



WFP is currently operating in 11 camps, providing food assistance for 154.000 Syrian refugees.

MARCH HIGHLIGHTS:

WFP continues to provide support to approximately 154,000 Syrian refugees in 11 camps through the e-food card programme, in collaboration with the Turkish Red Crescent. The e-food card provides a monthly amount of 50 TL per person.

WFP continues to coordinate with government counterparts and other actors in the Food Security sector in anticipation for the launch of its off-camp programme in Sanliurfa, Hatay, Gaziantep and Kilis. The programme is expected to launch in the second quarter. Funds have been secured for a caseload of 30,000 persons through the end of 2015.

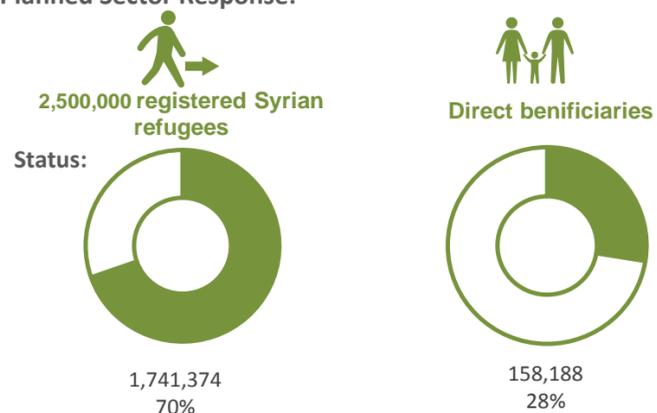
IOM continues with the support for the food kitchen run by the municipality in Gaziantep. The food kitchen supports 737 Syrian households (around 4,000 persons) living in urban areas in Gaziantep with one meal per day for six days per week.



Food kitchen supported by IOM in Gaziantep.

Key Figures:

Planned Sector Response:



NEEDS ANALYSIS:

- As no formal comprehensive needs assessment of the urban-based Syrian population exists, it is difficult to quantify and identify most vulnerable populations and to determine most appropriate larger-scale assistance programmes to implement in cooperation with the Government. With resources stretched to a maximum and as the number of Syrians living in urban settings increases and their food-security deteriorates over time, the need for a unified and efficient system to identify and serve only the most vulnerable non-camp populations will be vital in 2015-2016. Therefore, priority needs include a joint needs assessment with the Government and a harmonized approach to cash assistance among partners.

- Ensuring non-discriminatory access to food for the most vulnerable is critical in mitigating protection risks and vulnerabilities faced by the refugees. The food security working group made some progress towards harmonizing the vulnerability criteria targeting Syrian families living in urban areas; the criteria include women and children, the elderly, and those with disabilities. In addition, a harmonization of the food security assistance value, (when implementing cash and voucher support programmes), is underway.

TURKEY RESPONSE INDICATORS: JANUARY TO MARCH 2015

