



HIGHLIGHTS:

The South Child Protection in Emergencies Working Group finalized its participatory assessment. This inter-agency initiative engaged 273 Lebanese, Palestinian, and Syrian children in seven districts in the south of Lebanon in group activities to learn what most concerns and affects them in their daily lives. Findings related to the areas of child labour, violence and security, psychosocial support needs, education, basic needs, and discrimination. Several action areas were identified as a result and responses are being planned to follow-up on the recommendations.

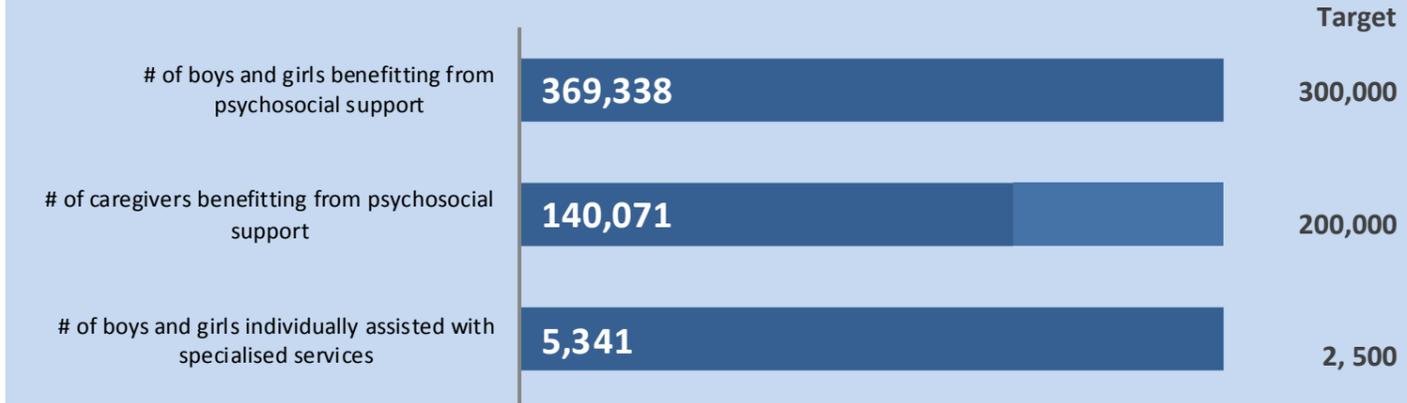
Child protection actors nationwide worked with their SGBV colleagues in preparation for the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence, with a particular attention placed on child marriage as a theme. In future, more joint work and initiatives will be undertaken on this issue to increase awareness on the harms of child marriage to both girls and boys, and to support prevention work.

NEEDS ANALYSIS

The child protection emergency case management system in Lebanon continues to experience funding and human resource gaps, while highlighting the increasing needs of children for individual and specialised care and support. Case management actors report large caseloads of children engaged in child labour, including some in the worst forms of child labour. While most of these children are boys, there are reports that an increasing number of girls are engaging in child labour.

Recent funding cuts to the largest child protection case management actor have caused significant and increased gaps for early 2015 unless additional funds are secured. The cuts most impacted the Tripoli+5 region, where the organization was the sole case management actor for child protection, further highlighting the gaps and needs, and in the Bekaa, where referrals are no longer being accepted due to the cuts. Child protection actors are urgently working on seeking additional funding while arranging for the potential handover of hundreds of cases, including many of children in high-risk situations. Plans for 2015 include the need to scale-up these programmes, depending on the availability of funds.

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The 25 November marked the launch of the 16 Days of Activism against GBV. This international campaign aims at raising awareness about gender-based violence as a human rights issue at the local, national, regional and international level. More than 24 partners have contributed to the campaign in Lebanon. The campaign, which will end on December 10, will focus on three key areas: Addressing protection needs of adolescent girls through prevention and response to early marriage; Engaging men and boys in preventing gender based violence and promoting gender equality; Addressing impunity and reinforcing access to justice and protection for survivors.

More than 20,000 community members have participated in activities aiming at preventing and responding to SGBV during the month and this number is expected to increase in December with the progression of the campaign.

Tripoli: reported increase in women's participation in safe spaces. Outreach capacities continue to be reinforced with an additional six mobile safe spaces identified to provide psychosocial activities, mobile case management and counseling.

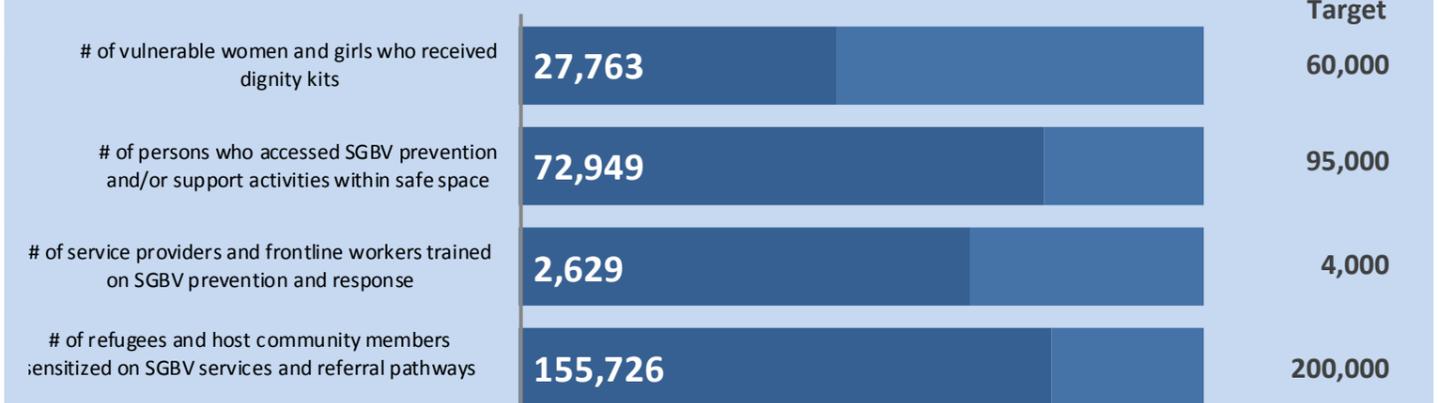
A 7 day training of trainers workshop on Clinical Management of Rape was conducted aiming at transferring to health care provides the knowledge and tools needed to be able to train other personnel on the Clinical Management of Rape (CMR) in line with internationally-recognized standards of good practice

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For this year's 16 Days campaign, members of the sector will target politicians, religious leaders, men and women, children and adolescents and support them to talk about sexual and gender based violence, its causes and most importantly they will identify actions that can address this human rights violation and commit to ending it. This will be achieved through the use of focus groups discussions, theatre plays, recreational activities such as photographic exhibitions and video, high level advocacy.

The 16 Days campaign will constitute the beginning of a more intense campaign that will focus particularly on early marriage, as one of the main protection concerns for adolescent girls. In addition, specific initiatives are currently being supported such as the development of a curriculum for Syrian and Lebanese adolescent girls between the ages of 11-18. The curriculum aims to equip adolescent girls with knowledge and skills they need to help mitigate, prevent and respond to Gender Based Violence (GBV) and enables adolescent girls to develop positive coping mechanisms and establish a secure network of friends and supporters which they can draw upon if they experience SGBV or other types of violence. In December a three day training of trainers will be organized for service providers directly working with adolescent girls and their caregivers.

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