

The number of Syrian refugees in the region rose to 5.26 million at the end of September 2017. There are now over 3.2 million Syrian refugees registered refugees in Turkey, over 1 million in Lebanon, some 650,000 in Jordan, almost 245,000 in Iraq and above 120,000 in Egypt, indicating the generosity of host countries across the region. Highlights of the Protection Sector across the region in September include:

In **Egypt**, structured and sustained psycho-social support (PSS) and child protection programmes were extended to a total of 1,878 children, adolescents and youth. Multi-sectoral case management services assisted 573 children, adolescents and youth. The number of newly registered Syrian unaccompanied children continues to rise, standing now at 36. During the reporting period, 3RP partners continued to focus on prevention and response to sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) incidents. 31 Syrian SGBV survivors were identified and received multi-sectoral response services, including quality individual case management, access to emergency medical care, psychosocial counselling and legal assistance. In **Iraq**, a total of 726 household-level protection assessments were conducted for 2,608 Syrian refugees resulting in referrals, including multipurpose cash assistance for 381 cases, winterization kits for 90 cases, legal assistance for 58 cases and registration for 105 cases. In **Jordan**, the protection working group finalized renewed key advocacy messages on protection priorities, including respect for the principle of non-refoulement, documentation needs in Jordan, improving conditions in Azraq camp and ensuring provision of humanitarian assistance.

