



United Nations Country Team in Turkey Daily Situation Report on the Situation Pertaining to Syria

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Latest Official figures announced by the Government of Turkey on August 13, 2012

More information on: www.afetacil.gov.tr/

Official Total Camp Population in Turkey: 59,710

source of information: www.afetacil.gov.tr/

Unofficial Figure is over 60,000 in Turkey

With the arrival of 4,116 and return of 35 persons on 11-13 August 2012. source: www.afetacil.gov.tr/

Highlights

- The upwards trend of new arrivals continues. According to official figures, in August the overall population of Syrians under temporary protection has increased in 36%. During the last four days, close to 10,000 persons arrived to Turkey bringing the population close to 60,000 persons.
- Authorities informed that, due to shortage of capacity in the existing camps, as today there are about 8,000 people accommodated temporarily in the boarding schools in Kilis, Gaziantep, Osmaniye, Kahramanmaraş and Adana. Reportedly the camp in Karkamış/Gaziantep is expected to be open by end of August and Osmaniye during September. Therefore until the new sites are operational, the Government is planning to accommodate new arrivals to temporary shelters (schools and dormitories etc.) in various cities in Turkey. Reportedly apart from those under temporary protection, there are about 20,000 Syrians living in private accommodations - (10,000 in Hatay, 4,500 in Kilis and the rest are in other cities mainly in Istanbul.)
- Until the temporary place is found to accommodate new arrivals, the Government is providing basic assistance (food/water etc) at the border. Reportedly, the Turkish Red Crescent has already set up a warehouse at Kilis border and is ready to provide food assistance across the border through the Syrian Red Crescent. Government authorities have also confirmed that this measure will not affect the "open border policy" and those seeking international protection will be admitted and referred to sites and temporary shelters.

