



## AUGUST HIGHLIGHTS:

As of the end of the school year in June, 31,144 students are enrolled in formal education (grades 1 – 12); 15,508 in camp settings, and 15,636 in non-camp settings. Of the 29,338 children enrolled in basic education (grades 1 – 9), 69% are boys and 71% girls. 3,810 students are benefitting from non-formal education activities including alternative education, catch-up classes and recreational activities. Another 2,038 children between the ages of 3 - 5 are attending Early Childhood Care and Development (ECCD) activities.

In August, the Back to School campaign commenced in non-camp settings in the three governorates (Erbil, Duhok and Sulaymaniyah), in areas with high concentration of refugee children. Focus group discussions were conducted to inform families of the new decision from the KRG Ministry of Education to allow Syrian refugee children to register in the first, second and third grades of local Kurdish school, highlighting the benefits of education and asking families to disseminate this message in refugee communities to encourage enrolment and attendance. Leaflets, posters and banners were prepared with messages about dates and procedures for registration and given to partners, community and registration centers. A number of Kurdish schools were also selected in coordination with the Directorates of Education in each governorate to implement Quick Impact Projects (QIPs) where a high number of students are expected to register for school.

Numerous summer activities for refugee children including music classes, Kurdish classes, media, and art classes for 119 refugee children in Erbil and 38 Syrian refugees in Sulaymaniyah. Preparation for the start of the school year involved the recruitment of new teachers, setting up of a playground, and contracts with bus drivers in order to provide transportation for refugee children to attend school.

In Duhok summer school classes were implemented with 220 primary-school aged children (118 boys, 102 girls) in Domiz Camp. 4,881 primary-school aged children (2,428 boys, 2,453 girls) participated in recreational activities in safe spaces in 6 schools in Domiz Camp (Kar, Nazdar, Kobane, Jiyan, Afreen and Rojawa). 6 PTA and 1 SEG meeting held in each of the 6 primary schools in Domiz camp (12 meetings total), in collaboration with back to school campaign, looking at how to raise awareness of the importance of education in the camp. 533 students attended summer recreational activities in the camp (205 boys and 327 girls). Additionally, 36 facilitators (16 men and 20 women) were trained in implementing PSS and life skills methodology, to be implemented with primary-school aged children in 6 schools in Domiz Camp from September onwards.

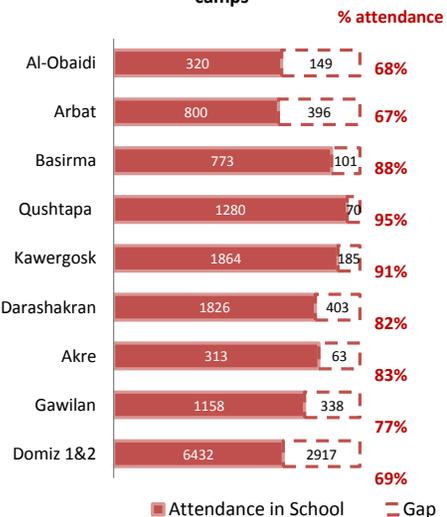


## NEEDS ANALYSIS:

There are still disparities in provision of education activities between camp and non-camp settings. While 74 % of children (6-14) are attending schools in camps only 62% of the same age are attending schools outside of camps. Only 5% of children between 15 – 17 years of age are attending formal education.

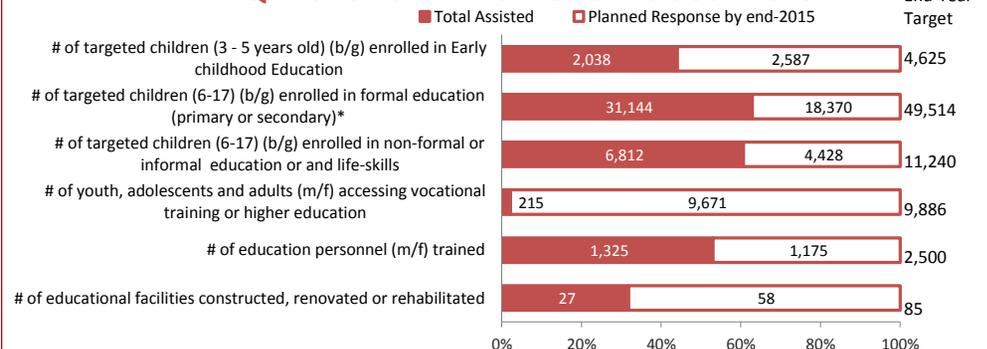
- Due to financial constraints KRG Ministry of Finance is no longer able to provide for their salaries. The education cluster is supporting on advocacy to cover the urgent need for funds to cover the teacher salaries.
- There is a greater need for ECCD activities in all camps to provide activities for refugee children to prepare them for entry into school.
- The quality of basic education provided is poor due to lack of teachers and overcrowding
- There is a large number of youth and adolescents with nothing to do in great risk for negative coping mechanism and risk behavior. Provision of secondary education, life skills and vocational trainings is urgently needed.
- Additional financial support and allocation of adequate learning spaces are required to cover for existing needs.

**Children (6-14 years) attending primary schools in camps**



In Erbil the student registration process started in all Syrian refugee camps for the new school year. Grade 9 participated in second semester examination (National Examination) which started on 23 of August, on Sundays and Thursdays with 379 students participating in the examination in all 4 Erbil camps. A one day workshop with the Youth committee in Darashakran refugee camp was attended by 18 members (male: 10, female: 8). Community led activities trained 24 participants (male: 8, female: 16), and Education Youth led activities trained 17 participants (male: 5, female: 12) in Kawergosk. Additionally, community led activities, in Kawergosk, for a football tournament brought together 126 youth (male: 70, female: 56), planting trees and flowers was attended by 30 participants (male: 18, female: 12), and a Turkish In Sulaymaniyah four prefab schools have been constructed in the Arbat refugee camp for refugee schools. Awaiting handover to the Directorate of Education in Sulaymaniyah. 65 new Syrian refugee children (38 girls and 27 boys) have received back-to-school supplies for the 2015/2016 school year. Self-learning materials, school lessons reviews and other educational activities were provided to refugee children by Mobile Teams on a regular basis during their visits. 184 students in Sulaymaniyah participated in the grade 9 second semester examinations.

## IRAQ RESPONSE INDICATORS: AUGUST 2015



Planned response based on full funding of 3RP for an expected direct beneficiary population of 250,000 Syrian refugees and 15 million members of impacted local communities by end-2015. There are currently 249,463 Syrian refugees registered by UNHCR (37.63% in camps and 62.37% out of camps).

\*After verification of final enrolment statistics as of the end of the academic year there is a slight variation in the enrolment for refugee children as reported last month

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