



CONFLICT AND HEALTH

Syria's Refugee Crisis

WAYS IN WHICH CONFLICT HAS AFFECTED THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING OF SYRIAN CHILDREN

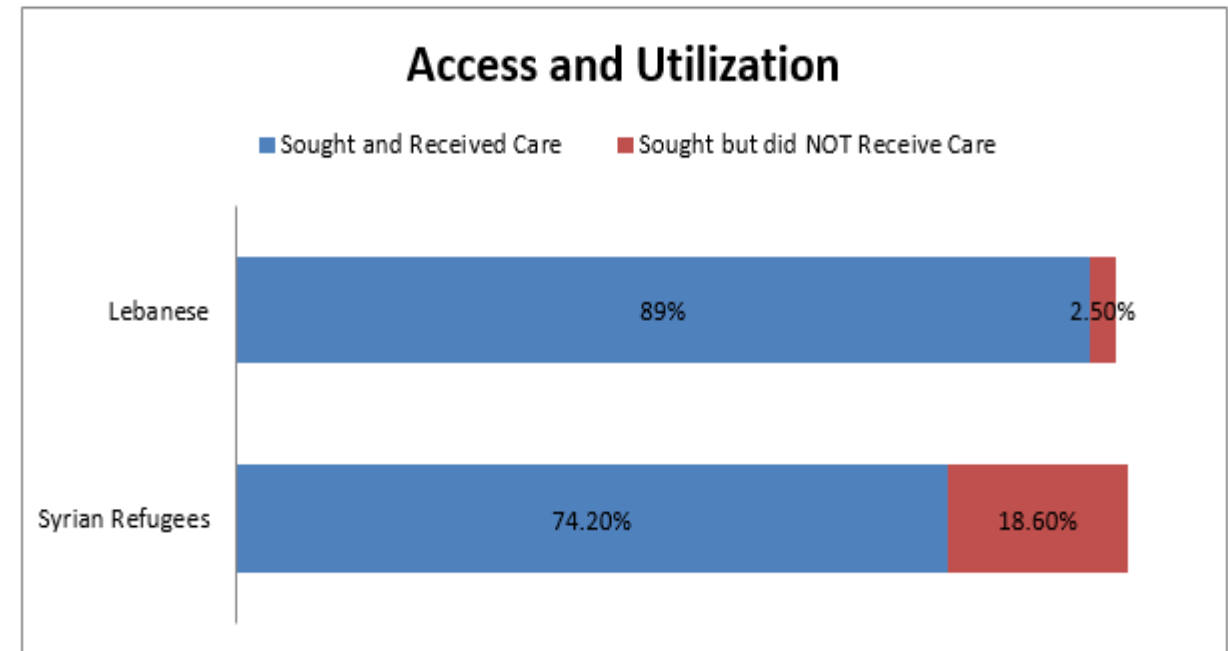
1. Increase in mortality and morbidity, ex through increased vulnerability to infectious disease from crowded and unsanitary living conditions.
2. Risk of separation, sexual violence, recruitment into armed forces.
3. Higher risk of malnutrition during conflict.
4. Long-term psychosocial disability.

VACCINATION AND INFECTIOUS DISEASES - SYRIA

- ❑ Vaccination coverage in Syria dropped from 91% in 2010 to as low as 45% in some regions by 2013.
- ❑ Of the 1.8 million Syrian children born since the crisis, over 50% unvaccinated.
- ❑ 36 cases of polio been officially reported in Syria after 15 years of eradication.
- ❑ Measles outbreaks throughout Syria with over 7,000 confirmed cases

SOME CHILD HEALTH INDICATORS — REFUGEES IN LEBANON

- ❖ **Immunization against Measles with card or recall (9-59 months):** 28.5% - Target of $\geq 90\%$; sphere recommends 95%
- ❖ **Number of Measles cases:** 228 cases under 5 in 2013
- ❖ **Number of Leishmaniasis cases:** 96.6% of all cases among Syrian refugees - 998 Syrian refugees confirmed cases of which 241 are children under 5. (52,982 confirmed cases in Syria in 2012)
- ❖ **Vitamin A supplementation:** 5.6% (Bekaa 4.4% ;North: 7.2%) -Target of $\geq 95\%$
- ❖ **Exclusive Breastfeeding < 6 months:** 25.0% (42.6% in pre-war Syria)
- ❖ **Total Anemia prevalence among children from 6 to 59 months of age:** 21.0%;



SOME CHILD HEALTH INDICATORS —REFUGEES IN JORDAN

- ❖ **Prevalence of anemia among children 6-59 months in camp:** 48.4% in camp ; in host communities is 44.8%.
- ❖ **Measles vaccination coverage:** 82% in 2015
- ❖ **Vitamin A supplementation coverage:** 75%
- ❖ **Polio coverage:** only 2.2% receiving all four doses in host communities; 18.6% in camp
- ❖ **Exclusive breastfeeding up to 6 months:** 46.4% in camps and 36% in host communities.

CHILD MARRIAGE

- Child marriage occurred before the crisis but has been exacerbated by conflict and displacement.
- Anecdotally, Syrian families in Irbid often reported lacking economic opportunities, religious teachings and fear from sexual violence as reasons.
- Many of them are marrying older men.
Spousal Gap:
 - 16% married men 15 years older than themselves;
 - 32% married men 10 to 14 years older; and
 - 37% married men 5 to 9 years older.

