

Syria Crisis Weekly Humanitarian Situation Report Turkey Date: 06 September 2012

TURKEY

Highlights

- The number of Syrians awaiting admission into Turkey is estimated at around 8,000. Admissions have been slowed down due to security concerns.
- Syrian refugees are sheltered in regional boarding schools, dormitories and gymnasiums, awaiting placement in camps. This is raising public concern as the school year starts on 17 September; therefore priority for placement in the newly opened camps is given to Syrian families accommodated in regional boarding schools.

Situation Overview and Humanitarian Needs:

Estimated Affected Population (Estimates based on initial figures from UNHCR Portal, 6 September 2012)			
	Total	Male	Female
Total Affected Population	80,410	42,617	37,793
Children Affected (Under 18)	39,401	20,103	19,298

There are currently 80,410 registered Syrian refugees in Turkey, housed in eight tent cities and a container city established by the Turkish Government. Based on local authority reports, it is estimated that children represent between 50-56 per cent of the overall Syrian population. The number of Syrians awaiting admission into Turkey is estimated at around 8,000. Turkish authorities have stated that although the borders with Syria are not closed, admissions have been slowed down due to security concerns as many people are traveling back and forth across the border. Refugees across the border are also provided with humanitarian assistance by the Turkish Government. Plans to establish tent cities in Gaziantep, Karkamis, Nizip, Kahramanmaras city centre, and Osmaniye-Cevdediye are underway. The camp in Kahramanmaras has started receiving people, and the camp in Karkamis has already received 4,700 people and can accommodate a further 3,300.

Inter-Agency Collaboration and Partnerships: UNICEF, through the UN Country Team (UNCT), is closely following the situation of Syrian children and women waiting at the Turkish/Syrian border. Led by UNHCR, UN agencies are preparing the third version of the Regional Response Plan (RRP).

Programme response: Apart from camp centres, Syrian families are also being sheltered in regional boarding schools, dormitories and gymnasiums in different cities around Turkey, while tent cities are being established. The hosting of Syrians in education institutions is causing public concern as the new school year will start on 17 September. According to local officials, priority for placement in the newly opened camps is given to Syrian families accommodated in regional boarding schools.

UNICEF is monitoring the situation of children in refugee camps run by the Government of Turkey through the UN. UNICEF Turkey plans to reach some 22,500 Syrian children with key interventions in education and child protection. The supplies to support these activities have been procured and are being distributed in the camps by the Turkish Red Crescent.

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