



Winterization campaign for the 2014 - 2015 winter season is almost finalized.

MARCH HIGHLIGHTS:

During the month of March, IOM field team in Hatay provided NFIs for 354 families (1,962 individuals) living in Kirikhan, Hassa, Kumlu and surrounding villages in Hatay province. In Hatay, coal and stoves were provided for 564 individuals (86 families) by IOM and its implementing partner, under winterization assistance.

During March, IOM through its implementing partner continued supporting 3,987 individuals living in Kirikhan through the provision of vouchers.

777 Syrians refugees were supported by IOM's transportation assistance to reach market area in Adiyaman, enabling them of purchasing all necessary items that they may not find in the camp facilities.

During March, UNHCR has delivered 184 WASH units to Islahiye 2, Suruc and Kahramanmaras camps. UNHCR has also delivered winterization items (HT Blankets, Winter clothing sets consisting of thermal tops, bottoms and anoraks and foam mattresses) procured in 2014 to Akcakale and Suruc camps and to ASAM and Concern in order to be distributed in urban settlements. In addition to the WASH and winterization items, UNHCR has delivered hygiene parcels, jerry cans, kitchen cabinets, kitchen sets, sleeping mats, refrigerators, stoves and tents to various camp and non-camps settlements.

In March, UNFPA has provided 2,834 hygiene kits to AFAD provincial directorate of Gaziantep. The kits were delivered to 5 camp in Gaziantep (4 tent camps and 1 container camp) aimed to support around 50,000 refugees.

In terms of cash/voucher assistance, UNHCR Turkey will continue 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 implementing partners: Support to Life and International Medical Corps. Throughout 2015, STL will provide cash assistance to 1,000 most vulnerable refugee households (est. 5,000 individuals) living in Hatay and Iskenderun, and IMC will provide cash assistance to 25,000 individuals initially in Gaziantep but with expansion to Adana, Istanbul and Izmir.

In March, STL has made the necessary preparations before the start of the cash assistance. The results of the situational analysis on operational needs and resources for Iskenderun, Hassa, Kumlu & Narlica were reviewed. Necessary authorizations were received from relevant authorities and capacity building initiatives for staff were carried out. The assistance is expected to start in April.

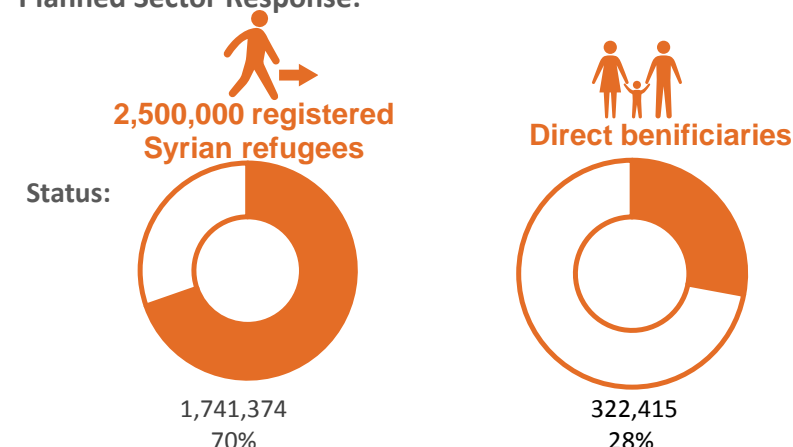
During the month of March, IMC continued with the distribution of vouchers procured with funds from 2014, reaching 1,825 Households (9,705 persons) within the Month. In total, since August 2014, IMC has distributed vouchers in Gaziantep, targetting 8,405 households (44,185 individuals).



NFI provision by IOM in Hatay

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.

TURKEY RESPONSE INDICATORS: JANUARY TO MARCH 2015

