



# United Nations Country Team in Turkey Daily Situation Report on the Situation Pertaining to Syria

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Latest figures announced by AFAD on:	<b>October 17, 2012</b>	By:	<b>October 23, 2012</b>
Total Number of Arrivals since April 2011:	<b>144,938</b>	Unofficial number of Syrians in Camps:	<b>105,000</b>
Official Total Current Population in Turkey:	<b>101,834</b>	Estimated number of Syrians Living in Urban Areas:	<b>60-70,000</b>

*Source: MFA Kilis, other sources*

## Highlights

- While the official numbers remained the same (101,834) as reported on October 17, 2012, according to the information note of Disaster and Emergency Presidency (AFAD) dated October 23, 2012 shared by the Regional Representative of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the total number of Syrians registered and accommodated in 14 camps in seven provinces increased 14 % since end of September 2012 and reached to 103,981 persons including 702 persons undertaking medical treatment in hospitals.
- According to the authorities, there is no change in Turkey's "open border policy" despite the total number of Syrians exceeded 100,000 persons. Syrians who would like to seek asylum are admitted and referred to the newly opened camps of Nizip-1 in Gaziantep province and the camp in Adiyaman provinces, unless they have immediate family members in other camps. Due to the increase in the new arrivals (14% since end of September 2012), reportedly both Adiyaman and Nizip-1 camps have reached to almost 50% of their capacities.
- Local Government officials informed that there are more than 10,000 Syrians at the borders of Hatay and Kilis provinces however not all are willing to cross to Turkey because of the humanitarian assistance provided by the the Turkish Red Crescent Society at zero point of the border and also because some prefer to remain at the border area as they feel safer.
- Reportedly during the 24 hrs of 23-24 October 2012, 381 new arrivals were admitted and registered while 171 Syrians have returned voluntarily to Syria. The new arrivals continued to be referred to new camps in Gaziantep, Nizip-1 and Adiyaman unless they have close family members in other camps.

