The NRC Education Programme seeks to support refugee and displaced children and youth to achieve their full potential and enjoy their right to education.

There are 488,832 school-aged Syrian refugee children between the ages of 3 and 18 living in Lebanon that are registered with UNHCR and an estimated tens of thousands more that are not registered.

At the 2016 London Conference the Government of Lebanon announced its intention to register all refugee children aged 3-18 into education programmes. As a result of those commitments, the number of refugee children in the public-school system has significantly increased. There are 202,259 Syrian children enrolled in public schools for the 2016-2017 academic year. However, there are an estimated 286,573 refugee children that are not in school in Lebanon.

In order to meet the expansion in capacity needed, the Government adopted a 2-shift classroom system, whereby classes are held in morning and afternoon/evening shifts in the same classrooms. The morning shift is predominantly for Lebanese students and the afternoon/evening shift predominantly for Syrian students. While enrollment numbers for Syrian children have increased, the two-shift approach is problematic (see inset).

Refugee youths are one of the most vulnerable populations in Lebanon and family economic pressures are increasingly resulting in children leaving school to work. Over 80% of Syrian children aged 15-17 are not currently enrolled in school.

Palestine Refugee children continue to live in the same critical conditions which were prevailing prior to the Syria crisis. These conditions have been exacerbated by the arrival of Palestine Refugees from Syria, government restrictions, and the limited capacity of UNRWA to respond to a growing refugee population.
NRC’S APPROACH TO EDUCATION

NRC is addressing the needs of Syrian children and youth who are unable or not ready to enter the formal education system by providing quality, accessible, age and level appropriate non-formal education. NRC also provides a number of interventions for Palestinian children, working alongside UNRWA in providing education in Palestine Refugee camps.

School Readiness
Condensed Kindergarten curriculum to prepare pre-school aged children to enter grade 1.

Basic Literacy and Numeracy
Classes for school-aged children who have never been in school or do not have the required basic learning skills to attain basic literacy and numeracy skills that will allow them to either attend Accelerated Learning Programmes or to enrol in formal schools.

Learning Support
Learning support in public schools and NRC learning centres to support retention and minimize the risk of dropping out through helping students enrolled in formal education to meet the requirements of the Lebanese system.

Summer Programme
Two-month age and level-appropriate Non Formal Education summer programmes.

Youth Education Pack
Training courses for youth combining language classes, basic vocational skills and life skills.

Outreach and Community Mobilization
Supporting enrollment of out-of-school children through the Back to School campaign and Accelerated Learning Programme cycles. Parents and children in refugee communities are informed about enrollment opportunities through community awareness sessions.

Parents’ Engagement
Awareness sessions and Parents Community Groups’ activities to increase participation in children’s education.

Strengthening of Education Personnel
Training for teachers on adopting inclusive and child-centred approaches to teaching and psycho-social support skills.

EDUCATION PROGRAMME REACH IN 2016

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EDUCATION FOR PALESTINIAN REFUGEES

NRC provides support to UNRWA’s Education Reform Strategy for students in Palestinian refugee camps. Programming includes:

- Teacher training
- Summer camps
- Retention support for students at risk of dropping out
- Child and parent engagement
- Forming Parent-Teacher Associations
- Learning through sports and leisure
- School newsletters