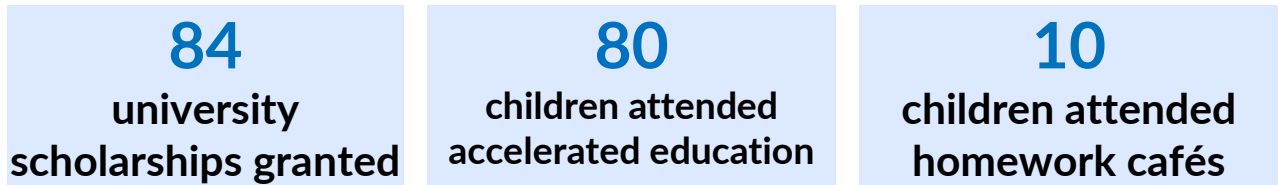


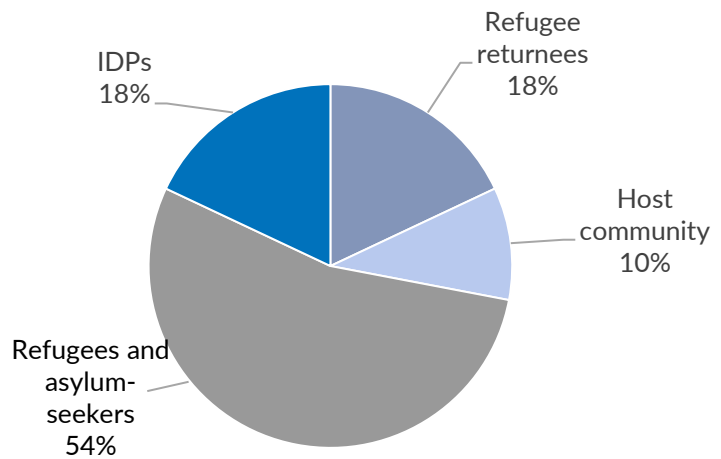
Education in Syria

January – March 2023

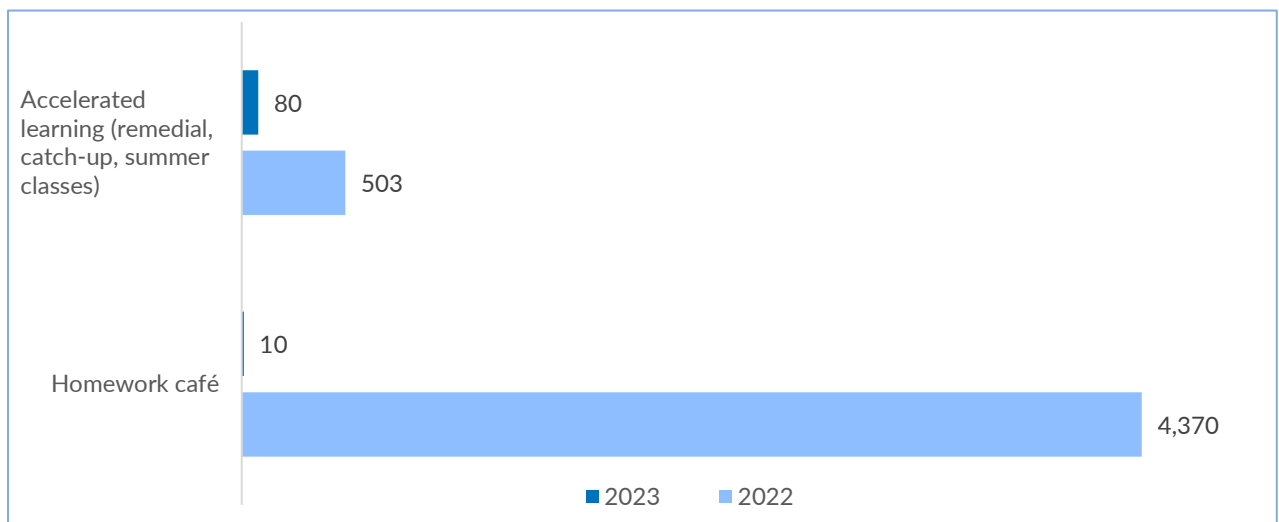


174 people received education services

Population groups benefitting from services



Services provided



The majority of partners did not implement education activities during Q1 as the PPAs have not been signed with UNHCR. Consequently, Program Unit could not transfer any budget to partners in order to start with the activities.

Context

The negative impact of the crisis in Syria on the protection and well-being of internally displaced, returnee, host community and refugee children is significant. Access to and quality of education is severely limited across the country, with many schools destroyed and a severe shortage of teachers. The damage to schools has resulted in an acute need for additional learning spaces throughout the country for children from the refugee, internally displaced, returnee and host communities.

The two devastating earthquakes have widened the education needs and placed additional challenges for children in accessing education. According to the Ministry of Education (MoE), **2,288** schools were damaged due to the earthquakes, mainly in Latakia, Aleppo, and Tartous governorates. Out of which, **188** schools were out of service as of 24 February.

Accelerated learning programmes (remedial, catch-up, summer classes)

This programme supports refugee, IDP and returnee children prepare mid-year and final exams. The accelerated learning programmes also support out-of-school children to re-enroll them into the formal education system. In the first quarter of 2023, **80** children attended accelerated education programmes. These UNHCR funded activities provided learning support to displaced and returned students who are behind their counterparts in school performance and enhanced the enrolment of out of school children to quality primary and secondary education.

Homework cafés

UNHCR provides remedial classes and facilitates homework cafés to children visiting community centres. In the first quarter of 2023, **10** children attended homework café activities with teachers assisting them in completing their homework.

Earthquake response

The devastating earthquake has created gaps leading to children drop out and a setback in learning. According to MoE an estimated **2,288** schools were damaged mainly in Latakia and Aleppo governorates. MoE reported that **113** schools are used as collective shelters as of 24 February.

Responding to the request of MoE to rehabilitate the damaged schools, UNHCR will rehabilitate 3 schools affected by the earthquakes under Bahrian fund to ensure continuity of education for children. The rehabilitation is underway.