



KEY FACT OF THE MONTH

Water scarcity is an increasing popular topic in Lebanon as the dry season is starting

HIGHLIGHTS:

The impact of water scarcity is being spoken about in general in Lebanon, in the press, in the Ministries and in the agencies. The WASH sector are taking steps to prepare for any potential humanitarian impacts as a result of water scarcity by planning with the Government of Lebanon and key stakeholders

Emergency WASH programmes are progressing in all regions and across all WASH subsectors. Of particular note:

- Shorter term communal WASH projects are starting to deliver results: for example, 3 water pumps were replaced in Bekaa with the Water Establishment to benefit 29,128 people. Water chlorinators were replaced in collaboration with 5 WE. The Raskifa and the Sanallah projects were completed benefiting 8,000 individuals including 2,000 refugees. Both projects entailed replacement of the submersible pump, borehole pump tests, and rehabilitation of the old pump as a back-up.

- Agency procurement of large scale infrastructure projects are now tendering and being awarded, of note are 3 sewage networks upgrades and extensions and a large 300m3 reservoir.

From limited early warning data there is no significant results to indicate a rise in waterborne disease. The sector will continue to monitor and strengthen mitigation preparedness

Hygiene promotion is following a trend of low level intervention - the sub-sector needs to be reinforced and scaled up further.

NEEDS ANALYSIS:

Overall April indicates progress:

- in delivery of storage capacity and sanitation facilities at the same rate as previous months - the indicator progress is in line with achieving the year end target. However the renewed need for water storage over the dry period will require agencies to rapidly boost delivery of water storage to communities in marginal areas

- there has been a significant jump in the number of individuals reached by communal water system interventions. This is attributed to completion of several projects in April achieving a high target of 82,000 and also to late reporting from January. Further reinforcement is required to achieve the end of year target

- sanitation facility achievements were highest in April from previous months with 21,909 - however the area needs to be reinforced to reach the end of year target and to keep up with needs.

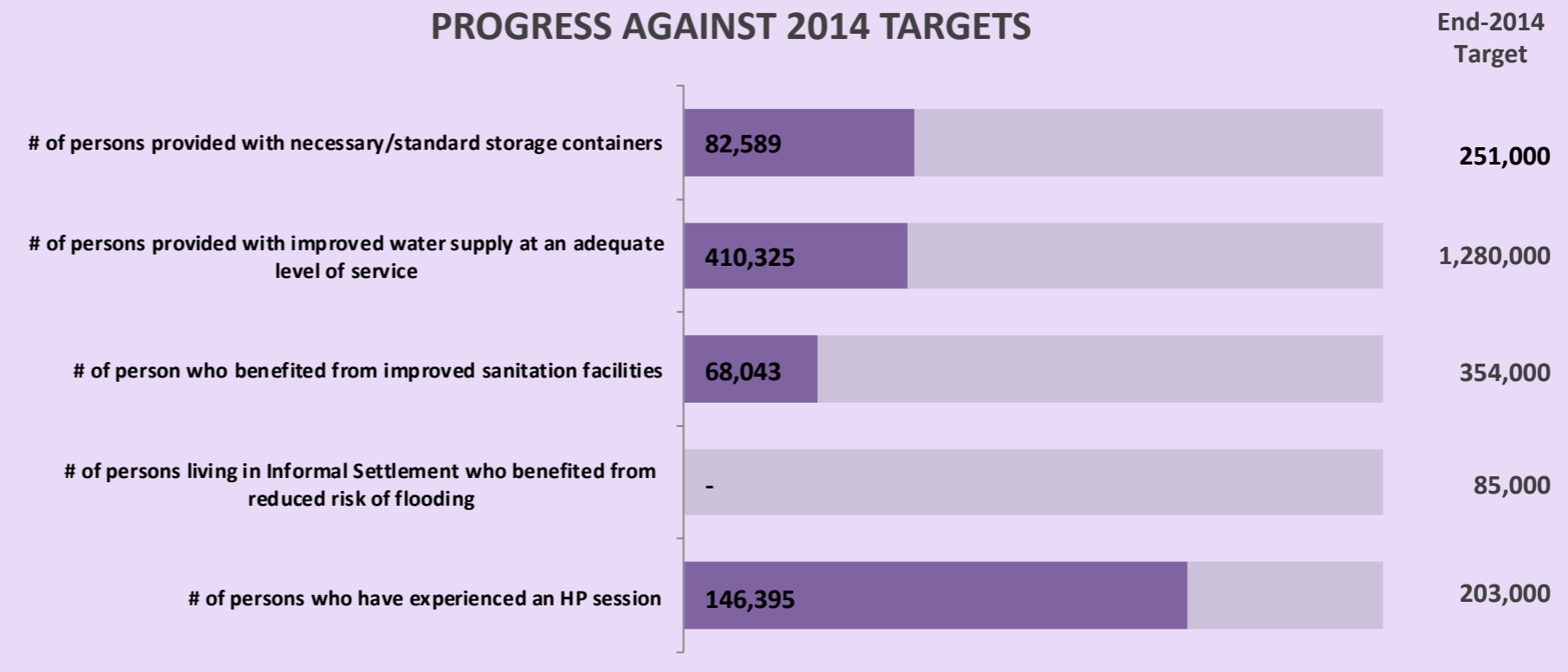
- hygiene promotion is approaching 75% of the end of year target. However the area needs to be significantly re-scaled and reinforced to answer to hygiene needs.



Partners installing latrines in one Informal Settlement

Credit: UNHCR

PROGRESS AGAINST 2014 TARGETS



Source: figures reported above reflect the information reported to Sector Coordinators by Partners participating in Working Groups

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