



NFI distribution continued in the outlying areas surrounding Suruc during the month of May. WASH containers and items to support disabled Syrians were delivered to the camps.

MAY HIGHLIGHTS:

During the month of May, aiming to strengthen the ties and have a better understanding of the current service delivery scope thus set an adequate kit distribution plan, UNFPA Humanitarian Team, led by the Humanitarian Officer have conducted a visit to Suruc District Governorate, Suruc Hospital, Provincial Public Health Directorate and Directorate of State Hospital Associations. The visit focused on enhancing collaboration and identifying plans for the distribution of RH kits in the upcoming periods.

IOM continued supporting 3,980 individuals living in Kirikhan in Hatay province through the provision of vouchers, through its implementing partner. IOM also provided transportation assistance to 593 Syrians refugees to reach market area in Adiyaman, enabling them to purchase necessary items that are not available in the camp facilities. In Mardin, 390 Syrians refugees were also provided with transposition, to move between camps in the province.

During the reporting period, UNHCR delivered 225 items consisting of elbow crutches, wheelchairs and walking frames, to 10 camp locations. UNHCR also delivered winterization items (HT blankets, winter clothing sets consisting of thermal tops, bottoms and anoraks and foam mattresses) to ASAM in order to be distributed in urban settlements surrounding the Suruc area. Additionally, 130 prefabricated wash containers (units for WC, shower and dishwashing) were delivered to Islahiye 2 and Nizip 1 camps.

Regarding cash/voucher assistance, UNHCR 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). Throughout 2015, STL will provide cash assistance to 1,000 most vulnerable refugee households (est. 5,000 individuals) living in Hatay and other areas (possibly Iskenderun) and IMC will provide cash assistance to 25,000 individuals initially in Gaziantep with planned expansion to Adana, Istanbul and Izmir.

During the month, the voucher cards for 2015 were received by STL, were loaded and beneficiaries have been identified. The distribution of the vouchers has started in Narlica towards the end of the month. However, the initiation of the distribution in Iskenderun is still pending approval from DGMM, expected following the upcoming elections on June 7th, 2015.

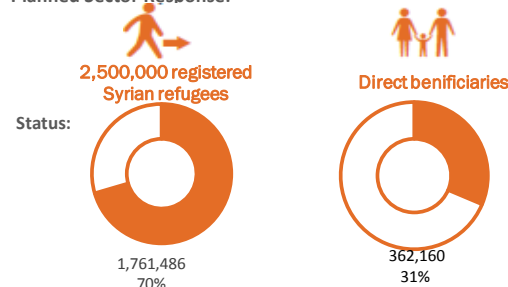
IMC has already forwarded the payment to the contracted voucher company, following the signature of the contract and have processed the purchase orders for the issuance of the vouchers. IMC expects to receive the vouchers in the following weeks, and the distribution is expected to start immediately upon receipt of the voucher cards.



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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