



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:	November 16, 2012	By:	November 16, 2012
Total Number of Arrivals registered in Camps since April 2011: <i>Source: AFAD webpage</i>	168,985	Unofficial estimated number of Syrians in Camps: <i>Source: MFA Kilis, other sources</i>	125,000
Official Total Current Population in Camps in Turkey: <i>Source: AFAD webpage</i>	120,147	Estimated no of Syrians Living in Urban:	60-70,000

Highlights

- No new official figures reported by the Government of Turkey since November 16, 2012, however, according to the information from the local authorities the total number of Syrians registered and staying in **14 camps in seven provinces increased to 121,474 persons including 697** who are undertaking medical treatment **in hospitals**.
- Reportedly during the 48 hrs of 16-18 November, **1,675 new arrival Syrians** have been registered and accommodated in the camps while 408 Syrians have reportedly returned to Syria voluntarily. Reportedly the majority of the new arrivals have crossed from Akçakale and Ceylanpınar borders. According to the camp officials of Ceylanpınar, during the period of November 8-16, 2012, more than six thousand (6,368) Syrians were registered in the camp and about 5,700 of them left the camp on permission to stay with their relatives.
- During the reporting period UNHCR Field Teams continued to visit the camps, and observed the voluntary return interviews as well as provided technical support and advice to the camp officials on specific protection issues, registration etc. UNHCR also met with the Local authorities (Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Turkish Red Crescent, Coordinator Governor) to exchange the observations in the camps and recommendations for practical solutions.
- Reportedly the number of Syrians across the borders of Hatay and Kilis is increasing and according to the estimation of the local authorities based on the food packages distributed by the Turkish Red Crescent at zero point of the border, there are about 25,000 Syrians in various locations across Kilis and Hatay borders. UNHCR Field team spoke with some of the non-governmental organizations (NGOs) providing support to displaced Syrians and they also confirmed that there are thousands of Syrians across the border of Hatay. According to our interlocutors, Syrians are assisted by NGOs in camps and reportedly not all may be willing to cross to Turkey because they believe it is safer to be in these camps than their villages and assistance is provided. UNHCR continues to advise on the importance of ensuring access to protection for those seeking it, and in particular of prioritizing those in vulnerable circumstances for access to the border where persons are seeking to enter Turkey.

