



Overview: The main objectives of the health sector are: Improving access to Primary Health Care; strengthening health institutions; and strengthening reproductive health services for refugees and members of impacted host communities.

Curative:

• **Patient Consultations:** 21,749 consultations were conducted in Primary Health Care Centres (PHCC) in nine camps. The health utilization rate (visit/person/year) was 3.2 which lies within the expected range of 1 to 4.

• **Referrals:** 1,195 patients were referred from the camp PHCC to secondary and tertiary health facilities for further investigations and/or hospitalization.

• **Mental health services:** 539 patients received mental health services.

Prevention:

• Routine vaccinations and growth monitoring services are accessible in all the nine camps. Directorates of Health (DoHs) in KR-I, with UNICEF's support, have vaccinated 444 children against measles, 686 children against polio, together with 545 children who received vitamin-A supplementation.

• UNICEF provided Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF) counselling assistance on appropriate breastfeeding to 820 pregnant and lactating women (PLW).



School health program (Dental awareness session) in ARC, Sulaimaniyah, November 2017, PWJ. Lavin Dhyalddin.

Promotion:

• In Domiz-1 camp and Akre settlement in Duhok, IOM emergency health team continued providing awareness sessions on health topics including general personal hygiene, tuberculosis (TB), diarrhea, respiratory and skin diseases, focus on signs and symptoms, modes of transmission, treatment and preventive measures on communicable diseases. IOM reached 88 beneficiaries (37 males, 51 females).

• In Arbat camp in Sulaymaniyah, EMERGENCY continued providing health education on different topics including breastfeeding, oral health and dental hygiene, chronic diseases control, diarrheal disease and common skin diseases.

Coordination:

• Health coordination meetings between the DoH, UN agencies and health partners were conducted in Erbil, Duhok and Sulaymaniyah governorates in order to enhance coordination and collaboration between health partners.

• In Sulaymaniyah governorate, the handover process of Arbat refugee camp from EMERGENCY to DoH is ongoing. The process will be completed by the end of 2017.

Reproductive Health (RH):

Anti-natal care and family planning services are available in all camps. They are provided by DoH with the support of UNFPA. A total of 486 women attended their first ante-natal care session in the nine camps.

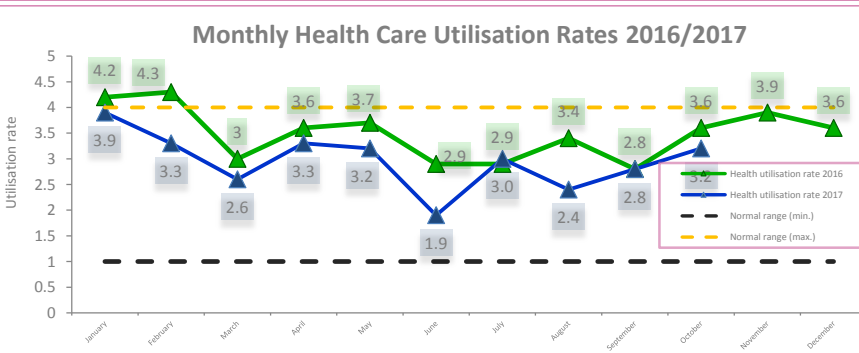
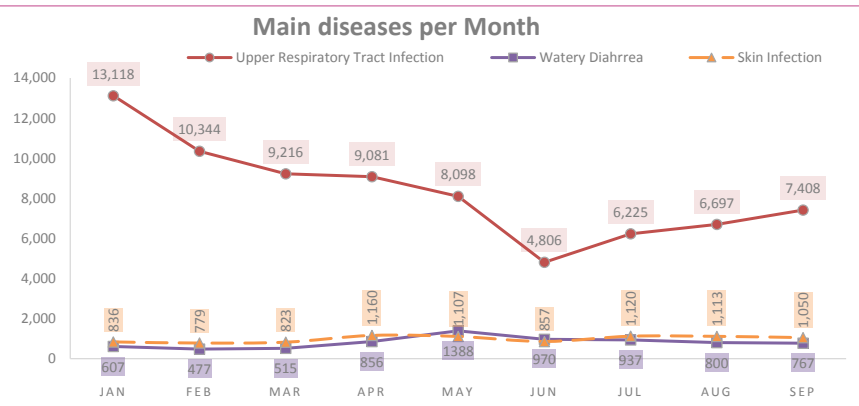
Needs analysis:

Lack of medicines: Shortage of medicines remains a key concern in public facilities, particularly for patients with chronic diseases due to the high number of refugees and displaced people. As a result, the health system is overstretched.

Public health facilities: Continued support to the Ministry of Health is required for health care facilities in urban areas either through rehabilitation/renovation, or provision of medical equipment.

Health staff: Irregular payment of salaries due to the ongoing financial crisis in the KR-I has affected the provision of health services at public health facilities.

Disease surveillance: Control and prevention of communicable diseases need to be strengthened in close cooperation with other sectors (e.g. WASH, Camp Management).



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