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## Background

NRC's Education programme seeks to support refugee, displaced, and host community children and youth enjoy their right to education and achieve their full potential. Due to the protracted Syrian refugee crisis in Lebanon, there are 666,491 school-aged Syrian refugee children between the ages of 3 and 18, with 58% out of formal education. 48% are out of any form of certified education.

Refugee youth are one of the most vulnerable populations in Lebanon. Family economic pressures are increasingly resulting in children leaving school to work. Over 84% of refugee youth aged 15-17 are not currently enrolled in any form of public education.

There are 57,506 Palestinian refugees between the ages of 6 and 18 living in Lebanon. Palestinian 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 Palestinian refugees from Syria, government restrictions, and the limited capacity to respond to a growing refugee population due to underfunded education programmes.

## Education Programme Reach in 2018

5,682	Out of school children enrolled in non-formal education classes
3,311	Syrian refugee children enrolled in second shift public schools attending NRC remedial classes
5,743	Children referred to public school as a result of NRC community outreach efforts
700	Youth enrolled in Youth Education Programme
9	Schools rehabilitated
1,705	Children benefiting from school rehabilitation
2,496	Parents benefitting from education awareness raising sessions
4,640	Education kits distributed
1,780	Children receiving transportation support to schools
240	Teachers trained
1,522	Palestinian refugee children enrolled in UNRWA schools attending NRC remedial classes
5,680	Children benefitting from classroom based psycho-social support activities

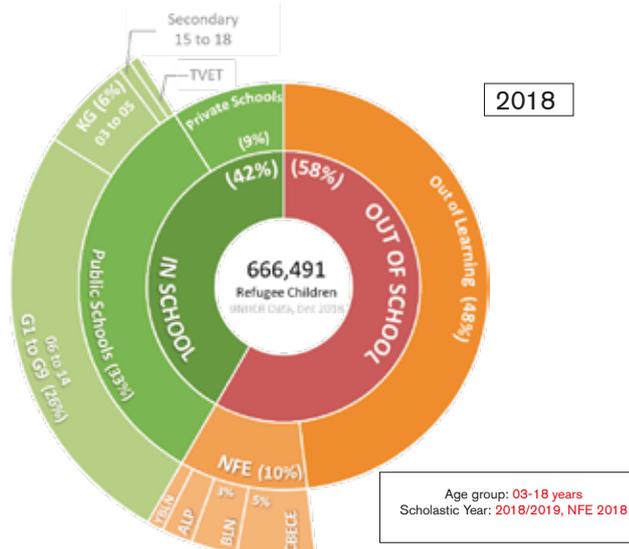


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## NRC Lebanon Education Response

NRC addresses 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 Palestinian refugee camps.

**Community-Based Early Childhood Education:** 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 literacy and numeracy skills that will allow them to enrol in formal schools.

**Learning Support:** Learning support in public and UNRWA schools to support retention and minimize the risk of dropping out through helping students meet the requirements of the Lebanese system.

**Summer Programme:** Two-month age and level-appropriate non-formal education summer programmes in public and UNRWA schools.

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

**Outreach and Community Mobilization:** Parents and children in refugee communities are informed about enrolment opportunities through community awareness sessions and household visits.

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

**Strengthening of Education Personnel:** Training for NRC educators and UNRWA teachers on inclusive and child-centred approaches to teaching and psychosocial support.



## 2019 Strategic Focus

The NRC Lebanon Education programme will focus on the following key priorities for 2019:

- **Enhancing the quality non-formal education:** NRC will build on evidence, good practices, and lessons learnt to continuously enhance its technical support for educators to address the needs of out-of-school children and support their transition into certified, formal education.
- **Expanding relevant out-of-school youth programme:** To support this expansion, NRC will establish partnerships with local Community Service Organisations with complimentary technical expertise and geographical reach beyond NRC's areas of operations.
- **Strengthening the formal education system through the institutionalisation of the Better Learning Programme:** NRC and the University of Tromsø in Norway collaborate with the Ministry of Education and Higher Education and UNRWA to identify how the Better Learning Programme, an evidence-based psychosocial support programme, can be further adapted to meet the needs of Lebanese, Syrian, and Palestinian students in formal school settings.

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