

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

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Official Population in Camps in Turkey

137,756

Total Number of Arrivals since April 2011

258,000

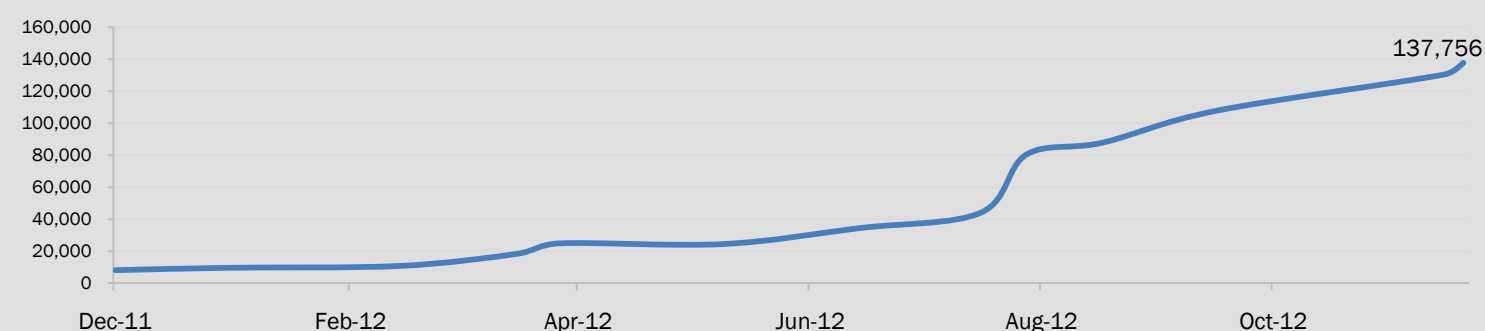
Unofficial Estimated Number in the Camps

140,000

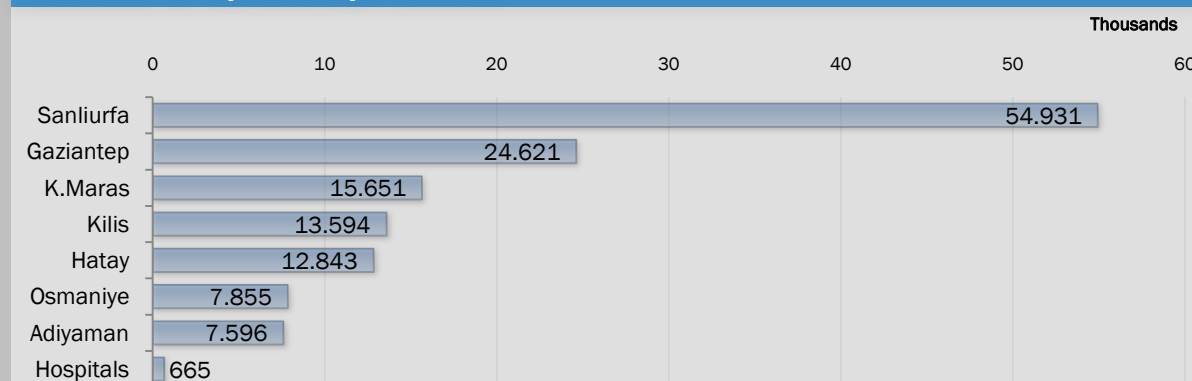
Estimated Number of Syrians Living in Urban Areas

60-70,000

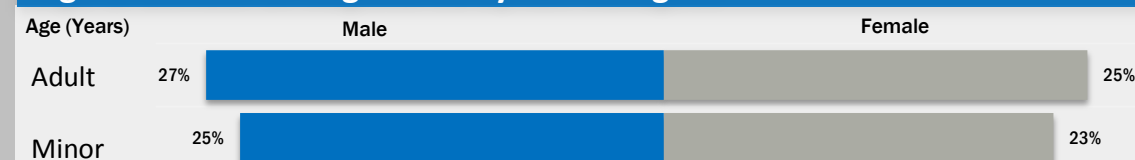
Population Trends and projection



Number of Syrians by Province



Age & Gender of Registered Syrian Refugees



Highlights

- Government of Turkey (Ministry of Foreign Affairs/Disaster and Emergency Management Presidency - AFAD) reported that the total number of Syrians accommodated in 14 camps, in seven provinces increased to **137,756** persons including those undertaking medical treatment in hospitals and their companions (665 persons) on December 11, 2012. During the reporting period 1,103 new arrivals were reportedly admitted from the borders and 67 Syrians returned to Syria voluntarily.
- Local authorities reported that the winterization of the camps was on going. During the a visit to the camps, in Osmaniye, UNHCR team was informed that there is a shortage of clothing and requested if clothing for men, women, and children can be provided. Reportedly the distribution of floor platforms for tents funded by AFAD will be produced locally and distributed soon.
- During the visit to Karkamış camp, UNHCR team members observed that there was an increasing interest from the Syrian women (200 already registered) to the vocational courses (tailoring, sewing, fabric garnishing and wool knitting courses). The local authorities already started to place 10 knitting machines in the camp for the Syrian refugees. Also in Karkamış, the construction of new latrines and bathrooms is on going. Drainage excavation work is also continuing.
- UNHCR is working in close cooperation with Government officials (Turkish Red Crescent and AFAD) to provide support to the winterization of the camps which additional winter tents will be provided. It was also agreed with the Government of Turkey that UNHCR will provide kitchen sets and cooking sets for the expansion of WFP food card system to other camps.
- According to the official camps' population figures, almost all the camps are already full to their capacity. Reportedly some thousands of them are staying with their relatives in the neighboring villages on permission from the camp officials after being registered with the camps (i.e.: Ceylanpınar-9,800 and Akçakale-4,120 persons).
- While the construction of the two container sites (Nizip-2 in Gaziantep and Harran-Kökenli in Şanlıurfa) is still on-going and expected to be operational by early Jan 2013, local authorities (MFA and AFAD) also informed UNHCR that there are four more camps (three container sites and one tent camp) also under construction.



Sources

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