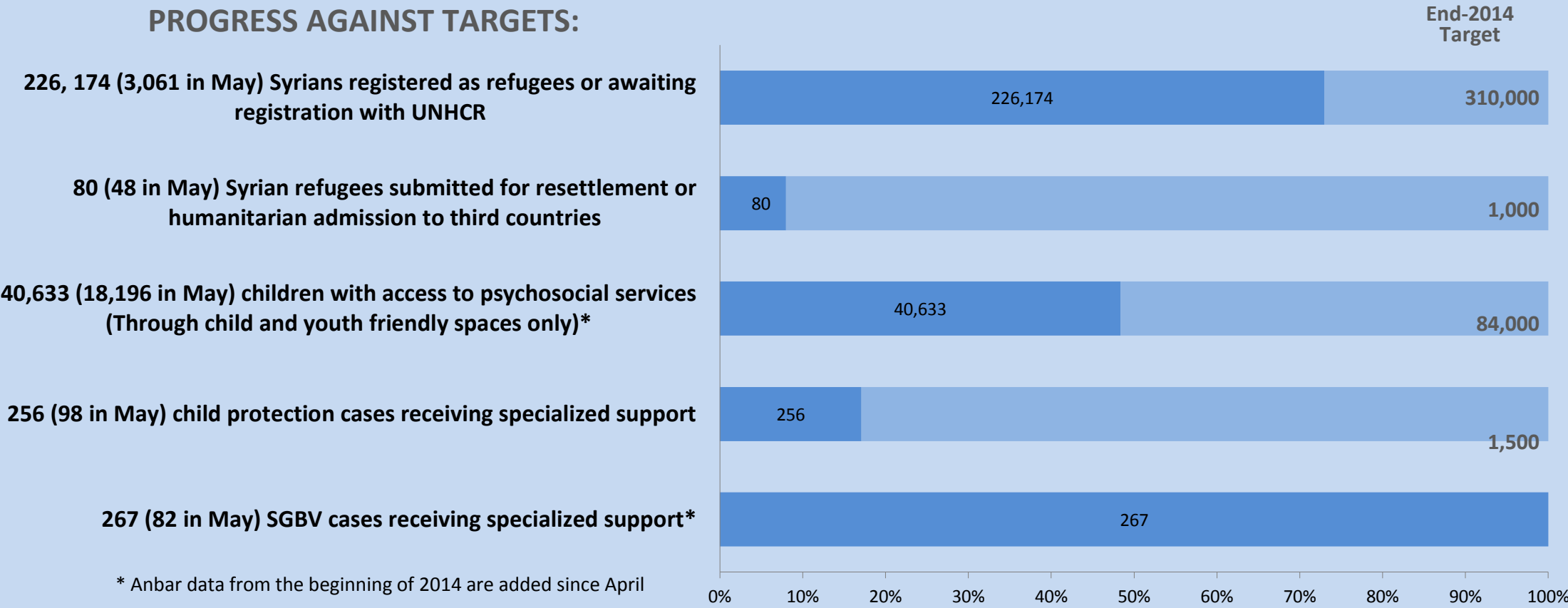
Prevention of and ensuring appropriate responses to instances of SGBV remains a priority for the sector. The reporting of instances of SGBV, and a proper analysis of the data, will be facilitated once the GBV IMS system is fully operational in the camps and for the urban population. Identifying child protection needs and responses for all children at risk in the camp continue to require strengthening.

Ensuring the equal participation of communities’ self -identified male and female refugee representatives in camps and urban areas will strengthen refugees’ ability towards self-reliance in protection and assistance, including for the most vulnerable refugees, and facilitates access to information in a timely manner. Clear procedures, referral mechanisms, and human resources will be put in place to facilitate the identification of the most vulnerable refugees, including those in need of resettlement as a durable solution.

Population : Camp vs Non-Camp



PROGRESS AGAINST TARGETS:



* Anbar data from the beginning of 2014 are added since April

Targets based on expected population of 310,000 Syrian refugees in Iraq by end-2014. There are currently 226,174 Syrian refugees in Iraq.