

Continued increase in school enrolments

JANUARY HIGHLIGHTS:

On 15 January 2016 the government of Turkey issued a regulation that facilitates Syrians' legal access to the labour market. This is a significant development for the education sector and will open new opportunities for vocational education and skills development. As more Syrians gain access to the labour market, it is expected that the demand for Turkish language programmes for adults will increase. The regulation also stipulates that teachers will be able to apply for work permits, within the regulatory framework determined by the Ministry of National Education. Both UNHCR and UNICEF will work closely with the Ministry during the development of this framework. The new regulation also will also provide opportunities for Syrian academics to be employed by Turkish universities.

According to the Ministry of National Education, an estimated 310,000 Syrian children are now enrolled in schools and temporary education centres across the country– representing a 44% increase over the end of the last school year in June 2015. Of these, nearly 200,000 children are enrolled in UNICEF-supported Temporary Education Centers (TECs) and double-shifted schools in camps and host communities.

In partnership with MoNE and the Turkish Post Office (PTT), UNICEF has increased the number of Syrian volunteer teachers receiving monthly incentives to 9,550 – almost achieving the sector target for 2016, and improving the quality of education for nearly 200,000 Syrian children.

IOM provided subsidised school transportation to 3868 children in January.



Sector Response Summary:



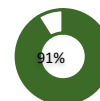
928,800 Refugees & Local Community Members targeted for assistance by end of 2016, 324,680 assisted in 2016.



Syrian Refugees in TURKEY:



2,750,000 Syrian Refugees expected by end-2016, 2,503,500 currently registered or awaiting registration.



3RP Overall Funding Status:



USD 117.4 million required in 2016, USD 1.6 million received in 2016.



NEEDS ANALYSIS:

The national legislative framework supports the right of refugee children and youth to have free access to schooling, and the Government of Turkey has facilitated refugees' access to skills training and higher education. All activities in the sector are implemented in close collaboration with the Government of Turkey.

Increasing access: Increased provision of educational places (through the establishment of additional temporary education centres and promoting greater participation in national schools) remains a priority and will take place within the regulatory framework established by the Ministry of National Education. This will be complemented by policy support, enhancing information management systems to effectively report on refugee participation; refurbishment of infrastructure and assistance to strengthen coordination of the refugee response.

Access to education and training for youth through non-formal education, technical training programmes and access to higher education is also a priority within the sector.

Enhancing quality: The education strategy includes ongoing efforts to increase the quality of education. A key element of this is the payment of financial incentives to volunteer refugee teachers. There is also a need for quality teaching support materials in many schools and stationery for children. Language support programmes are needed to ensure effective academic integration into national schools, training centres and universities.

TURKEY RESPONSE INDICATORS: JANUARY - JANUARY 2016

	Progress	Planned Response, by end-2016
310,000 # of Syrian refugee children enrolled in schools (Grades 1-12)	78%	400,000
10 # of schools hosting refugees that are constructed, renovated or refurbished	6%	180
2,422 # of refugee children participating in informal and nonformal education programmes	5%	50,000
116 # of persons participating in vocational training programmes		6,500
70 # of persons awarded higher education scholarships	28%	250
2,525 # of Syrian men and women who are participating in language programmes		402,000
# of children provided with learning support materials		400,000
# of schools provided with teaching materials		175
# of Syrian volunteer and Turkish teachers trained		11,000
9,550 # of volunteer teachers receiving regular incentives	96%	10,000
3,868 # of children benefitting from subsidised school transportation services	39%	10,000