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MARCH HIGHLIGHTS:

At the end of the first semester of the academic year, almost 325,000 Syrian children were enrolled in formal education programmes. This figure represents an increase of almost 50% over the number of children enrolled at the end of the previous school year. Nevertheless, due to the continuous increase of refugees registered in Turkey, the number who are out of school remains significant. As of 3 March 2016 the Government of Turkey reported that there were 2,715,789 Syrians registered with the authorities. Of these, approximately 34% are school-aged children, meaning that there are 928,800 children in need of education.

UNICEF continued to provide monthly incentives to over 10,770 Syrian volunteer teachers as part of an ongoing partnership between UNICEF, the Ministry of National Education (MoNE), and the Turkish Post Office (PTT) – exceeding the target set for 2016 by nearly 10%. UNICEF is now supporting over 90% of all Syrian volunteer teachers in Turkey, contributing to the education of nearly 230,000 Syrian refugee children.

teachers in 103 Temporary Education Centres. These bags contain stationery (pens, calculator, notebooks, glue, files) required by teachers for lesson preparation and general educational administration. The bags can also be used daily by teachers to carry materials required for lesson delivery.

In March, IOM provided daily school transportation for 4,684 school children. These children attend 6 separate schools, with two in Sanliurfa, two in Adana, one in Malatya and one in Batman.

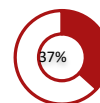
IOM also provided training for 61 school bus drivers on child protection, prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse (PSEA) and the general rules and regulations on vehicle use and maintenance. The training will continue in April until all drivers have completed the programme. IOM has also developed a consent form for parents which will be disseminated during April.



Sector Response Summary:



928,800 Refugees & Local Community Members targeted for assistance by end of 2016, 340,730 assisted in 2016.



Syrian Refugees in TURKEY :



2,750,000 Syrian Refugees expected by end-2016, 2,715,800 currently registered or awaiting registration.



3RP Overall Funding Status:



USD 117.4 million required in 2016, USD 1.6 million received in 2016.



NEEDS ANALYSIS:

The national legislative framework supports the right of refugee children and youth to have free access to schooling, and the Government of Turkey has facilitated refugees' access to skills training and higher education. All activities in the sector are implemented in close collaboration with the Government of Turkey.

Increasing access: Increased provision of educational places (through the establishment of additional temporary education centres and promoting greater participation in national schools) remains a priority and will take place within the regulatory framework established by the Ministry of National Education. This will be complemented by policy support, enhancing information management systems to effectively report on refugee participation; refurbishment of infrastructure and assistance to strengthen coordination of the refugee response.

Access to education and training for youth through non-formal education, technical training programmes and access to higher education is also a priority within the sector.

Enhancing quality: The education strategy includes ongoing efforts to increase the quality of education. A key element of this is the payment of financial incentives to volunteer refugee teachers. There is also a need for quality teaching support materials in many schools and stationery for children. Language support programmes are needed to ensure effective academic integration into national schools, training centres and universities.

TURKEY RESPONSE INDICATORS: JANUARY - MARCH 2016

