



11,191 basic education aged children are enrolled in basic education in camps

MARCH HIGHLIGHTS:

Key highlights for the sector in camps include:

Ongoing enrolment of children in the new schools in Dohuk meant a further 957 children attended school boosting the total number of children enrolled in basic education and over 300 in secondary in the camps.

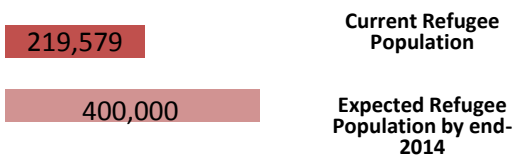
Training of 140 teachers has resulted in improved quality of teaching and non-clinical psychosocial support for an estimated 5600 children. Mapping of Syrian cultural recreational activities and possible facilitators in the camps has been ongoing during March and will feed into a more culturally relevant summer school.

UNESCO has support over 400 youth to access catch up literacy classes and life skills including HIV/AIDS awareness and early childhood development in two camps in Erbil.

Engagement within the Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) is being strengthened and in three camps around 80% of parents are attending meetings. An information plan has been developed to ensure that parents are aware of the PTA, its purpose, role and responsibility and how they can become more involved. It is presumed that this improved information will support greater engagement by parents, therefore strengthening



SYRIAN REFUGEE POPULATION IN IRAQ:



NEEDS ANALYSIS:

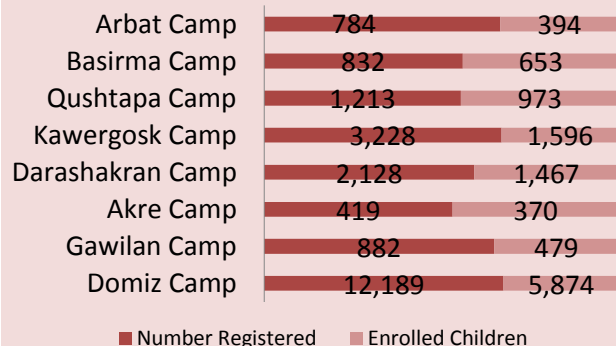
The payment of teachers' salaries and contracting by the MOE remains an issue and has an ongoing impact on the sectors ability to address the out of school children in the urban area. Current resources are not sufficient to meet the needs and in order to provide access for the number of school aged children in the urban area new teachers will be needed.

Whilst the sector is supporting the construction of temporary school buildings it is recognized that this is not a realistic solution. Adding a second shift to existing schools will help provide increased access but the education sector recognizes that this would again require extra resources in terms of teachers and textbooks.

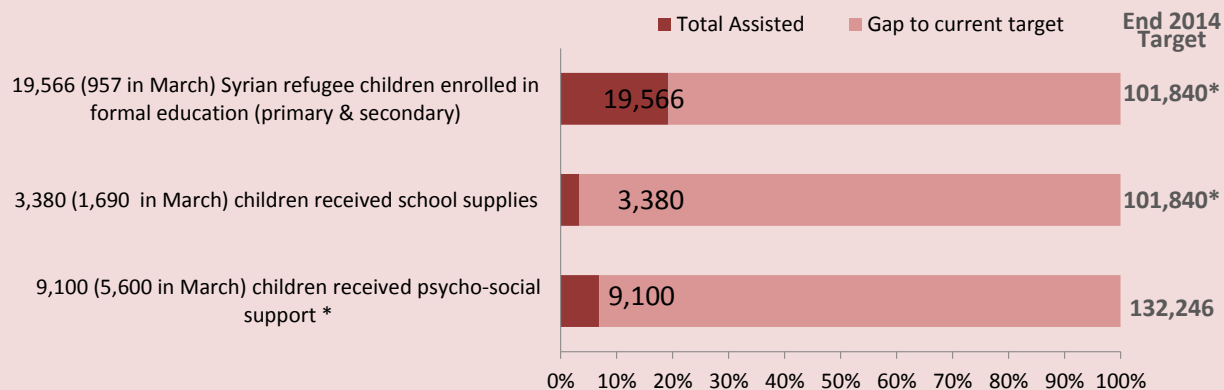
The Ministry of Education is still exploring its position on the issue of certification for the current academic year for the schools that have been using the amended Syrian curriculum. From the next academic year all schools will use the Arabic version of the Kurdish Curriculum, allowing the children to be certified under the Kurdish education system.

The end of the current academic year will provide an opportunity to explore both catch up classes and activities to provide some non-clinical psychosocial support.

Children Enrolled in Camps



PROGRESS AGAINST TARGETS:



Targets based on expected population of 400,000 Syrian refugees in Iraq by end-2014. There are currently 219,579 Syrian refugees in Iraq.
*Miss calculation of target figures from RRP6. Current figures are correct for 2014 target