

TARGETS



Up to **3.5 million** Syrians may seek safety outside their country of origin



100% refugees registered with competent authorities



Up to **100,000** Syrians provided with legal counseling and information



100% of unaccompanied minors identified and assisted through Best Interest Determination processes



100% of SGBV survivors and those at risk of SGBV identified and assisted



Training provided to officials and other stakeholders on protection principles



338.8 million USD required

NEEDS

Ensuring access to asylum and to UNHCR or Government registration remains a key challenge which involves actively advocating for the implementation of protection-sensitive national entry policies and appropriate screening of incomers by Governments as necessary. Given the high volume and rate of arrivals in countries in the immediate region and the significant demands upon registration resources, achieving an appropriate balance between the need to accelerate registration processing and the need to gather and record information with a focus on vulnerabilities that will be required to support other protection activities and objectives, including resettlement, remains crucial.

More than half the refugees fleeing Syria are children. Child protection actors throughout the region paint a picture of children traumatized by the conflict in Syria. Identifying high risk children in need of urgent protection interventions is prioritized by country operations. Some of the the most urgent concerns for the protection of refugee children are child labour and exploitation, child marriage and recruitment.

A range of factors including separated families, poverty and shelter needs contribute to an increased risk of SGBV for refugees. This Regional Response Plan lays out SGBV prevention and response programmes through a multi-sectoral approach that builds on community outreach, particularly targeting women and children as they are disproportionately affected by SGBV. The specific areas of concern addressed under SGBV programing include trafficking, forced/early marriage, domestic violence, and sexual

KEY OCTOBER DEVELOPMENTS

In **Lebanon**, UNHCR increased its observation presence at the border and continues to work with the GSO and MOSA to ensure that those with protection and assistance needs have access to the Lebanese territory. The network of refugee outreach volunteers was expanded to reinforce identification of persons with specific needs and referral to available services. Some 76 UNHCR staff were trained to enhance identification and referral of children exposed to high risks, while training of social workers in various child protection organizations was initiated to improve case management. UNICEF and ABAAD released the findings of their research on Impact of GBV on Boys And Male Youth among Syrian and Palestine Refugees from Syria in Lebanon in partnership with Universite de La Sagesse.

In **Jordan**, three town hall Meetings were organized during October informing 1,500 persons on available services (registration, health, cash assistance, etc) and providing individual counselling. A training session on the IASC Gender Marker was organized by the working group on gender-based violence. Some 3,810 children participated in Global Hand Washing Day activities in 36 Child Friendly Spaces in Zaatari camp. A new Help Desk was established in Karak by UNHCR in association with the Princess Basma Centre. More than 4,200 Syrians were provided with information on and referrals to protection and assistance services.

The Government of **Turkey** (GoT) is the provider of first response and manages the registration, identification and response mechanisms for the protection of Syrian refugees. Registration of Syrian refugees under the supervision of the Ministry of Interior continued, with the new registration system using biometric information. Voluntary return interviews of 929 cases were observed by UNHCR during October. A youth committee comprising of 14 refugees has been established in Midyat camp, while child-friendly spaces have been established in 17 camps. Since the deployment of trained youth workers to the camps, 11,927 children have participated in activities in the child friendly spaces, with approximately 5,000 participating regularly each week. Youth volunteers have been mobilised to initiate and manage activities with other youth and children. Transportation of medical referrals and transfers into markets and towns continued, with a total of 2,154 persons assisted during October.

In **Iraq**, improvements have been made and services added in additional permanent camps in the Kurdistan Region. Refugees have been assisted to move from transit locations to the new camps and some transit locations were closed. Apart from some individual cases of family reunion, the main border crossing points into the Kurdistan Region remain closed since 14 September.

On 11 October, a boat that had set out from Alexandria, **Egypt**, with 130 passengers (of whom 40 were Syrian) sank. 14 died in the shipwreck, including six children. The 116 survivors, including 44 children, were held in detention facilities in Alexandria, and were directed by authorities to depart the country at their own expense to exit detention. UNHCR started implementing an emergency strategy to deal with the issue of arrests, administrative detention. A Quick Impact Project was initiated to promote coexistence between Syrian refugees and host communities.

ACHIEVEMENTS



2.1 million Syrians registered (106, 424 in October)



305,600 children reached through psychosocial support



9,600 cases of identified UAM and CR assisted



3,950 responses and actions related to SGBV cases



30,900 individuals with special needs or persons at risk supported



143 safe space environments provided to refugee communities



9,650 persons benefited from training sessions delivered to counterpart & partner agencies



124,000 persons reached through legal counseling, awareness raising activities and information sharing with communities



7,900 persons reached through community based mine awareness raising

