At the end of August 2016, the Middle East Children’s Institute (MECI) requested data to access 2,420 cases of vulnerable in and out-of-school Syrian children aged 6-12 in 5 different governorates, as listed below from the VAF team:

- Al Balqa - As Salt = 330 children
- Al Balqa - Fuhasil and Mahes = 220 children
- Amman - Al Jama’a District = 220 children
- Amman - Liwa Na’our = 220 children
- Amman - Sahaab = 220 children
- Madaba - Madaba = 220 children
- Jerash - Jerash = 220 children
- Irbid - Ar Ramtha = 330 children
- Irbid - Irbid = 440 children

MECI is a signed VAF partner as a data user and uses VAF data as part of their outreach process to reach urban Syrian families within specific organisational criteria as follows: Vulnerable Syrian families with school aged children, with a primary focus on ages 6 – 12 years, prioritizing children who are academically weak and in need for informal, remedial education, psychosocial support or/and child protection sensitization. MECI welcomed all levels of vulnerability (prioritizing cases that has high and severe vulnerability) with the exception of cases presenting serious physical limitations or disability that could potentially incapacitate the child to attend MECI’s program in government schools that are unfortunately not equipped to accommodate these children.

The VAF data was received on a timely manner from UNHCR Jordan, to support MECI’s outreach operations in all these areas prior to the launch of its remedial education program targeting 5,000 children among which 70% Syrian refugees and 30% of vulnerable host community children. The VAF data further served as a supplementary tool to support MECI’s field-based outreach teams. Field officers based in Amman were requested to contact the children for whom the data was received and determine whether each child would be able and interested to attend the MECI program. MECI recommends partners to be as accurate and specific as possible when requesting data for certain locations.

Children meeting MECI’s criteria for enrolment were assisted as of October through remedial education, psychosocial support and life skills activities provided 5 days a week across 20 school sites. MECI will definitely seek to make use of the VAF again, for future Education outreach and winterization operations across the Kingdom.

For more information on the VAF or details on how to become a VAF partner please contact Olivia Cribb cribb@unhcr.org or Dina Al Masri from MECI to discuss Education programming using the VAF dalmasri@mecinstitute.org.