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# Migrants in Lebanon

Syrian Refugees

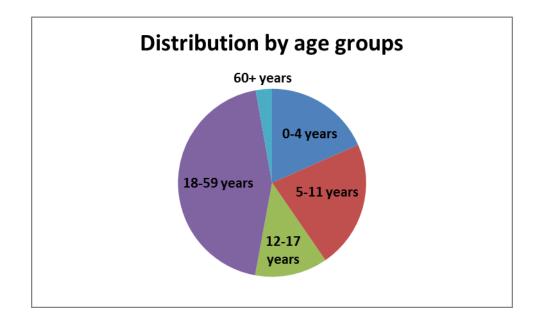
# Syrian crisis

- Lebanon has been affected by the Syrian crisis
  - As a neighboring country to Syria
  - Large borders withSyria

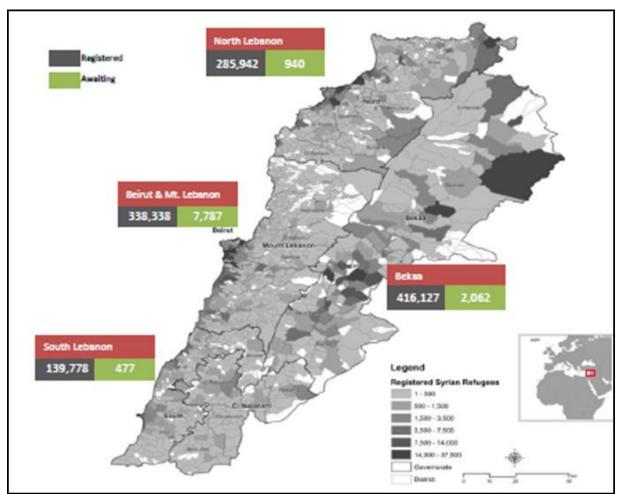




- Cumulative number of Syrian refugees registered with UNHCR: 1,183,327 (up to 7 May 2015)
- 53% are less than 17 years old

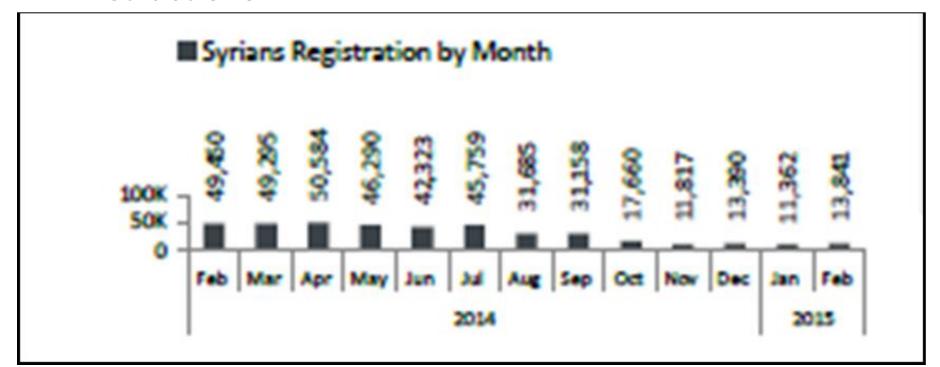


Distributed all over Lebanon



http://data.unhcr.org/syrianrefugees/documents.php?page=1&view=grid&Country[]=122 &Search=%23registration%23

- Registration of refugees dropped in October 2014 due to restrictions on border-crossings
- As of May 6, new registration has temporarily suspended as per Government of Lebanon's instructions



- Immunization Response:
  - Coordination between MOPH, WHO, Unicef, NGOs

 NGOs running medical mobile clinics to reach refugees in remote areas

## Refugees: Immunization Response

#### Measles, vitamin A and polio

- Nationwide campaigns for children up to the age of 18 for measles and vitamin A supplementation
- Polio campaigns for children under five years of age.

#### Vaccination against tetanus toxoid

- Women of reproductive age
- Through primary healthcare centers and mobile medical clinics.

# Enhance routine vaccinations against preventable diseases.

- Especially for children under the age of 2
- The campaign covers: hepatitis B, BCG, tetanus, influenza B, diphtheria, pertussis, polio, measles, mumps and rubella.

## Refugees: Immunization Response

- Immunization campaigns for polio, measles, and vitamin A:
  - Covering all of Lebanon
  - Door-to-door campaigns in some areas
  - Campaigns in schools, in informal tented settlements and collective shelters, at UNHCR registration centers and in Palestinian camps.

# Refugees: Immunization Responseongoing

- Vaccination at official border crossings and UNHCR registration centers
  - Oral polio vaccines for all new arrivals
  - Measles vaccine for children 9 months-18 years
  - Vitamin A supplementation: 6months- 18 years

 Vaccination of any child found to be unvaccinated by the mobile medical teams.

- Registered workers at the Ministry of Labor in 2014: 198,445
  - New arrivals in 2014: 43,284
  - New arrivals in 2013: 40,981
  - New arrivals in 2012: 53,423
- Different nationalities mainly from Ethiopia, Bangladesh In addition to other nationalities: Sirilanka, Kenya, India, Philippines, Nepal, Sudan...

- Screening for infectious diseases
  - Laboratory tests required for registration:
    - Tuberculosis
    - Syphilis
    - Malaria
    - HIV
    - Hepatitis B
  - An additional test for workers coming from Egypt and Sudan:
    - Bilharzia

# Thank you