



77% of registered Syrian refugees live outside the refugee camps

OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS:

The cash-voucher programme project with UNHCR's Partner in Hatay was extended until the end of December 2014. During the month of October, a total of 1,695 vulnerable households (9,568 persons) have benefitted from the cash-voucher assistance in Narlica. The partner activities for the provision of cash vouchers in Gaziantep, which had been on hold due to security reasons, resumed activities in October with increased security measures, including distribution through house visits with the participation of government social assistance (SSAF) personnel. A total of 503 households (2,930 persons) have been provided with vouchers in Gaziantep from August to date. The purpose of cash-vouchers is to allow vulnerable beneficiaries to purchase food and non-food items at pre-selected retailers through an electronic card system.

In October, UNHCR delivered 2,000 kitchen sets and 5,000 jerry cans to AFAD Gaziantep and continued assisting in the distribution of NFIs delivered to AFAD in September, for the Syrian refugees in Suruc fleeing from the events in Kobane.

During the month of October, IOM field team in Hatay provided NFIs for 420 families (2161 individuals) living in Kirikhan, Hassa, Kumlu and surrounding villages in Hatay province.

Through its implementing partner Support to Life (STL), IOM continued to support 524 households (3,067 individuals) living in Kirikhan through the provision of vouchers. Based on STL nutrition analysis and IOM evaluations of the first phase of the programme conducted in August, the amount of money on the vouchers allotted to food will be increased from TRY 30 to TRY 45 per person, and the hygiene amount will remain the same, at TRY 40 per family.

Since the beginning of the year, 17,513 Syrian refugees have been supported in Hatay through IOM's voucher-programme.

As an emergency response to the influx in Suruc, IOM distributed 10,000 mattresses, 10,000 pillows, 5,000 jerry cans, 1,200 diapers and 500 food baskets during October.



Provision of NFIs to newcomers in Hatay province - IOM/2014

The Government of Turkey takes the lead role for determining and implementing assistance provided to Syrian refugees, through the Prime Ministry Disaster and Emergency Management Presidency (AFAD). AFAD reports spending 4 billion USD on the Syrian Refugee Response in Turkey.

NEEDS ANALYSIS:

Although the total number of people in camps remains stable, new arrivals are transferred whenever space becomes available. As refugees have lived in the camps for over two years now, maintenance and improvement of services remains critical. For instance, hygiene conditions in some of the camps are moving below standard and will need to be enhanced in order to bring them back up to an acceptable level.

Over 650,000 non-camp refugees have been registered so far by the GoT. Although most of them are living in host communities or have rented apartments, they have not been provided with NFIs and are exhausting their resources while struggling to make ends meet. There is, therefore, need to provide vulnerable refugees with support to meet their basic needs.

The main priorities in the basic needs sector include:

- Cover basic needs through provision of bedding, kitchen sets and hygiene materials.
- Cover some of the shelter and NFI needs of vulnerable persons identified throughout the year, based on referral from local authorities and partners.
- Support the Government in providing shelter solutions for camp and non-camp Syrians.
- Cover winter needs for new arrivals in the camps and non-camp Syrian refugees through the provision/enhancement of shelter.
- Maintenance of water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) services in camps.

* Needs analysis are based on the RRP6 analysis made at the end of 2013.

PROGRESS AGAINST TARGETS:

