

2,749,140 registered Syrian refugees by end April 2016

APRIL HIGHLIGHTS:

Registration of camp and non-camp Syrian refugees continued to take place during the reporting period under the supervision of Ministry of Interior - Directorate General of Migration Management. 2,749,140 Syrians were registered within the reporting period, out of which 270,380 are residing in camps and 2,478,760 residing in non-camp areas.

UNHCR's protection staff assisted 115 Syrians through the Syrian phone counselling in the month of April. Identification of persons with specific needs continued through UNHCR outreach and partner activities. Survivors of SGBV, LGBTI, persons with disabilities as well as children at risk were provided targeted assistance. Additionally, a total of 2,806 Syrian individuals were submitted for resettlement to third countries.

In April, UNHCR continued to train government counterparts and relevant stakeholders including NGOs, bar associations and refugees. A total of 199 individuals were trained on international and temporary protection principles while 130 individuals were trained specifically on SGBV and 28 on child protection. 25 members of the urban women's refugee committee members in Kahramanmaraş were also trained on international and temporary protection.

Refugee Outreach Volunteers (RoV) programme supported by UNHCR in 2016 have been initiated in Ankara, Mersin, Isparta, Nigde, Batman, Sanliurfa, Bursa, Istanbul and Sakarya provinces through various implementing partners.

In April 2016, IOM assisted 90 cases, assisting 334 individuals. So far since the beginning of the year, 181 cases, comprising of 632 persons have been supported. Material assistance within the scope of ECM (Emergency Case Management) is provided to the most vulnerable cases to enable individuals have access to their rights and find long term solutions to their urgent needs. IOM continues supporting two community centers, IBC in Istanbul and SSG in Antakya. As part of building capacity of partners that provide multiservice assistance through community centres, IOM provided Psycho-social training to 14 NGO participants on using different 'Art Therapy methods' and creative mediums such as drama, puppets, drawing, story writing and storytelling to help the expression of affected refugees as well as in improving the communication environment for beneficiaries.

UNFPA launched a new Youth Center in cooperation with CVF (Community Volunteers Foundation) in April, at Diyarbakir.

In April, UNICEF expanded and strengthened the child protection response in Turkey through the establishment of the "My Happiness Child and Family Centre" in Gaziantep. The centre, which is operated by a national NGO partner, offers structured psychosocial support (PSS) programmes, recreational activities and specialized child protection services to marginalized children, adolescents and youth, with a focus on those out of school and engaged in labour. 5,250 children (2,853 girls, 2,397 boys) benefitted from regular, structured PSS activities in Child Friendly Spaces (CFS) and Adolescent Friendly Spaces in 23 camps and 4 host communities; an additional 343 children (176 girls, 167 boys) were reached with PSS activities provided by 2 mobile units deployed to the southern provinces of Şanlıurfa and Hatay. UNICEF has now trained 562 individuals on child protection, exceeding its 2016 target by over 40%.

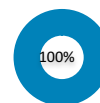


IOM - Recreational activities at IBC Istanbul

Sector Response Summary:



2,750,000 Refugees & Local Community Members targeted for assistance by end of 2016, 2,749,140 assisted in 2016.



Syrian Refugees in TURKEY:



2,750,000 Syrian Refugees expected by end-2016, 2,749,100 currently registered or awaiting registration.



3RP Overall Funding Status:



USD 110.9 million required in 2016, USD 9.5 million received in 2016.



NEEDS ANALYSIS:

Strengthening of a protection-sensitive registration system through verification activities carried out by the Government of Turkey remains as a key need and priority for 3RP partners. UNHCR continues to work closely with the authorities in support of establishing this systematic registration/verification mechanism for the identification of specific needs to ensure protection needs of refugees are met effectively.

In response to the need to empower communities, local NGOs and other partners and national institutions; promotion of self-reliance through development of meaningful skills for refugees as well as a focus on strengthening social cohesion and community stability in both refugee and host communities is prioritized. As such, effective coordination between different sectors including livelihoods and education is key.

3RP Partners continue to collaborate with the Government of Turkey in order to facilitate the creation of more outreach centers, strengthen refugee outreach volunteer networks and support community self-management, representation and leadership. These community assets are key to provide and facilitate preventative as well as comprehensive and holistic responsive protection activities relating to SGBV, child protection and persons with special needs. Community structures additionally play an important role in strengthening access to information through information dissemination in order to address the identified needs to ensure refugees' awareness of their rights, obligations, and ways to access protection.

Despite the protracted nature of the Syrian crisis, psychosocial support needs of refugees continue to be prioritized while 3RP partners continue to work towards enhancing existing mechanisms for the identification of refugees in need, and through strengthened support to relevant national institutions to expand psychosocial services.

3RP partners engage with all relevant Government interlocutors to strengthen and facilitate access to justice, remedies and legal assistance under national law for all refugees, in particular women and children at risk. Formal national Best Interest Determination (BID) procedures for especially unaccompanied children, as well as key protection issues including child labor and early marriages continue to be main protection areas of focus.

TURKEY RESPONSE INDICATORS: JANUARY - APRIL 2016

