



More than 600,000 children have now received some form of psychosocial support during 2014

AUGUST HIGHLIGHTS:

There is a continued need across the region for legal assistance, especially regarding civil documentation. In Lebanon, individual legal counseling was provided to more than 21,000 individuals so far this year, while over 83,000 people participated in legal awareness sessions. In Jordan, more than 22,000 individuals have received legal information, counseling or representation since the start of the year. In Turkey, more than 1,000 government and partner staff have been trained on international refugee protection principles this year.

In Jordan, an analysis of Unaccompanied and Separated Child (UASC) cases showed that there had been an increase in UASC entering Jordan in the first six months of 2014 compared to 2013, but that the reunification rate had increased from 63 per cent to 89 per cent over the same period.

In Egypt, the implementation of the Community Support Projects (CSP) on education ("School Yard For All") and livelihoods (one focused on youth and one on food processing projects) began.

In Jordan, the Sexual and Gender Based Violence Sector Working Group hosted a mission by experts in order to field test the revised Guidelines for Integrating Gender-based Violence Interventions in Humanitarian Action. The Guidelines are an important tool in assisting humanitarian actors to meet their responsibilities for the prevention and mitigation of GBV. Also in August, information compilation and data sharing through the GBV Information Management System (GBVIMS) resulted in the first inter-agency reports compiled for the period May-July 2014. In Egypt, the SGBV Team conducted a two and half day training for 12 livelihood caseworkers to orient the participants on the linkages between livelihoods and SGBV. In Lebanon, 26 case managers attended a training in an effort to standardize GBV case management according to international standards. In Iraq, workshops were conducted in each of the three governorates for strengthening the capacity of the SGBV Sector Working Group.



Iraq, KRI Ivor Prickett

SYRIAN REFUGEES IN THE REGION:



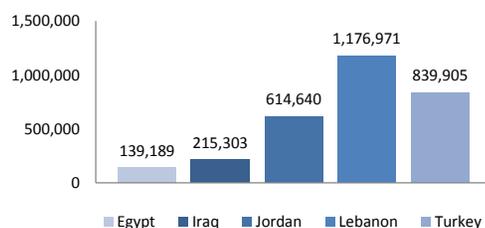
NEEDS ANALYSIS:

Syrian refugees continue to seek safety and protection in large numbers in host countries in the region. On average more than 100,000 newly arriving refugees have been registered every month since the beginning of 2014. Maintaining access to safety for those fleeing conflict and continued protection from refoulement are the fundamental tenets of protection, and key elements of the protection response are registration, including through verification and renewal of documentation, the multi-sectoral prevention and safe response services to sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) and child protection systems as well as community participation and empowerment. The focus on communities hosting refugees also remains a key element of the regional protection strategy.

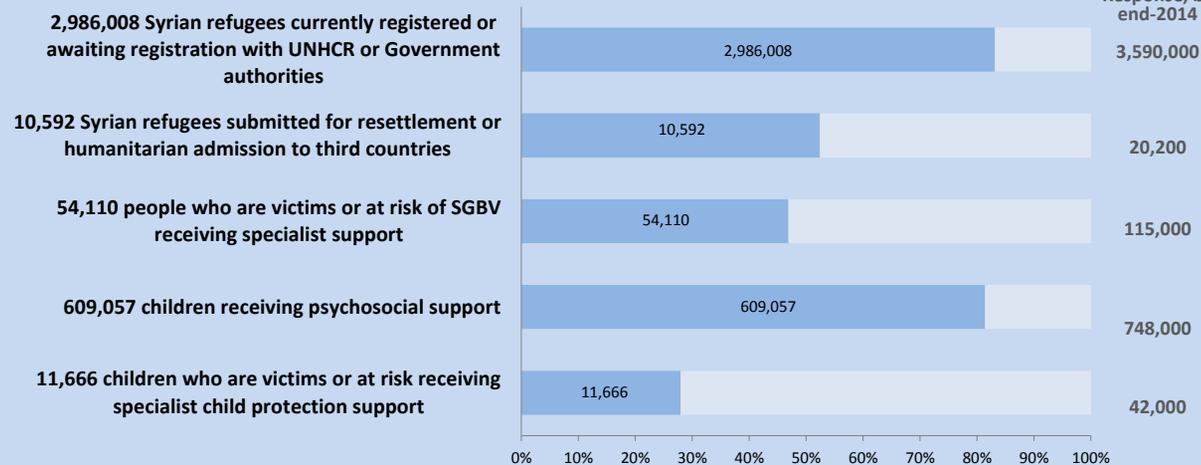
Increased mainstreaming of protection in all humanitarian actions and sectors is required to prevent, identify, and address potential rights violations - particularly for women, children, and others with specific needs. In this respect, an important priority is to reach out to new partners, including community-based and faith-based organizations, to more effectively coordinate interventions and to ensure that services are delivered in a non-discriminatory manner in accordance with protection and humanitarian principles.

As the refugee crisis shows no sign of ending, with limited prospects for voluntary return in safety, strengthening the resilience of refugees becomes essential. At the same time, increased resettlement, humanitarian and other forms of admission of refugees to host countries outside the region form part of the protection strategy, offering protection and a durable solution for some of the most vulnerable refugees.

Syrian Refugees registered or awaiting registration, 31 August 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. As at end-August 2014, there were 2.98 million refugees in the region and the overall RRP6 appeal was 44% funded.