



Over 270,500 girls and boys participating in child protection or psychosocial support programmes

HIGHLIGHTS:

In Turkey this month, 5,250 children (2,853 girls, 2,397 boys) benefitted from regular, structured psychosocial support activities in Child Friendly Spaces and Adolescent Friendly Spaces in 23 camps and four host communities. During April, 3RP partners also expanded and strengthened the child protection response through the establishment of the "My Happiness Child and Family Centre" in Gaziantep. The centre offers structured psychosocial support programmes, recreational activities and specialized child protection services to up to 3,000 marginalized children, adolescents and youth per month, with a focus on those out-of-school and engaged in labour.

In Jordan, 3RP partners worked towards strengthening the protection response at the border with Syria. With the estimated population at the north-eastern border reaching over 50,000 people, partners continued efforts to ensure the registration of the population and the most vulnerable cases were identified and prioritized for admission to Jordanian territory. In April, admissions to the territory more than doubled compared to last month, with over 6,000 Syrians admitted.

In Iraq, UNHCR continued its mass information campaigns on the newly issued registration regularization instructions for Syrians refugees. This month, partners also launched a new camp-level frontline staff coordination meeting to strengthen services delivery in Domiz-1 camp with a special focus on persons with special needs and adopting a community-based approach.

NEEDS ANALYSIS:

Syrians fleeing violence must have access to safety and it is imperative that countries provide the sanctuary promised in international law.

Children represent half of the 4.8 million Syrian refugees in the region, of which 8 per cent need specialized care, some 10,400 are unaccompanied or separated, and over 52 per cent of those who are school-aged do not attend school. The main child protection risks include: child labour, early marriages, family separation, birth registration and violence in homes. The NLG initiative within the 3RP prioritizes protection as a key pillar and investments are needed in psychosocial support and prevention and response to child labour and early marriage.

Increasing access to civil status documentation is also a key element of the protection response. Partnerships with civil society and host governments seek to improve access to marriage registration, a measure which increases the women's protection. Partnerships with hospitals are needed to ensure that pregnant refugee women can deliver in safety and obtain a medical birth notification needed to register new births. Additional opportunities for resettlement and other forms of admission, including humanitarian visas, academic scholarships, and labour mobility schemes, are also needed.

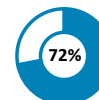


Maya, 7, from Raqqa in Syria plays in an informal settlement near Zahle in the Bekaa Valley, Lebanon. © UNHCR/Sam Tarling

Sector Response Summary:



6,435,500 Refugees & Local Community Members targeted for assistance by end of 2016
4,632,070 assisted in 2016



Syrian Refugees in the Region:



4,687,000 Syrian Refugees expected by end-2016
4,807,600 currently registered



3RP Overall Funding Status:



USD 4.55 billion required in 2016
USD 997 million received in 2016



HIGH-LEVEL MEETING ON "GLOBAL RESPONSIBILITY SHARING THROUGH PATHWAYS FOR ADMISSION OF SYRIAN REFUGEES" HELD IN GENEVA

UNHCR convened a ministerial-level meeting in Geneva on 30 March to promote global responsibility-sharing through pathways for admission of Syrian refugees.

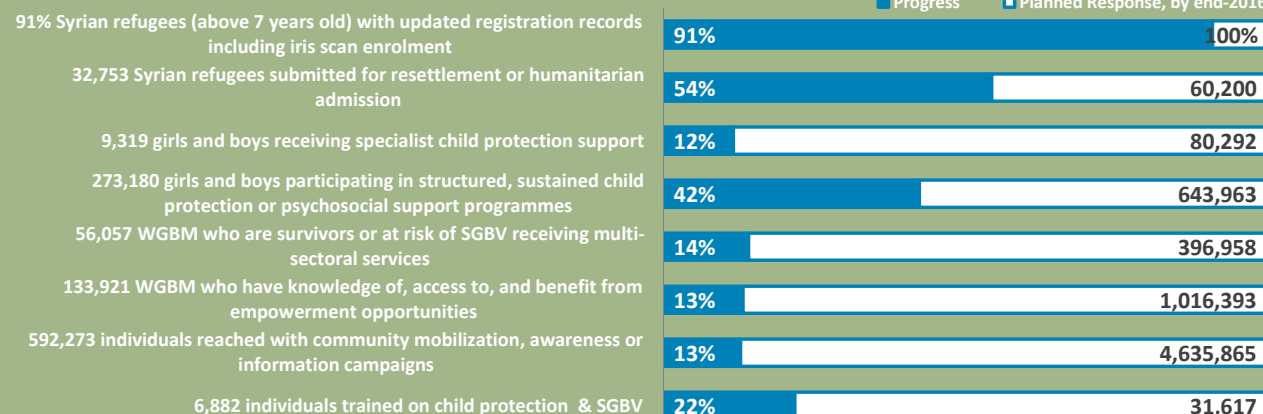
The meeting explored mechanisms for the admission of Syrian refugees, including resettlement, humanitarian admission programmes, private sponsorship programmes for individuals in humanitarian need, special humanitarian visas, and medical evacuation, as well as additional pathways such as family reunification, labour mobility schemes and scholarships.

The living conditions for Syrian refugees in the region have come under enormous pressure, despite the continued generosity of refugee-hosting countries and donors. UNHCR announced its target to secure pathways for at least 10 per cent of the Syrian refugee population over the next three years (2016-2018) which will be around 480,000 in view of the current population figure.

Following the meeting, new pledges were made and the cumulative pledges countries offered since 2013 exceeded 200,000. The new pledges include resettlement places, scholarships and student visas, humanitarian visas and community sponsorship.

The meeting also affirmed the importance of maintaining the right to asylum, the role of civil society in admission programmes and the value of involving the private sector in the development of solutions for refugees.

REGIONAL RESPONSE INDICATORS: JANUARY - APRIL 2016



These dashboards reflect the achievements of the more than 200 partners, including governments, UN Agencies, and NGOs, involved in the 3RP response in Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon and Turkey. Progress and targets may change in line with data revisions. All data on this Dashboard is current as at 30 April 2016.