



NFI distribution continued in the camps and urban areas during the months of August/September. The physical distribution of the cash vouchers continued.

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER HIGHLIGHTS:

IOM continued to provide transfers from camp to market place enabling Refugees to purchase all necessary items not available at camps and health facilities where they can receive medical assistance. In total of 1260 Syrians benefited from the transportation services provided by IOM during the month of August and September. In August, as requested by UNHCR, 149 Syrian refugees were transported from Harran-Akçakale-Ceylanpinar Camps to Mardin City Center for registration issue. In addition, five students between the ages of 16 to 24, and an AFAD official from the Adiyaman camp were provided transportation to travel to Ankara in August, to follow up paper work with the Ministry of National Education. The transportation assistances were facilitated by the IOM Turkey operation and Adiyaman field staff.

IOM resumed the distribution of hygiene kits in Suruc in Hürriyet Demokrasi, Yıldırım, Baris, Aligor and Yenishair neighborhoods. The total number of hygiene kits distributed during the months of August and September reached 2197 kits. Additionally, approximately 552 households (2,760 individuals) received coupons to purchase hygiene items.

IOM also distributed 28 adult diapers in August along with other 999 NFI items including adult diapers in villages surrounding Kirikhan.

During the reporting period of August and September, UNHCR delivered 2,500 medium thermal blankets, 9,500 sleeping mats, 15,500 foam mattresses and 2,000 kitchen sets and 700 stoves in camp and urban areas. Additionally, 1,800 lightweight tents and 10 family tents were distributed in Islahiye I and Ceylanpinar Camps respectively. 500 hygiene parcels and 10,000 sanitary napkins were distributed in urban areas.

Regarding cash/voucher assistance, UNHCR Turkey continues with the same implementation modalities that have been used in 2014 through provision of multi-purpose vouchers as cash assistance to Syrian refugees through two partners: Support to Life (STL) and International Medical Corps (IMC). Discussions are on-going with all partners for a possible expansion of the Cash-Based Initiatives in Turkey supported by UNHCR, with a particular focus on the upcoming winterization needs of urban refugees.

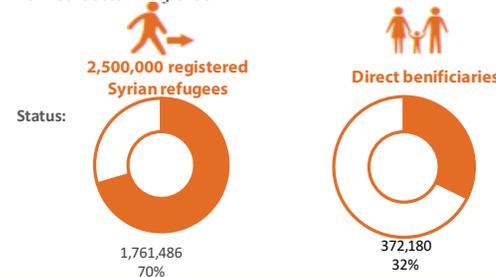
STL distributed multi-purpose cash vouchers to 418 households in Narlica and 523 households in Hatay. Each family was provided 1 card irrespective of family size. IMC continued the distribution of one-time cash-vouchers in Gaziantep (976 households / 2,122 vouchers), Adana (271 households / 651 vouchers) and Istanbul (856 households / 2,270 vouchers) thus reaching a total distribution figure of 5,043 vouchers (2,103 households) in August and September 2015.



Syrian refugees are provided with core-relief items including cooking facilities, cupboards, blankets, heaters. @Argun, UNHCR

Key Figures:

Planned Sector Response:



NEEDS ANALYSIS:

In 2015 and 2016, the focus from the international community will be to support the Government in maintaining appropriate conditions in the camps and in ensuring sustainability of the interventions. Although the total number of people in camps remains fairly stable, new arrivals are transferred whenever space becomes available. As most of refugees have lived in the camps for over two years, maintenance and improvement of services remain critical. The Government estimates that 2.1 million refugees will be living within communities by the end of 2015. The vast majority of them have exhausted their resources while struggling to make ends meet. Therefore, there is a need to provide support to the most vulnerable refugees, who will be identified according to comprehensive and protection sensitive criteria, ensuring equitable access for all refugees to available support.

The main priorities in the basic needs sector include:

- Bedding, kitchen sets and hygiene materials in particular in camps and for new arrivals in communities through systematic standard operating procedures, ensuring equitable access for all groups;
- Shelter and NFIs to meet the needs of vulnerable persons, based on referral from local authorities and partners, whose capacity will be built to identify vulnerabilities according to comprehensive criteria and standard operating procedures, ensuring equitable access;
- The increase of cash-based assistance in partnership with the authorities and partners and the identification of the most vulnerable persons of concern;
- The provision of support to the Government in providing shelter solutions (in and outside of camps);
- The provision of winter clothes for newly arriving Syrian refugees; The maintenance of WASH services in the camps and technical support to the municipalities to enhance these services in urban areas;
- The personal hygiene needs of women and girls;
- The increase of local service delivery capacity for Syrians and host communities.

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