

TURKEY

EXTERNAL UPDATE

05 December 2014

KEY FIGURES

211,000

Family Tent beneficiaries

12,640

Sanitary Napkins beneficiaries

167,840

Kitchen sets beneficiaries

24,038

Plastic Sheetting units

62,245

Electric heaters

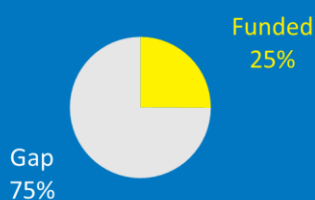
342,000

Plastic Mats

FUNDING

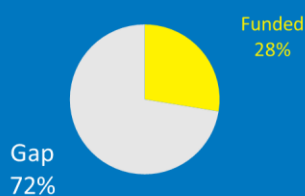
USD 310 million

UNHCR Turkey operation



USD 497 million

Interagency Regional Response in Turkey



HIGHLIGHTS

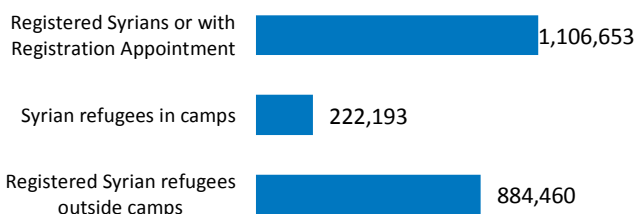
- The 16 Days of Activism against Gender Violence, an international campaign originating from the first Women's Global Leadership Institute in 1991, was launched on 25 November and activities will go on until 16 December. UNHCR is organizing multiple events in close cooperation with the refugee committees in selected camps and urban community centres in partnership with several international and national NGOs such as IMPR, STL and IMC/ASAM.



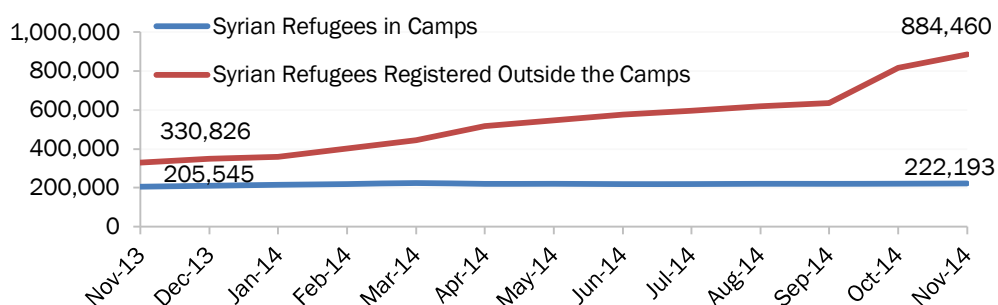
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Syrian Refugee Population in Turkey

A total of **1,653,973** Syrian refugees:



AFAD announced that in addition to more than 220 thousand Syrians accommodated in 22 camps, according to information provided by the governorates, 1,406,318 non-camp Syrians are also living in all the provinces in Turkey. According to the information obtained by UNHCR from the local officials about 1 million of this total are registered and/or enumerated in camps and non-camp settings in 12 provinces in the southeast including Mersin.



SURUÇ INFLUX

Admissions and Shelter Population

There have been no more admissions in Suruç since 13 November and the cumulative number of admitted refugees remains 192,417 persons. So far, 51,520 Syrian refugees have been biometrically registered. Both AFAD run temporary shelters are operating at capacity. YİBO is currently hosting 8,110 individuals while the Onbir Nisan shelter hosts 1,160 refugees, which is slightly over its maximum occupancy of 1,100.

On 27 November the NGO focal point of the Crisis Desk in Suruç (Suruç Sub-Governorate Staff, who supports the coordination of assistance from NGOs and UN Agencies to the refugee population in Suruç) provided UNHCR with the number of Syrians and their age-gender breakdown in Suruç town centre, as well as villages based on the identification conducted by the social workers for the distribution of items from Cukobirlik warehouse. The numbers do not include Syrians accommodated in the municipality-run camps and the data entry is still not completed. According to the table he provided, the total population of Syrians in Suruç (excluding the municipality-run camps) is around 43,000 persons.

Distribution of Assistance

On 26 and 27 November, the UNHCR implementing partners (IP) have continued the monitoring and distribution of CRIs throughout the villages in the Suruç region. ASAM also conducted an identification of families in need in Cemliktepe and Kesmecik village. Both IPs have their own warehouses and began managing their own stock and reporting back. UNHCR observed that due to the heavy rain and cold weather the distribution of blankets is crucial and needs to be prioritized.

Unmet Needs

The NGO Coordinator from Crisis Desk sent a request to all NGOs and UN Agencies working in Suruç region regarding clothing needs. For both age groups described, 13-18 and 19-65, comprising of 3,431 girls, 3,025 boys, 10,357 women and 8,802 men, the needs are coats, jumpers, winter coats, pair of sports shoes and pairs of winter socks. UNHCR follow up with UNICEF on 27 November at the Crisis Desk and was informed the team that it will provide the necessary winter clothing and boots for children between ages 0-12 (inclusive), as they received the number of children in this age category. Provision of clothing, in consultation with AFAD, is among the items that UNHCR will provide within the winterization plan. The clothes will be provided to the beneficiaries in the camps and AFAD is expected to provide the numbers according to their records.

GENERAL REFUGEE RESPONSE

16 Days of Activism Against Sexual Violence

The *16 Days of Activism* against gender violence campaign was launched on 25 November and activities will go on until 16 December. UNHCR is organizing multiple events in close cooperation with the refugee committees in selected camps and urban community centres. The first awareness-raising session on child marriages for refugee women took place in Viranşehir camp. A screening of video clips about child marriages was followed by an open discussion, which shed light on the reasons behind early marriages, such as cultural pressure on young girls, expectations from the in-laws to raise girls up to their standards, lack of space and privacy between generations, boredom in camps, etc. Actions needed on the part of the community were discussed which included awareness-raising home visits, discussions with men, and dissemination of leaflets in common areas, such as bakery and school (targeting teachers). Awareness-raising activities, including more screenings and focus group discussions, will continue throughout the campaign.

In partnership with IMPR in Şanlıurfa, IMC/ASAM in Gaziantep, STL in Urfa and Hatay, UNHCR is promoting a number of activities in the community centres based on this year's theme "based on this year's theme: Protecting Rights and Preserving Childhoods: Working Together to Address Child Marriage".

UNHCR/IMC Multi-Service Centres

UNHCR and IMC met in order to follow-up on matters regarding the temporary closure of the Multi-Service Centre in Gaziantep due to a high demand for services. After analysis and consideration of the challenges faced by the Centre, it was decided that the Gaziantep Centre must remain fully operational. To that effect, the IMC Country Director will hold a meeting with leaders of the refugee community to foster a peaceful and cooperative attitude amongst the people of concern and enable the Centre to reopen and continue to provide services. UNHCR has agreed that ASAM increases the numbers of social workers and case workers at the Centre. UNHCR has also approved establishment of a second IMC/ASAM Multiservice Centre in urban Gaziantep. The Community Centre in Gaziantep is supported by the State of Kuwait and provides, among other services, professional psychosocial counseling, interpretation and health support to Syrian refugees.



Psychological support at the Gaziantep Community Centre on 28 November 2014 © UNHCR/ E.Gürel

Winterization



Delivery to Şanlıurfa Province on 27 November © UNHCR/ Emrah Gürel

From the outset of the Syrian refugee emergency in Turkey, UNHCR has been supporting Turkey in providing core relief items, including blankets, sleeping mattresses, kitchen sets, jerry cans and cooking facilities, to meet the needs of the Syrian refugees. Thanks to the contributions from the State of Kuwait and other donors, UNHCR has supported Turkey's Syrian emergency response with core relief items amounting to USD 186.5 million, as of mid-November 2014, both inside and outside camps.

In the context of the winterization activities taking place during the last week of November, 7,700 blankets and 5,575 mats have been delivered to Karkamis. A delivery of CRIs to Nizip 1 and Nizip 2 camps comprised of 15,800 blankets and 8,400 mats. On 25 November, 6,200 mats were delivered to Oncupinar camp.

New camps

As weather conditions deteriorate, the Islahiye 2 camp has been opened for accommodation of refugees not benefiting from shelters. So far, 73 individuals have been received and AFAD expects that over the weekend around 500 more from Ankara and Istanbul would be referred to the camp. AFAD management also expects the Nusaybin camp, which is already hosting approximately 4,000 individuals, to reach its capacity in the coming weeks due to colder weather.

Donor Countries of UNHCR's Regional Syrian Refugee Programme for Turkey:



Other Donor Countries Contributing to UNHCR's Regional Syrian Refugee Programme in alphabetical order:



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