



REGIONAL SITUATION REPORT FOR SYRIA CRISIS

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Siham, 21 years old, arrived three years ago with relatives to Domiz camp, Iraq, while her parents stayed behind in Qamishli, Syria. She is homesick and lonely. Siham desperately wants to be reunited with her parents and to be able to return to Syria. "Everything is alien. I miss my parents, home, neighbourhood and friends. I miss the familiarity of home, neighbourhood. In a camp there are always new people arriving and the camp around you is always changing.

"Syrian women in the camp are doubly at risk: both as refugees, and because of their gender. They always feel that they are precieved as easy targets. Many Syrian women are supporting their families alone," Siham said. She feels very isolated but she is slowly making friends at the centre. "It helps me to become a little more outgoing and less lonely. Taking part in activities and courses makes it easier for me to find friends and support women around me. Syrian women are strong. They are only asking for two things: a safe place and dignity," Siham said.

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HIGHLIGHTS

SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC (FROM ALL CHANNELS)

440.021 reproductive health services

12,586 deliveries supported, including Caesarean-section deliveries

30.389 gender-based violence related services

15,800 Syrians benefited from reproductive health and gender-based violence related messages

40,100 dignity kits distributed

16 reproductive health kits distributed

UNFPA established a new women safe space in Syria.
UNFPA established an obstetrics unit in one of the hard-to-reach areas in Southern Syria, through cross-border operations.

IN NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES AFFECTED BY THE CRISIS

16,000 reproductive health services delivered to Syrian refugees. **9,530** Syrian refugees benefited from reproductive health related messages through outreach and awareness acitivities.

18,000 gender-based violence related services delivered.

2,440 Syrian refugee boys and girls participated in activities in camps and host communities.

UNFPA established **8** women safe spaces in Turkey. **7** reproductive health delivery kits distributed in Jordan.

UNFPA believes that every Syrian woman and girl has the right to have access to affordable reproductive health care and be effectively protected from gender-based violence. UNFPA and its partners are scaling up efforts to empower women and youth from Syria as well as affected communities in host countries, with the aim of improving their lives, including by advocating for the respect of human rights and gender equality.

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HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE



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G	WOMEN AND GIRLS OF REPRODUCTIVE AGE
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O	YOUTH
	2.5 MILLION
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	PREGNANT WOMEN
	360,000

SOURCES: Turkey's Disaster and Emergency Management Authority (AFAD), UNHCR, OCHA, and UNFPA -February 2016

SERVICES	296,644 reproductive health services •45,855 reproductive health services to hard-to-reach areas •3,685 deliveries supported by UNFPA for women above 18 •4,988 deliveries for women under 18 •6,900 ante-natal services •16,300 pre-natal services •14,720 family planning services •510 deliveries supported through the UNFPA voucher system
AWARENESS SESSIONS	8,160 beneficiaries
OUTREACH ACTIVITIES	16,830 beneficiaries

	43,802 gender-based violence related
SERVICES	services
	3 300 services in hard-to-reach areas

AWARENESS SESSIONS	14,533 beneficiaries
OUTREACH ACTIVITIES	7,933 beneficiaries
HYGIENE KITS	39,500 kits distributed
TRAINING	47 service providers on gender-based violence prevention and response

SERVICES in northern governorates of Syria	13,766 beneficiaries received reproductive health services in the northern part of Syria •156 early pregnancies were recorded •1,140 safe deliveries •375 Caesarean-section deliveries •4,166 ante-natal care services •848 family planning 149 participated in awareness sessions 240 beneficiaries received gender-based violence services in the northern part of Syria 111 beneficiaries outreached with gender-based violence related messages 174 beneficiaries of recreational activities 6,000 dignity kits
SERVICES in southern governorates of Syria	6,021 beneficiaries received reproductive health services in the southern part of Syria 1,808 safe deliveries 590 Caesarean-section deliveries 2,355 ante-natal services 624 post-natal services 992 family planning related services 7 health workers trained 16 reproductive health kits distributed

(*Due to logistic and security challenges, implementing partners share their data a month late).

UNFPA will start implementing an integrated reproductive health and genderbased violence programme, including primary health care centres and mobile clinics in six sub-districts in Idleb and Aleppo, through the cross-border operations.

Six focus group discussion were held in the northern governorate of Syria to discuss the content of dignity kits and to adapt them to the specific situation of women and girls.

UNFPA started to set up new components to cover the gaps and enhance the quality of reproductive health services in Dera'a. The new components include community health workers; four mobile medical units; four primary health cares centres, five safe spaces near to each reproductive health centers and referral network within facilities.

UNFPA-SUPPORTED FACILITIES IN SYRIA Last updated 4 April, 2016



Number of women's

spaces 25



Number of field reproductive health clinics or mobile teams



Number of health facilities

912 partially supported

In an-going assessment of the quality of services supported by UNFPA, as part of cross-border operations from Turkey, a total of 29 feedback forms were filled by beneficiaries in a UNFPAsupported hospital in Aleppo. 69 percent (similar to January) of women rated the medical services as excellent, while the rest rated the medical services as very good The feedback shows that staff helpfulness and friendliness were the strength in the centres. 44 percent commented positively on the hygiene level of the hospital.



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY



A group photo of women who graduating from a class at the UNFPA-supported centre in Syria



A photo of crafts produced by Syrian women and exhibited during International Women's Day in a UNFPA-supported women centre in Lebanon.



Syrian women celebrating International Women's Day in a UNFPA-supported women centre in Jordan.



Syrian women celebrating International Women's Day in a UNFPA-supported women centre in Iraq.



The UNFPA IMPR women's centre in Turkey has registered new 957 individuals between 18 February and 19th of March 2016. During the registration, the case management team disseminated information on women's rights and available services. On 8 March 2016, UNFPA celebrated the anniversary of establishing the first women and girls' safe space for Syrians in Turkey.

STEP IT UP FOR GENDER EQUALITY

For more than five million Syian women and girls, gender equality and the full enjoyment of human rights remain elusive.

This month, on International Women's Day, UNFPA called for action to protect the rights of women and girls and to rectify long-standing gender inequalities. Gender equality and equal protection of human rights, including the right to sexual and reproductive health, are important in and of themselves, but they are also a means to achieving social and economic objectives, including the new United Nations Sustainable Development Goals adopted by the international community in September 2015. These goals emphasize the achievement of gender equality, good health and quality education for all and the elimination of poverty.

The six coutnries affected by Syria celebrated Intenational Women's Day, each in its way:

SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC

"On International Women's Day, we reaffirm our commitment to supporting Syrian women who are determined to stand strong and united in the face of challenges," said Massimo Diana, UNFPA Representative in Syria.

UNFPA organized several activities in collaboration with implementing partners, youth pledging. Youth pledging events, with the participation of women and community leaders, advocated for better female youth rights and opportunities.

There was a reception and handicraft exhibition in Homs, where around 40,000 women received an orientation on women rights and the importance of their empowerment.

Two new women safe spaces were inaugurated in Damascus countryside and Homs in cooperation with the Syrian Archbishopric Relief and Development Centre to promote women's potential and to provide means of women protection, aiming to benefit 120 women a day. "The goal of the centre is to help Syrian women in these difficult circumstances. In addition to their rehabilitation and training in order to find jobs, we also provide psychological support to encourage resilience for women in their local community."

JORDAN

UNFPA celebrated Mother's Day at one its centres at Zaatari camp. Activities included a quiz on reproductive health and gender issues. A singer was also invited to the event for recreational purposes. Flowers and gifts were given to mothers attending the event.

In addition to the regular activities offered at the UNFPA/Questscope Youth Centre in Zaatari, youth from inside and outside the centre are continually accessing services at the library, including borrowing books in many different fields (such as self-development, problem-solving, and writing skill development). The library has become known as a safe and peaceful space for students to study, as well as to participate in a number of educational and cultural activities such as literary discussions, writing competitions, and poetry and prose writing sessions. In December, the library was one aspect of the centre that received a range of positive feedback from UNFPA beneficiaries.





HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE



FIGURES

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NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES AFFECTED BY THE CRISIS

NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES AFFECTED BY THE CRISIS (LEBANON, JORDAN, IRAQ, TURKEY, EGYPT):

SYRIAN REFUGEES AFFECTED BY THE CRISIS

4,812, 851

SYRIAN REFUGEE WOMEN AND GIRLS OF REPRODUCTIVE AGE
1,200,000

SYRIAN REFUGEE YOUTH
800,000

SOURCES: Turkey's Disaster and Emergency Management Authority (AFAD), UNHCR, OCHA, and UNFPA March 2016

SYRIAN REFUGEE PREGNANT WOMEN



Mobile maternity unit providing basic health services in the Sabra neighborhood of Beirut, Lebanon.

Photo credit: Makassed Organization.



REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND SAFE MOTHERHOOD

TURKEY	
SERVICES	280 services for Syrian and Turkish beneficiaries •168 ante-natal care services •61 post-natal care services •69 family planning services •17 pregnancies for women under 18
OUTREACH ACTIVITIES	1,931 Syrian and Turkish beneficiaries
CAPACITY BUILDING	34 health service providers (12 nurses and 23 midwives) on Emergency Obstetric Care
KITS	226 Kits include condoms, microlut pills and mycrogynon

LEBANON	
BUILDING CAPACITIES	40 beneficiaries
PUBLICATIONS	Clinical management of rape (CMR) services related brochure developed and designed by ABAAD

	SERVICES	15,772 reproductive health services •232 safe deliveries and 24 C-sections •999 family planning services •2,937 ante-natal care services •784 post-natal care services •1,876 infection
	AWARENESS SESSIONS	6,411 beneficiaries in camp and in host communities
	SUPPLIES	7 reproductive health delivery kits to Institute of Family Health, IRC and MDM

In Jordan, as a result of joint advocacy efforts between UNFPA, UNHCR and the Higher Population Council (HPC), a letter was issued by the Ministry of Health stating that mother and child health and family planning services will be provided free of charge for registered Syrian refugees starting 1 March 2016

UNFPA participated in a multiagency assessment led by the Ministry of Health for Ruwayshid hospital which is the closest referral facility for individuals situated at the north-astern border of Jordan with Syria. The objective of the assessment was to identify any gaps in the hospital and accordingly develop a response plan jointly with the Ministry of Health so they can assist the most vulnerable.

Around 100 refugees are being admitted to the Azraq camp in Jordan on a daily basis since mid March 2016. UNFPA through its implementing partner, IMC, has established a mobile team that is providing reproductive health services at the reception area. However, there is a need to scale up services and UNFPA is planning to expand its activities in Azraq camp in order to respond to this new addition to the camp population.

IRAQ		
OUTREACH ACTIVITIES	800 beneficiaries	
EGYPT		
AWARENESS SESSIONS	566 beneficiaries	
OUTREACH ACTIVITIES	542 beneficiaries	







GENDER EQUALITY AND WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT

TURKEY	
SERVICES TO SURVIVORS	42 services
WOMEN AND GIRLS ACCESSING SAFE SPACES	275 Syrian beneficiaries
OUTREACH ACTIVITIES	175 Syrian beneficiaries
TRAINING	35 Syrian psychologists and Turkish social workers at the Turkish Psychological Association

LEBANON	
WOMEN AND GIRLS ACCESSING SAFE SPACES	57 Syrian beneficiaries

JORDAN	
SERVICES (including psychosocial support, social counseling, legal consultations, and referral)	1,018 Syrian beneficiaries
ACTIVITIES INSIDE THE WOMEN'S SPACES	9,916 beneficiaries
OUTREACH ACTIVITIES	1,272 women, girls, men, and boys
RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES (including self reliance, vocational training, and life skills)	5,375 Syrian beneficiaries

IRAQ	
AWARENESS SESSIONS	30 beneficiaries

EGYPT	
RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES	94 Syrian beneficiaries
AWARENESS SESSIONS	594 Syrian women and girls
OUTREACH ACTIVITIES	542 Syrian women and girls

UNFPA established eight women and girls safe spaces in Ankara, providing services for Syrian refugees.

Fatme, Syrian refugee in Lebanon, "I am proud of who I am now thanks to the training I got at the UNFPA centre. In the beginning, I came with sorrow, but now I am only sad because this training is coming to its end. I realize now how enriching it is to talk to peers and share experiences. I sold all the items in the exhibition, and I am happy for that. However, from now on, I will only see my friends and our trainer occasionally. I know now that they are another family for me who I can count on and trust when I am in need."



SUPPORTING ADOLESCENTS AND YOUTH

LEBANON		
ACTIVITIES	180 Syrian young people	
JORDAN		
ACTIVITIES (including self- reliance, vocational training, life skills and other activities related to reproductive health and gender-based violence)	1,397 Syrian and Jordanian youth in camps and host communities	
TRAINING	102 Syrian and Jordanian youth in camps and host communities	
IRAQ		
ACTIVITIES	80 Syrian young people	
EGYPT		
ACTIVITIES	80 Syrian young people	

Abdullah is seventeen years old and lives in Zaatari Camp with his family, including his mother and father, two brothers, and three sisters. He has dropped out of school and expressed that he is no longer interested in studying. His family faces extreme poverty, which has led him in the past to seek work outside of Zaatari Camp in Jordan. Abdullah came to the youth centre after hearing about it from friends who were already attending activities there. He began participating in sports activities and in the mentoring programme. Through working with Abdullah for a short time the UNFPA's Implementing partner, Questscope, noted that he had some aggressive tendencies and hostility towards others.

UNFPA-supported youth centre employees strongly recommended that he attend the center on a regular schedule, to provide some routine and stability in his schedule. He responded well to this approach and began attending regularly and being committed to the activities. Through Abdullah's serious engagement in and dedication to sports and mentoring activities, Questscope volunteers have started to observe a decreasing in his negative, unpredictable behaviour. It was observed recently that he began to take more care of his physical appearance, began coming on his own to the centre with regularity, and started to interact more positively with his peers. His demeanor is noticeably calmer as well. These changes have been noted both in individual psychosocial support sessions as well as through observation of his interaction with the group both on and off of the sports field. The frequency of his aggressive outbursts has decreased and the team is continuing to work with him closely.





UNFPA-SUPPORTED FACILITIES IN REFUGEE-HOSTING COUNTRIES



Number of women's spaces

58

JORDAN
19
IRAQ
10
EGYPT
5
TURKEY

19



Number of field reproductive health clinics or mobile teams

65

JORDAN
24
(14 in host communities,
10 in camps)

IRAQ 20

(11 in host communities, 9 in camps)

EGYPT 5

TURKEY



Number of youth centres and safe spaces

32

LEBANON 5

JORDAN

11

IRAQ 3

EGYPT 12

TURKEY

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COORDINATION & CAPACITY BUILDING

SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC

UNFPA participated in the access working group meeting, the United Nations sector group meetings on health, protection, and logistics, as well as meetings of the United Nations Humanitarian Country Team and the United Nations Security Cell.

UNFPA met AKDN (a new implementing partner), to expand its programme and to improve the reproductive health and gender-based violence response.

TURKEY

UNFPA participated in the WASH working group meeting, health working group meeting, protection working goup meeting and SGBV sub-working group meeting in Gaziantep.

UNFPA attended the monthly coordination meeting in Gaziantep. Turkish Family Planning Association (TAPV) and organized a workshop on refugee and reproductive health and rights in Gaziantep.

I FBANON

UNFPA co-led with UNHCR the SGBV Task Force meeting where the 2016 workplan and priorities were endorsed.

The Lebanon Humanitarian Coordination, M. Philippe Lazzarini, visited the UNFPA funded centre that promotes women's empowerment and provides reproductive health services though a local NGO "Al Mithaq" in the area of Baalbeck.

JORDAN

UNFPA contributed to the revision of the Inter Agency Standing Committee Gender Handbook in Humanitarian Action 2005. The revision of the handbook entailed three participatory processes. UNFPA participated at two levels, providing technical inputs in the capacity of the working groups lead and suggested direct inputs to the content of the handbook through an initiative led by UN Women and Oxfam. The revised handbook with suggested inputs will be ready by early 2017.

A task force was set up by the reproductive health sub-working group in order to identify a strategy on how to better involve men in reproductive health issues. The group also finalized the 3W mapping of reproductive health services offered by various NGOs. Due to the new Ministry of Health decision providing free-of-charge maternal and child health services to refugees, the reproductive health working group is working with partners providing cash for reproductive health in order to avoid duplication in service provision. This will ensure that the cash for reproductive health programme covers unregistered refugees and other services not covered by the Ministry of Health such as deliveries.

UNFPA is co-chairing the Youth Task Force in Zaatari camp. In the past month, UNFPA facilitated two field visits to partner agencies. The purpose of these exchanges is to learn best practices from partners, improve referrals between organisations, provide a space for youth volunteers to attend the meetings, which are held in Arabic, and share information with youth and partners on issues related to youth in the camp.

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STORIES FROM SYRIAN REFUGEES LIRAO

LILAF: FROM A REFUGEE GIRL LIVING IN DENIAL TO AN INSPIRING CHANGE-MAKER

In February 2013, Lilaf Khalil Hamoush from Aleppo entered the Kurdistan region in northern Iraq, crossing the border with her parents and three brothers in a bid to escape for their lives. Aged 23 years, she was then a second year undergraduate student studying chemistry in a university.

"When we first came to Kurdistan, I discovered that it was impossible for me to live in the camp. I left my family and started living with my aunt and her family close to Domiz camp because I couldn't come to terms with leaving behind a comfortable life in our own house to live in a tent under hot weather conditions. For four and a half months, I didn't go to my family. At my aunt's place, I used to perform all their housework, but found consolation in the fact that I was at least not living in a tent. Those were the toughest days of my life."

Embracing life for a larger objective as a peer educator

Lilaf smiled as she described the turning point of her state of depression, seclusion, and resentment. "It was after those four and a half months that they called me from a centre nearby and said I could take part in a training; it was May 2013. That was the first training in my life, and the first time I participated in any activity or session inside the camp."

"The five-day peer education training turned out to be the best hours I had spent ever since I had started living as a refugee. It opened my eyes to so many things. Before attending the session, I had given up on life; it seemed like life had come to a halt." Lilaf recalled having been influenced by her interactions with other young people her age who were living in the camp. "There were others like me who were university students but were now living in a single tent with all their family members. They had also left behind all their dreams."

Immediately after the peer education training, Lilaf voluntarily packed her bag and went to the camp to live with her parents and brothers. "At first, I hated going to the toilet. I rejected the idea of sharing a single bathroom with all neighbours, but soon, just like everyone else, I got used to it," Lilaf recollected.

For over a year, Lilaf acted as a volunteer peer educator in Domiz refugee camp's UNFPA-supported Sardam youth space. She conducted sessions for young people on sexual and reproductive health, early and forced marriages, and HIV/AIDS, in addition to other capacity building activities and life skills that enabled young people to deal with the situation in the camp, and to make informed decisions. "I am living with them; I can see their pain, and we all learn from each another. This is very unique."

Lilaf's jubilant and outgoing personality, as well as her determination to assist young people, won her an interview and she ended up being appointed as manager of the Sardam youth friendly space at Domiz refugee camp. On an average, 90 youth per day visit the youth space that she manages.

Lilaf holds the peer education programme very close to her heart, and is determined to involve as many youth as possible from the camp. "In one of the sessions, I asked the group to give their opinion on an issue I had raised. One of the girls conceded that it was the first time in her life that anyone had sought her opinion. I feel I have become part of making young people's dreams come true, helping them to move out of the box they live in, or the depression they experience as refugees living in a tent," Lilaf stated.

"Peer education changed me a lot, a lot, a lot," Lilaf reiterated when asked what peer education meant to her. She added, "My thinking has totally changed. I accept everyone. I don't judge people. I wasn't like this before. Mum raised me to live at home and study only."

"I used to be very lonely but now I am social too. I laugh. My dad always tells me that I have changed in Kurdistan. I don't regret coming here. I feel I have grown up and opened my eyes. Peer education was the start of a new me."

"The biggest challenge facing young people who were university students or who had finished year 12, was that they wanted to continue their education. Most of them cannot find jobs; it is hard for them to just sit and do nothing. So many are thinking about migrating to Europe; of course, just the boys; girls cannot leave or travel without their families."

A refugee training young IDP girls in her host country

The youth friendly space manager passionately spoke about her experiences with regard to training new peer educators among IDPs in Dohuk governorate. As part of UNFPA's initiative to assist girls whose families and themselves had been affected by the ISIS attack on Sinjar, Lilaf and her peer educator friends have trained more than 80 young girls in the IDP camps in Dohuk.

"Here I was, a refugee myself, training young IDP girls in the country I was hosted by." Lilaf's tone changed; with sorrow and empathy, she muttered, "I narrated my story to them (IDP girls). I can relate to their pain. I told them life goes on; it doesn't stop." After a momentary pause, she admitted, "but their (the IDP's) pain is harder than ours (the refugees)."

"In one of the sessions I conducted, all girl participants thought HIV/ AIDs is acquired by shaking hands with an infected person or by eating from the same plate."

"My dream is to become a pharmacist"

When asked about her dreams, Lilaf said she wanted to complete her studies, like so many other girls around her. "And I want to become a pharmacist, but even while I am a pharmacist, I will continue to conduct peer education training and sessions. Marriage can be a dream too, but not now; I need to fall in love first," she added, laughing. "My mum won't let me marry any local here; she wants me to marry someone from our own area. I am trying to change her opinion, slowly."

Lilaf, who also advocates against early and forced marriages, joked, "I am using all that peer education has taught me with my mum, so that she can change her mind and let me marry the man of my choice."

By Sazan Mandalawi





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CHALLENGES

SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC

The dramatic depreciation of the value of Syrian pound is affecting the ability of affected people to cope with the increase in living costs. As such, women can be exposed to different risks including gender-based violence.

Limited financial resources are affecting the ability of UNFPA to expand the humanitarian response programmes.

Accessing beneficiaries to services is still a challenge in many areas due to the deteriorating security situation, restrictions of movement, lack of transportation and border crossing constraints.

Implementing of the humanitarian response is challenging due to limited capacity of implementing partners.

The deteriorating security situation in Dara'a creates difficulties in accessing medical facilities. Air strikes have targeted some health facilities, making provision of health services in some areas a challenge.

Staff availability and lack of supplies, especially medication and consumables, for new health facilities remain a challenge in the southern areas of Syria.

TURKEY

The economic conditions of Syrian refugees make it difficult for them to reach or access many of the programmes set up for their benefit.

The current legislation on employment for the Syrians under temporary protection increase hopes among the population for future employment opportunities.

Current security threats within and outside the borders of Turkey have had indirect negative impact on the programming.

IRAQ

There is a continuing lack of resources to sustain the on-going programmes.

EGYPT

Refugees are scattered over large urban areas in Egypt, making it challenging for most aid agencies to extend support to them. Moreover, since the population is still on the move, the allocation and provision of services continue to be difficult.





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OVERVIEW

Since 2012, UNFPA (the United Nations Population Fund) in Lebanon has been an active member of the Syria humanitarian response and coordination mechanisms, always guided by its core mandate on promoting access to Reproductive Health (RH) services and information and preventing/responding to Gender Based Violence (GBV). In times of crisis, UNFPA keeps serving the most vulnerable, in particular women and young girls. Based on the specific needs identified in the field through continuous generation of evidence, UNFPA has provided a variety of services targeting both Syrian refugees and Lebanese in hosting communities.

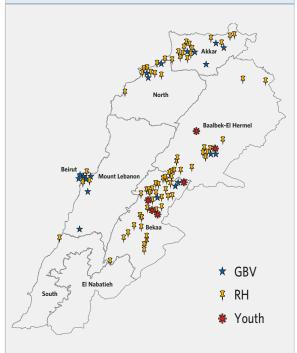
Specifically and in RH, the main priorities supported by UNFPA consisted of capacity development of medical and paramedical staff on quality services, procurement and distribution of needed medical equipment, supplies, drugs and contraception to hospitals and primary health care centers, as well as awareness-raising of the affected population on various issues namely family planning, sexually transmitted infections, safe motherhood, among other.

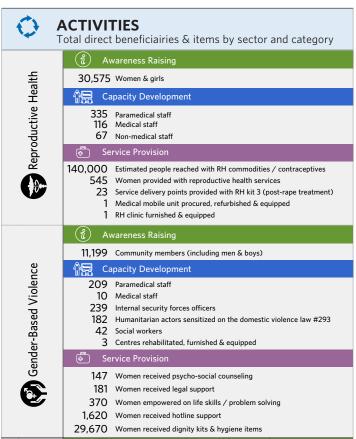
On the other hand, the GBV prevention and response programme supported by UNFPA focused on delivering services to survivors of violence including legal representation, psycho-social support and basic livelihood skills, through shelter, safe spaces and listening and counseling centers among others. In addition, developing capacity of partners and service providers on GBV was supported at national level complemented with women empowerment initiatives using innovative approaches. While engaging men and boys was initiated in 2015 in the fight against GBV, focus on preventing child marriage was also addressed. Dignity kits were continuously provided to women and young girls throughout all the activities.

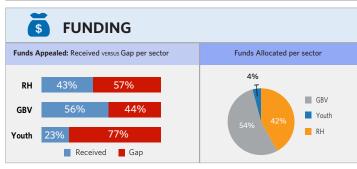
Under the youth programme, UNFPA supported several activities aiming at providing Syrian and Lebanese young people with the knowhow, tools, and spaces to engage in cultural expression for promoting participation, cooperation, tolerance and acceptance.

UNFPA leads the RH Sub-Working Group, the Inter Agency Youth Task Force, and the Task Force on Clinical Management of Rape survivors and co-leads the SGBV Task Force.

ACTIVITIES - GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION by sector

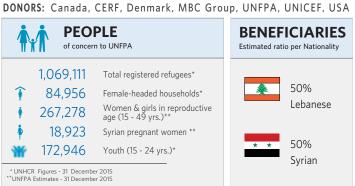






Awareness Raising

887 Young people



PARTNERS: ABAAD, CONCERN Worldwide, Heartland Alliance, International Medical Corps, INTERSOS, International Orthodox Christian Charities, International Rescue Committee, KAFA (Enough Violence & Exploitation), Lebanese American University, Lebanon Family Planning Association for Development and Family Empowerment, Lebanese Society of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Makassed Philanthropic Islamic Association of Beirut, Al Methaq, Ministry of Public Health, Lebanese Democratic Women's Gathering, Ricerca e Cooperazione

Youth





European Union foreign policy chief Federica Mogherini visited the UNFPA-supported centre in Zaatari camp, Jordan.

RECENTLY RECEIVED FUNDING

UNFPA Headquarter

Syria: \$222,000



Mrs. Ban Ki-moon, the wife of United Nations Secretery-General, selected a UNFPA-supported women and girls centre in Sweileh, Amman as her main field site during her visit to Jordan. The centre provides integrated reproductive health and gender-based violence prevention and response services free-of-charge to Jordanians and Syrian refugees who live in urban areas in the capital.

With inquisitiveness and passion, Mrs Ki-moon took a tour of the women and girls centre. She met the staff and talked to Syrian refugee women, asking them about the quality of services they received. They shared information about their living conditions, their needs, and protection concerns. Most importantly Mrs Ki-moon had the opportunity to listen to women about their hopes and dreams.

DONORS & PARTNERS

UNFPA IS GRATEFUL FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE FOLLOWING DONORS SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE SYRIA CRISIS:

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IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS

IN SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC: Ministry of Social Affairs and Labor (MOSA), Ministry of Health (MoH), Ministry of Higher Education (MoHE), Syrian Family Planning Association (SFPA), Syrian Arab Red Crescent (SARC) and International Medical Corps (IMC).

IN LEBANON: Ministry of Public Health, Ministry of Social Affairs, Lebanese Family Planning Association, Palestinian Red Crescent Society, Humedica, Makhzoumi Foundation, Amel Association, International Medical Corps and Caritas Lebanon, KAFA ("Enough Violence and Exploitation"), Akkarouna, INTERSOS, SHEILD, LOST, Heartland Alliance, Makassed Primary Health Care Centers, Mazloum Hospital and International Organization for Migration (IOM).

IN JORDAN: Ministry of Health (MOH),Institute for Family Health (IFH), International Medical Corps (IMC), Jordanian Health Aid Society (JHAS), Family Protection Department (FPD), Jordanian Women's Union (JWU), Youth Peer Education Network (YPE), NCFA (National Council for Family Affairs).

IN IRAQ: Ministry of Culture, Sport and Youth (MCSP), Ministry of Labor & Social Affrairs (MLSA), AL Massela, START NGO and Harikar.

IN EGYPT: Ministry of Health (MOH), Resala and FARD Foundation.

IN TURKEY: The Disaster and Emergency Management Presidency (AFAD) of the Prime Ministry of Turkey, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA), and Ministry of Health (MoH), Ministry of Family and Social Polices (MoFSP), Turkish Red Crescent Society (TRCS), universities including Harran in Sanliurfa and Hacettepe University in Ankara, NGOs including the International Middle East Peace Research Center (IMPR), Syrian Social Gathering.



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RELEVANT RESOURCES

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