

# EDUCATION



Providing **certified quality education** in Lebanon to **the children affected by the Syria crisis** is a **top priority**. The issue of the large numbers of girls and boys out-of-school stems from a variety of factors. For Syrian refugee children, the main barriers are transportation, schooling fees, language barriers, discrimination, migration, and unpredictable enrolment regulations caused by political and administrative hurdles, as well as livelihood restrictions for parents and economic pressures on household.

There are **477,034 registered Syrian refugee children and 10,950 Palestinian refugee children in Lebanon** aged between 3 and 18 years old. Of these children, approximately **282,495 are in the compulsory education age group 6-14 years**.

For the 2015-2016 school year, the Minister of Education and Higher Education (MEHE) had fixed a **target of 200,000 refugee children in first and second shifts in public schools** in an effort to integrate more school-aged refugees into the formal system.

By the end of January 2016, a total of 155,704 Syrian refugee children aged 6-14 (63,610 in the first shift and 92,094 in the second shift) attend formal primary education. 1,278 public schools were open in the first shift for Lebanese and Syrian children, whilst 234 schools were opened for the second shift for Syrians.

Despite all the efforts, the majority of Syrian children (3-18 years) are out of school. This leaves them vulnerable to different forms of mistreatment and harm. Not only do Syrian children have to work to provide for their families, but they are also being forced into the worst forms of coping mechanisms including the smuggling of goods and sexual exploitation, as well as engagement in armed conflicts. Children, particularly adolescent girls, also face gender-based violence.

## EU SUPPORT TO THE EDUCATION SECTOR AND RESULTS

Education has been one of the priorities of EU cooperation with Lebanon. Currently committed bilateral allocation amounts to around **€20.5 million**. Under the response to the Syrian crisis, the EU has committed another **€160 million** for the period 2012-2016 to support access to formal education of Syrian children and Palestinian children from

Syria, as well as MEHE capacities, including around **€59 million** from the **MADAD Regional Trust Fund** committed from 2016 onward to continue support the response to the Syrian crisis in the sector.

## RESULTS THROUGH EU FUNDING SINCE 2012

### FORMAL EDUCATION ENROLMENT

#### First Shift

- 41,055 Lebanese students enrolled.
- 67,830 Syrian students enrolled.

#### Second Shift

- 131,562 Syrian students enrolled.

### FORMAL VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

- 1,713 Syrian students enrolled.

### OUTREACH FOR FORMAL EDUCATION

- 76,576 Syrian parents reached for awareness raising and community outreach activities.
- 79 Parent Community Groups set-up, with 581 Syrian parents participating in 2016.
- 109 Education Outreach Volunteers mobilised within 2016.
- 1,120 outreach and awareness raising sessions to promote school enrolment within 2016.
- 14,855 Syrian Parents reached during the Back to School campaign in 2016.

### TRANSPORTATION FOR FORMAL EDUCATION

- 5,800 Syrian children provided with transport support in 2016, and on going.

### NON-FORMAL EDUCATION

#### Remedial Classes

- 19,819 Syrian students supported.
- 49 Homework support groups for Syrian children.

#### Non-certified ALP

- 76,077 Syrian children received **non-certified Accelerated Learning Programme**.

#### CERD-certified Accelerated Learning Programme

- 10,188 Syrian children received **CERD-certified Accelerated Learning Programme**.

#### Other Non-Formal

- 27,000 Syrian children in **Basic Numeracy and Literacy**.
- 43,992 Syrian children benefitted from **recreational activities**.



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- 11,889 Syrian children in **Community-Based Early Childhood Education**.
- 60,000 Syrian refugee children aged 8-14 years trained in French and English through socio-linguistic approach.

## **EDUCATIONAL SUPPLIES**

**(including ECD kits, Recreational kits, school bags and School-in-a-Box kits)**

- 253,490 Syrian children provided with essential educational supplies.
- 1,027 School in a box kits provided, ongoing support provided to 41,080 Syrian students and 2,054 Lebanese teachers.

## **TEACHER TRAINING**

- 11,968 teachers and educators trained.
- 1,645 school staff trained on early childhood development, child-friendly teaching and learning activities provided.
- 23 national trainers of trainers trained in French and English to use socio-linguistic approach.
- 1,200 Lebanese teachers trained in French and English to use socio-linguistic approach.
- 21 teachers from the 11 intermediate schools in Beirut Suburbs trained through a six days workshop on peace building.

## **SCHOOL REHABILITATION**

- 35 schools received minor rehabilitation.
- 62 schools rehabilitated.
- 33 schools provided with classroom furniture benefitting 8,050 students.
- 113 schools supported with the provision of running costs and teacher and staff incentives.
- 15 public schools equipped with medical rooms - equipment and furniture.
- 5 public schools equipped with kindergarten furniture.

## **INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT**

- 3 MEHE / Programme Management Unit (PMU) staff.
- 6 regional ICT assistants deployed at MEHE.
- Senior Programme Assistant seconded to MEHE.

