



KEY FACT OF THE MONTH

16,278 refugees benefitted from legal awareness sessions in June 2014

HIGHLIGHTS:

Approximately 41,000 Syrian refugees were registered in June, also 43,890 requested new appointments and almost 49,000 verified-renewed, with an average waiting period of 28 days with one day decrease from May. By the end of June 1,122,221 Syrian refugees were registered or awaiting registration, representing 75% of the RRP6 population target. During June, monitoring missions were organized following the announcement of the Ministry of Interior regarding the removal of 'refugee status' to persons returning to Syria. No significant changes observed in border movements, or changes in border policy. Inter-agency procedures were activated to coordinate referrals of non-registered refugees from partners to UNHCR at field level yet the referrals received are still very low with two cases only. The Number of PRS recorded in June remains the same as end of May, with 52,335 PRS recorded with UNRWA due to the severe governmental restrictions to their entry in Lebanon. The High Relief Committee activate in June a hotline number (76 042080) for the referral of Lebanese returnees from Syria.

In June, individual legal counseling was provided to more than 3,000 people (55% F), largely Syrian refugees (90%) and PRS (10%). Legal counseling included assistance in official detention facilities, marriage and birth registration as well as in submission of mercy request to GSO in order to regularize their stay in Lebanon. From January, almost 15,045 individuals received legal assistance.

In June, more than 16,300 individuals participated in legal awareness sessions and almost 63,171 refugees were informed since the beginning of 2014 on some of their rights. At field level and in Beirut, the major legal sector partners continued to hold regular technical sessions to discuss best practices for Mercy request with GSO and on the different procedures encountered in order to share best practices and to coordinate field coverage of legal awareness activities. Curfews practices and confiscation of ID remains a concern to be addressed.

NEEDS ANALYSIS:

The sector needs to strengthen the relation with the Government of Lebanon and address the concerns about the growing numbers of refugees in Lebanon. Over 45,000 individuals have been de-registered this year as they have failed to keep in contact with UNHCR or otherwise found not to be in need of international protection. The mechanisms on how to best identify the persons with specific needs and the identification of the most vulnerable refugees should be enhanced to provide appropriate targeted intervention and assistance.

Individual case management within the humanitarian response requires setting up a time-bound task force linked to the Protection Working Group (PWG) to develop standards, tools and forms related to case management based on the good practices and available tools to ensure that protection and assistance reaches persons at heightened risk or in need of urgent support.

Governorate		Registered	Awaiting	Average waiting period	Total
Beirut & Mt Lebanon	Persons	287,315	9,380	19 days	296,695
	Households	72,272	2,610		
North	Persons	278,747	3,901	16 days	282,648
	Households	69,534	1,101		
Bekaa	Persons	374,166	32,695	33 days	406,861
	Households	81,214	7,148		
South	Persons	130,574	2,807	18 days	133,381
	Households	29,231	717		
Total Lebanon	Persons	1,070,802	48,783	28 days	1,119,585
	Households	252,251	11,576		

PROGRESS AGAINST 2014 TARGETS

	Actual	End-2014 Target
# of Syrian refugees registered with UNHCR in 2014	268,403	850,000
# of PRS recorded with UNRWA in 2014	1,703	3,300
# of Lebanese returnees profiled	-	50,000
# of persons provided with individual legal counselling	15,045	35,000
# of persons reached with legal awareness	63,117	110,000
# of persons benefitting from empowerment activities	97,045	140,000
# of persons with specific needs receiving specialized support	19,601	85,000
# of persons submitted for resettlement of humanitarian admission	2,229	7,000

Leading Agencies: UNHCR - David Welin—welin@unhcr.org
Reporting Agencies:

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

