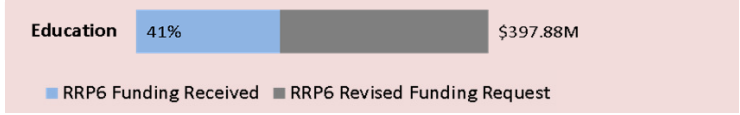




Mid-Year Funding Update



MAY HIGHLIGHTS:

With national school systems across the region overburdened, efforts are being made to expand opportunities for students in **non-formal and informal education**. In Iraq, the Daratoo learning centre which opened at the start of the year is now providing non-formal education for more than 200 children. In Jordan, almost 34,000 out-of-school children, adolescents and youth are able to access opportunities for informal education and life skills. In Lebanon, where some 66,000 boys and girls are in non-formal learning opportunities, the sector working group has adopted a harmonized framework of non-formal education activities with clear standards, definitions and pathways into the formal education system.

Mechanisms are being put in place to ensure that **planning, information and needs regarding education** are up to date and accurate. In Jordan, the Joint Education Needs Assessment for both host communities and camps has been approved and will get underway in June, while a glossary of education terms - which explains the forms of education activities recognized by the Ministry of Education and/or offered by education sector partners - has been published. In Lebanon, the Government has launched a three year proposal to guide the development of a joint, multi-year implementation plan for the sector which bridges immediate humanitarian intervention with stabilization plans. The Ministry of Education in Lebanon has also signed a circular to allow Syrian children without school transcripts to sit for the national exams. Support has also been provided to the Ministry of Education in Iraq to hold examinations and provide certification for all children camp schools who have been studying the Syrian curriculum. In Egypt, an agreement has been signed with the Ministry of Education to assist in the absorption of Syrian children into the public education system in that country, including through the refurbishment and construction of classrooms.



Refugee children drawing pictures, Sanliurfa, Turkey. UNHCR 2014.

SYRIAN REFUGEES IN THE REGION:

2,839,546

Current Refugee Population

3,590,000

Refugee Population Planning Figure, end-2014

The RRP6 **Mid-Year Update** was released on 3 July, based on a review of refugee movements and arrival rates, RRP response achievements, gaps and needs, and funding contributions received. The revised Syrian refugee population planning figure, RRP budget, and response targets are reflected in this dashboard.

NEEDS ANALYSIS:

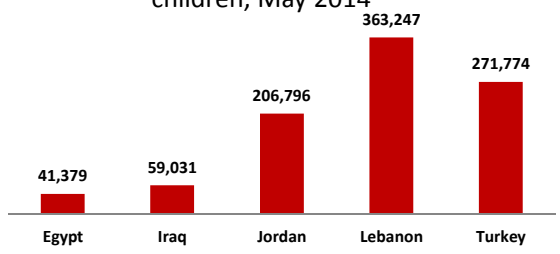
Into the fourth year of crisis, and despite a consensus that efforts are needed to avert a "lost generation", almost half a million refugee children are not participating in educational activities. Only thirty-eight per cent of Syrian school-aged children were enrolled in formal education during the first part of 2014.

Enrolment rates in camps are generally higher than outside of camps: in Iraq, Jordan and Turkey the rates in camps are 57 per cent, 67 per cent and 97 per cent respectively. National authorities are engaged in education in these camps and Syrian teachers are permitted to contribute. Girls' enrolment and attendance lags behind same-age boys in most camps.

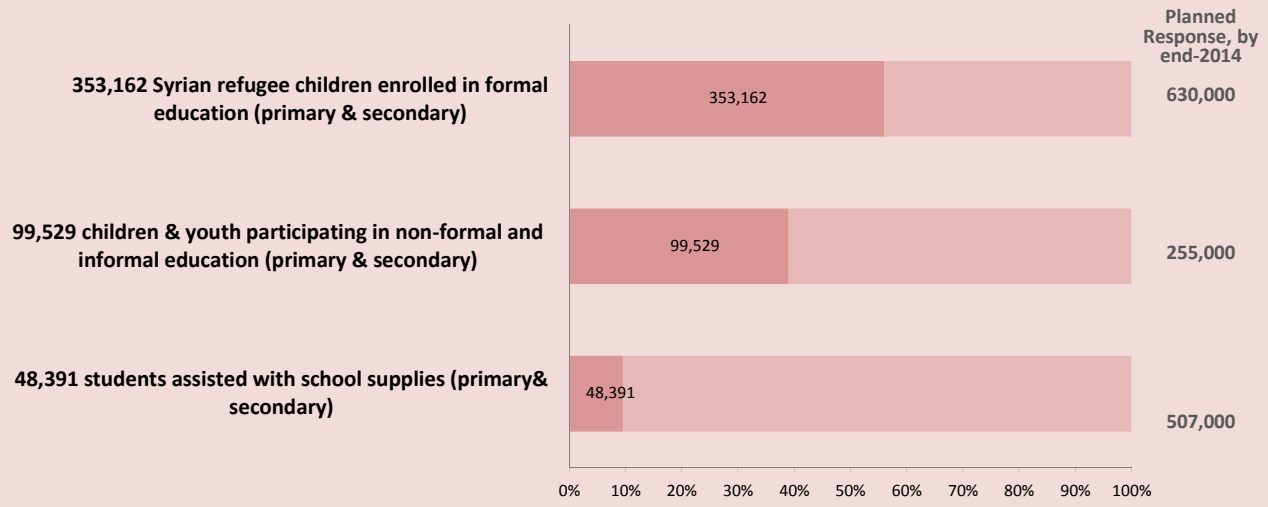
Outside of camps, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan and Turkey offer refugee children free access to formal national schools, whereas RRP partners underwrite the costs of children to attend formal education opportunities in Lebanon. Challenges to accessing formal education, which limit the numbers enrolled outside of camps, include overburdened public school systems, overcrowded classrooms, and the limited number of qualified teachers. RRP partners have supported the construction of classrooms and schools, and second shifts have been initiated in Lebanon and Jordan to expand the available spaces for refugee children.

In a number of host countries, efforts are being made to offer non-formal education or provide "catch up" classes to facilitate subsequent access to formal education. It is equally important to ensure that Syrian youth have access to post-secondary education or vocational training.

942,227 Syrian school aged refugee children, May 2014



REGIONAL RESPONSE INDICATORS:



Planned response based on full funding of RRP6 for an expected population of 3.59 million Syrian refugees in the region by end-2014. There are currently 2.84 million refugees in the region and the overall RRP6 appeal is 30% funded.