

# REGIONAL: RRP6 MONTHLY UPDATE - MAY

## WASH



### Mid-Year Funding Update



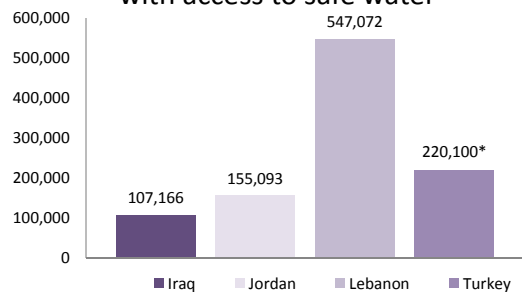
### MAY HIGHLIGHTS:

The provision and improvement of **Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)** in **schools** continues to be an important intervention across the region. In Jordan, the WASH and Education sectors will establish a joint sub-working group to identify areas of mutual collaboration, notably on activities involving WASH in schools. Some 41,500 children have access to gender appropriate WASH facilities in the schools in camps in Jordan, while in Iraq almost 18,500 children are currently benefiting from WASH improvements in schools.

In Lebanon, some 16,000 household latrines were completed during May, and it is estimated that more than 81,000 people have now been assisted this year with access to **toilet and sanitation services**. Additional sanitation activities in Lebanon include the distribution of household or communal bins and support to municipalities for solid waste collection. In Iraq, more than 107,000 refugees in camps are reported to have access to safe water, latrines, bathing facilities and waste/sanitation services. In Jordan, more than 54,000 people are benefitting from improvements to wastewater systems in areas affected by the refugee influx. In Zaatari Camp, the handover of the 295 operational WASH facilities to WASH committees was completed in May.

Moving into the warmer summer months, and as part of cholera preparedness/prevention, **hygiene promotion (HP)** activities are focusing on minimizing diarrheal disease outbreaks. More than 100,000 people in Iraq, almost 190,000 in Jordan, and 240,000 in Lebanon have now been reached with HP sessions this year.

### 1,029,781 individuals assisted with access to safe water



\*Overall figures include full camp-based population of refugees in Turkey benefiting from WASH services



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### SYRIAN REFUGEES IN THE REGION:

2,839,546

#### Current Refugee Population

3,590,000

#### Refugee Population Planning figure, end-2014

This Dashboard was published after the release of the **RRP6 Mid-Year Update** and reflects the revised Syrian refugee population planning figure, RRP budget and response indicators/targets. The Mid-Year Update is available at <http://www.unhcr.org/syriarrp6/midyear/>

### NEEDS ANALYSIS:

Historically water-scarce, the region is facing even worse shortages in the coming year as precipitation levels fall below average levels. Ageing and inefficient water systems add to the problem, with both Jordan and Lebanon reporting over 50 per cent water loss through leakage. RRP actors are concerned that water shortages may impact domestic food production, livestock availability, and livelihoods while increasing retail prices for food products and reducing informal labour market employment.

Sixty-five per cent and 43 per cent of refugees in camps in Jordan and Iraq respectively have their water needs met through boreholes, with the balance of the water needs met through expensive water trucking. RRP partners are working to develop sustainable strategies, though these will require additional up-front investments.

Twenty three per cent of Syrian refugees in the region living outside of camps report having inadequate access to water. Refugees living in substandard shelter, including informal settlements, face the greatest difficulties in accessing safe water and largely depend on water trucking. Refugees living in standard housing are able to access water from municipal systems. Nonetheless, RRP partners are providing municipalities with water to meet the increased demand on their grids.

Refugee camps depend on costly desludging trucking, and RRP partners are working with government officials to find more sustainable, cost-efficient and eco-sensitive approaches to addressing wastewater disposal. Poor sewage and sanitation is a significant factor contributing to water-borne diseases, increasing presence of vectors, posing public health risks, especially as many families lack the means to purchase basic hygiene items.

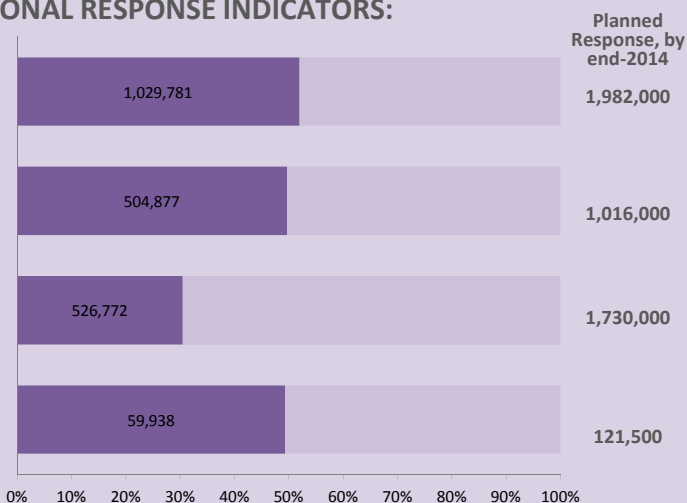
### REGIONAL RESPONSE INDICATORS:

1,029,781 individuals provided with access to safe water

504,877 individuals provided with access to toilet and sanitation services

526,772 individuals provided with hygiene promotion messaging

59,938 children provided with access to safe water, sanitation and hygiene facilities in their learning environment or child friendly space



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.