

**Syria Crisis Weekly Humanitarian Situation Report  
Turkey  
Date: 20 September 2012**

**TURKEY**

**Highlights**

- Turkish authorities have now opened the border for new Syrian arrivals, and 2,000 Syrians have voluntarily returned.

**Situation Overview and Humanitarian Needs:**

| <b>Estimated Affected Population</b><br><i>(Estimates based on initial figures from UNHCR Portal, 20 September 2012)</i> |              |             |               |
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|  | <b>Total</b> | <b>Male</b> | <b>Female</b> |
| <b>Total Affected Population</b>   | 83,260       | 44,128      | 39,132        |
| <b>Children Affected (Under 18)</b>  | 40,797       | 20,815      | 19,982        |

There are currently 83,260 registered Syrian refugees in Turkey, an estimated 50-56 per cent of them children. Turkish authorities have now opened the border for new arrivals, while more than 2,000 Syrians have voluntarily returned to Syria. An estimated 8-10,000 people are provided with food packages by the Turkish Government at the zero point of the border.

**Inter-Agency Collaboration and Partnerships:** UNICEF, through the UN Country Team, is closely following the situation of children and women waiting at the zero point of the border. Led by UNHCR, UN agencies are preparing the third version of the RRP.

**Programme response:** UNICEF Turkey plans to reach some 22,500 Syrian children with key interventions in education and child protection. The supplies to support these activities have been procured and are being distributed in the camps by the Turkish Red Crescent. UNICEF will mobilize support to procure playfield and sport equipment for up to 50,000 children and youth.

**Next Situation Report:** 27 September 2012

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