



Intensive preparations underway ahead of the start of the new school year.

JULY HIGHLIGHTS:

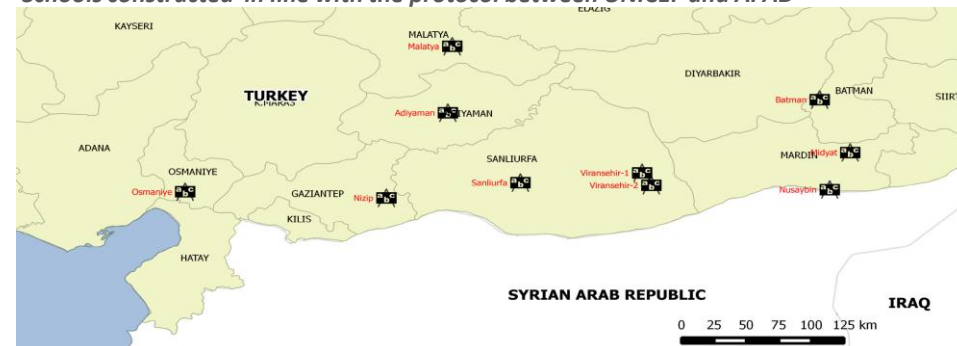
Ensuring meaningful access to education for refugees requires both the creation of the physical spaces needed for education as well as providing the support and skills needed in order for children and youth to benefit fully from the lessons that they attend. Ahead of the 2014/2015 school year, UNICEF – in partnership with AFAD - continues to support the construction of prefabricated schools and equipping non-camp schools with tents, furniture and air conditioning units.

UNICEF reports that the establishment of a tent school in the Akcakale area now provides access to education for 1,452 Syrian students living in urban areas. UNHCR and UNICEF are working in close collaboration with the Ministry of National Education and relevant authorities to ensure that children are afforded as wide a range of options to gain access to education as is possible and practical. In addition to the creation of temporary education centres, UN agencies and the Ministry of National Education are engaged in on-going discussions in order to facilitate access to the national education system and to determine the nature of support required by refugee children to benefit fully from enrolment in Turkish schools.

During the summer break students and teachers in many camps have been engaged in “catch-up” or compensatory classes in order to ensure that students are well-prepared for the coming school year. Basic Turkish language classes have been offered for children, youth and adults in a number of camps with the support of local Public Education Centres (Halk Egitim). Participation rates in these programmes has been high (up to 500 persons in some camps). In Sanliurfa, IOM provided transportation for 180 students aged between 16 and 20 years to attend English language courses provided by volunteer teachers from the Elif Association and the American Culture Association.

Community engagement and outreach are important in promoting school enrolment and attendance. UNHCR and the community centres it supports continue to provide refugees with information on enrolment procedures and the educational services available to them. In Osmaniye, where a 12-classroom school was constructed by UNICEF and AFAD, the school director made house visits; after two months 500 students had been registered with many of these children attending school for the first time.

Schools constructed in line with the protocol between UNICEF and AFAD



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IOM provided transportation for Syrian youth to attend language course-Sanliurfa - July 2014-IOM

The Government of Turkey takes the lead role for determining and implementing assistance provided to Syrian refugees, through the Prime Ministry Disaster and Emergency Management Presidency (AFAD). AFAD reports spending 3,5 billion USD on the Syrian Refugee Response in Turkey.

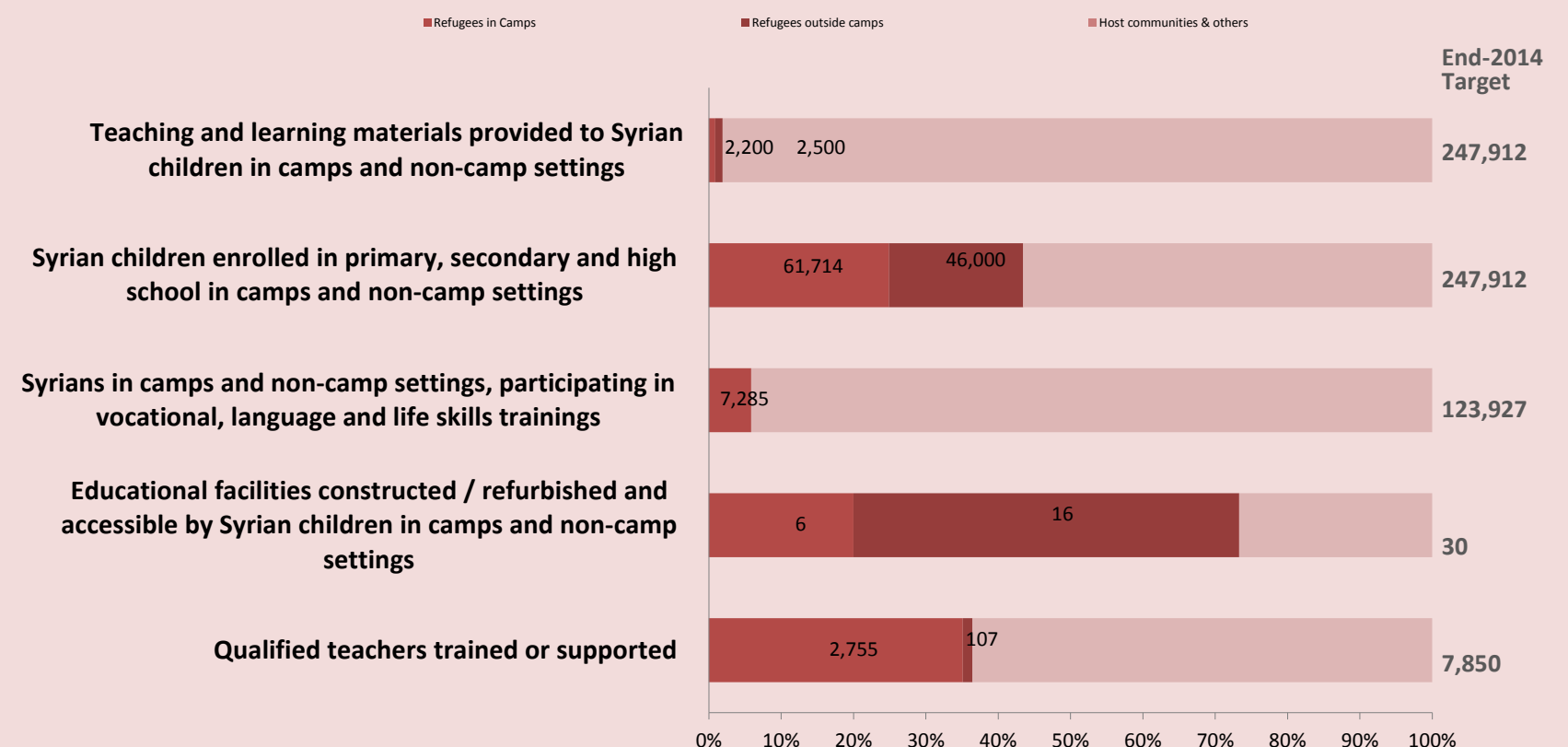
NEEDS ANALYSIS:

53% of the population are children (0-18 years) and of that 65% is expected to be of school-age (6-17 years), and 15% are pre-school age (3-5 years).

Key priorities in the education sector include:

- Cash support for the most vulnerable families in non-camp settings, to encourage school attendance and to discourage parents from sending their children to work.
- Opportunities for vocational training and extra-curricular activities to be expanded.
- Provision of learning materials to all students.
- Campaigns and targeted community-based activities to promote school enrolment, attendance, and retention, in camps and non-camp settings.
- Recreational activities to address and alleviate the impact of war, including Child Friendly Spaces.
- Work together with municipalities and governorates to provide adequate WASH facilities in all refurbished schools and pre-fabricated schools.
- Provision of school-feeding in schools in non-camp settings and setting up a system to provide cash support to the most vulnerable families.
- Provision of transportation for children from camps to schools and for children in host communities.
- Provision of periodic, relevant and structured training for teachers and teaching personnel.
- Support NGOs to expand Child Friendly Spaces in municipalities hosting Syrian refugees.

PROGRESS AGAINST TARGETS:



Targets based on expected population of 1,000,000 Syrian refugees in Turkey by end-2014. There are currently 815,413 registered refugees in Turkey.