

KEY FIGURES

(SYRIA – RESPONSE)

- Tents:** 45,220 (for 227,540 beneficiaries)
- Foam mattresses:** 270,000
- Plastic Sheets:** 32,840 (for 120,190 beneficiaries)
- Kitchen sets:** 83,656 (for 418,280 beneficiaries)
- Jerry cans:** 136,500 (for 341,250 beneficiaries)
- Blankets:** 1,991,975
- Sanitary napkins:** 1,130,880 (for 26,926 women)

FUNDING

UNHCR Turkey operation

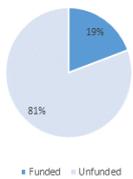
USD 336.4 million

Funded: 19%*

(USD 65 million)

(*excluding contributions ear-marked at the Regional Level)

Funding level of UNHCR Turkey
As of 31 October 2015



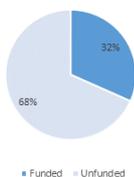
Inter-agency Syria Response
(3RP) in Turkey

USD: 624 million

Funded: 32%

(USD 198 million)

Inter-agency 3RP Funding level in Turkey
As of 20 October 2015



TURKEY

EXTERNAL UPDATE

31 October, 2015

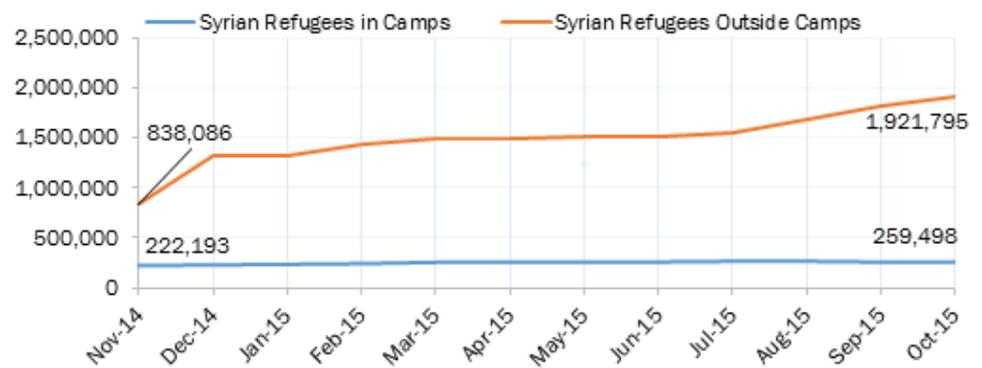
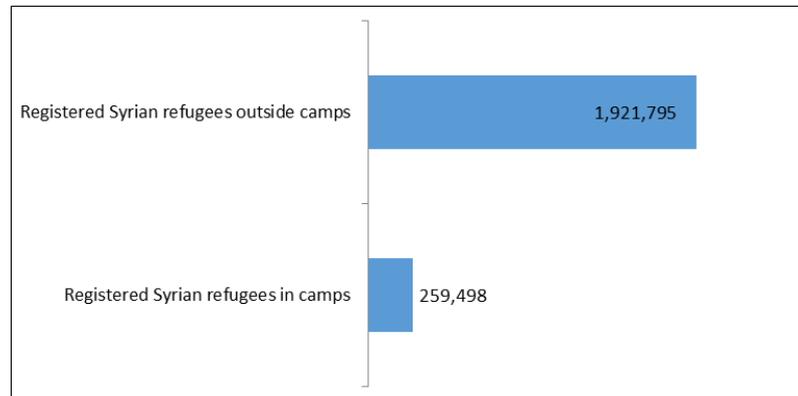
HIGHLIGHTS

- ✚ UN High Commissioner for Refugees, Antonio Guterres addresses the Global Forum on Migration and Development in Istanbul
- ✚ The Deputy Prime Minister of Belgium visits Nizip I and II camps and a community centre supported by UNHCR in Gaziantep
- ✚ The number of refugees and migrants attempting the dangerous sea crossing and arriving in Europe reached a record 220,535 in October, outstripping September's 172,845.



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Syrian Refugee Population in Turkey 2,181,293 *persons (*As of 3 November, 2015)



High Commissioner Antonio Guterres at the Global Forum on Migration and Development, in Istanbul

Turkey hosted the 8th Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD) Summit Meeting on “Migration and Human Mobility for Sustainable Development in Istanbul, on 14-15 October 2015, where High Commissioner Antonio Guterres participated and addressed the Forum on the first day. The High Commissioner focused on the role development cooperation can play to mitigate migration flows and help countries such as Turkey who host vast numbers of refugees; he talked of the importance of recognising that there is a global labour market which will have its own compulsions but in that movement of peoples, it is critical that protection space for refugees is preserved. Excerpts from his speech follow:



“It is good to be here in İstanbul, in generous Turkey, the largest refugee hosting country in the world and a country that is facing a dramatic impact in its economy and society, not to mention the tragic consequences of the Syria and Iraq crisis for Turkey’s security.

I will speak today less about refugees and more about migration and development. There is a global financial market. There is a global market for trade, for goods and services. But there is also increasingly a global labour market. If we ignore that it exists, or we try to rule against it, we will only benefit the smuggling industry that is prospering in our world. We need a world in which we understand that migration is part of the solution – it has always been part of the solution of global development problems – and that the global labour market needs to be respected, needs to be regulated, needs to be improved, but cannot be ignored or denied.

What we are facing today is the problem of forced displacement – not of people who move out of their free will, but who are forced to move by the need to survive. First of all, because of conflict –today the largest numbers since the Second World War are displaced by conflict. We also have the stronger and stronger interconnection of climate change, the defining challenge of our times, with population growth, urbanization, water scarcity, food insecurity, that are resulting in environments not being able to sustain life, which also forces more and more people to move.

High Commissioner Antonio Guterres at the GFMD summit meeting in Istanbul. ©UNHCR/S.Unal

Of course the central question is prevention. We know how difficult it is to prevent conflicts in today’s world. But even if the answer to this problem is political, there is a lot that development cooperation can do, in mitigating the struggle for resources, some conflicts break out – or at least intensify – because of scarce resources and the competition for instance between farmers and herders. Darfour was a case in point.

Development cooperation is essential to allow for solutions for the people displaced and to support the host communities receiving them. Development cooperation is also essential to build the resilience of those communities, mainly in the context of adaptation to climate change, but also adaptation to large population flows that come into those communities. There is the need to particularly take into account countries like Turkey, Jordan, Lebanon, or like Kenya, Ethiopia, or Cameroon, which are not only large hosting countries of refugees, but also pillars of stability in their regions and a kind of first line of defence in relation to our collective security.

It is absolutely central that countries like Turkey or Lebanon or Jordan become first priority in both bilateral and multilateral development cooperation policies, in order to help them cope with the enormous challenges they are facing and also to support them in what they are doing for all of us by providing global public goods. When one looks at Turkish efforts – as the Prime Minister mentioned, more than 8 billion dollars in direct assistance to refugees – and the dramatic impact this has had on the economy, on the society then we understand how important it is that these countries really become the first priority of development cooperation.

It doesn't make sense to ask Turkey to keep the borders open, and to close other borders to refugees. And we continue our request to all States, be it in Europe, in the Gulf, everywhere, to also open their borders, namely to Syrian refugees and others, as Turkey has done. And to receive more people, refugees and migrants, through legal channels in order to avoid the dramatic suffering we are witnessing today on the shores of the Mediterranean, the Andaman Sea, the Caribbean, the Gulf of Aden. If we all join efforts, if we all assume our responsibilities, our world will be a world in which migration and development will be able to go hand in hand and refugees will find adequate protection.”

The Deputy Prime Minister of Belgium visits Syrian refugee camps and a UNHCR community centre



Mr. Alexander de Croo, Deputy Prime Minister of Belgium, visited Turkey to participate at the Global Forum on Migration and Development in Istanbul, and had a bilateral meeting with High Commissioner Guterres on the Syrian refugee situation and on how to increase support to host countries neighbouring Syria who are bearing the brunt of the largest numbers of refugees.



The Deputy Prime Minister is greeted by UNHCR staff outside the school in Nizip II camp; he meets with ladies in the sewing room at the camp—this is part of a skills building/income generation project; and in Nizip 1 camp, he interacts with refugees ©UNHCR/ K.Porteous

On 15 October, Deputy Prime Minister De Croo together with a delegation accompanying him, visited Nizip 1 and 2 camps in Gaziantep and were welcomed by the UNHCR team. Following a presentation by the Disaster and Emergency Management Presidency of Turkey (AFAD) on the services provided in the camp, Mr. de Croo walked around the camp, and also visited social areas. He spoke with refugee women on the challenges they face, and opportunities available at the camp, as well as with the children in school. Mr. De Croo described his visit as an emotional one and said that refugee children deserve a better future. He said that the camps were the “best” he had seen, and complimented the Government of Turkey and support provided by UNHCR on the services available at the camps for refugees, which he noted, were “excellent”.

The Deputy Prime Minister visited the UNHCR funded Community Centre in Gaziantep, which is run by its partners where he met with refugee families, and was briefed on UNHCR's activities and services extended to refugees. The Deputy Prime Minister was extremely positive about his visit; he noted that the focus should be on the future of refugees,

stressing importance of ensuring access to education. He underlined the importance of supporting refugees in urban settings, as well as in camps and highlighted that there must be an increased investment in the 2 million refugees already in Turkey. He noted the need to raise awareness of refugees living outside of camps, adding that community centres are an excellent way to be on the ground, reaching out to urban refugees.

Mr. de Croo admired the courage of the refugees, to overcome the challenges that they are faced with and complimented operational organizations such as the Association for Solidarity with Asylum Seekers and Migrants and the International Medical Corps: “You are on the ground. This Center is amazing and I cannot tell you how much we appreciate this kind of work.”

The Deputy Prime Minister expressed his government’s appreciation to Turkey for hosting over two million refugees and added that more support should be provided to Turkey and to other host countries. He announced that Belgium will provide an additional 7.5m Euro as humanitarian aid for Syria and the Iraq region, as a sign of solidarity.

A record of 220, 535 refugees and migrants cross the seas in October

The number of refugees and migrants attempting the dangerous sea crossing and arriving in Europe reached a record 220,535 persons in October, outstripping September’s figure of 172,845. “That makes it the highest total for any month to date and roughly the same as the entire total for 2014,” said Adrian Edwards, UNHCR Spokesperson. Despite dangerous sea conditions, the number of refugees and migrants arriving on the Greek island of Lesbos continues to be high, at an average of 3,300 people per day. Of the 660,000 refugees and migrants who have reached Greece this year more than half have landed at Lesbos. With winter approaching, reception conditions and capacity there remain overstretched and inadequate.

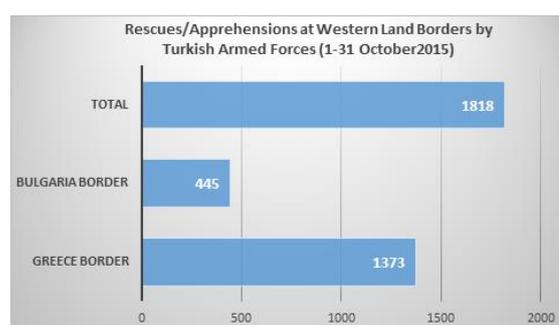
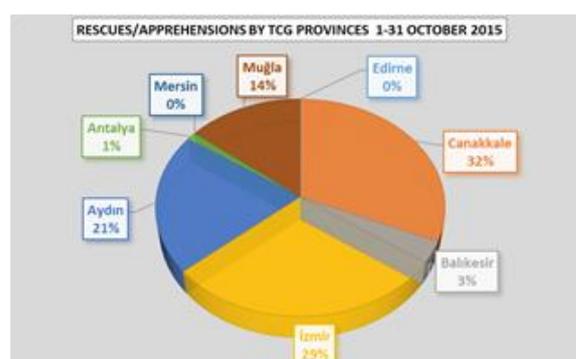
UNHCR staffing on Lesbos has been increased. Thirteen additional staff have been deployed, many speaking the language of the refugees, and bringing the total staff on Lesbos to 30. UNHCR has brought in more humanitarian aid with 295,000 relief items, including 37,000 blankets to keep people warm, over 45,000 coats to protect people from rain, as well as hygiene and baby care kits, sleeping mats and plastic sheeting.

So far in 2015, some 3,460 lives have been lost on the Mediterranean, 360 in the last four weeks (some 250 of these in the Aegean Greek territorial waters).

Borders

According to the data of the Turkish Coast Guards Command, between 1 and 31 October, 13,489 persons were rescued/apprehended while trying to leave Turkey irregularly through Aegean and Mediterranean Seas. Majority of the persons apprehended claimed to be Syrians (73%), Afghans (14%), and Myanmar nationals (1%).

Apprehensions/ rescues were mainly conducted in Canakkale (32%), followed by Izmir (29%), Aydin (21%) and Mugla (14%). According to the information given by the Turkish Coast Guards Command’s statistics; cargo ships, inflatable boats, fish boats and private boats are used mainly by those trying to cross.



According to the data of Turkish Land Forces 1,818 persons were apprehended while trying to exit illegally at the western land borders of Turkey between 1 and 31 October 2015. It is reported that 1,373 persons were apprehended at the Greek border, and the number of persons apprehended at the Bulgarian border was 445.

Regional Refugee and Resilience Plan (3RP)

UNHCR and UNDP coordinated the preparation for the Regional Refugee and Resilience Plan (3RP) 2016 Update in Turkey. As part of the effort to ensure participation and ownership of the Plan by all stakeholders, a consultation meeting with government institutions was organized on 23 October in coordination with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and with the participation of all 3RP agencies and concerned government ministries/institutions. The Chief Advisor to the Prime Minister Dr. Yetis, also provided active support to the consultation process.

Strengthening Links, Increasing Capacity

UNHCR participated in the meeting called for by the Chief Advisor to Prime Minister of Turkey, Dr Murtaza Yetis on 23 October, in Kilis. All agencies (UN and I/NGOs) provided a brief update on their activities. UNHCR reiterated its support to the Government of Turkey, stressing that it remains available to provide humanitarian assistance for any new arrivals, and will continue to support camps and urban areas through various partner agencies. The Chief Advisor noted the movements of population in northern Syria and added the Government of Turkey will continue its open border policy in case of a new refugee influx.

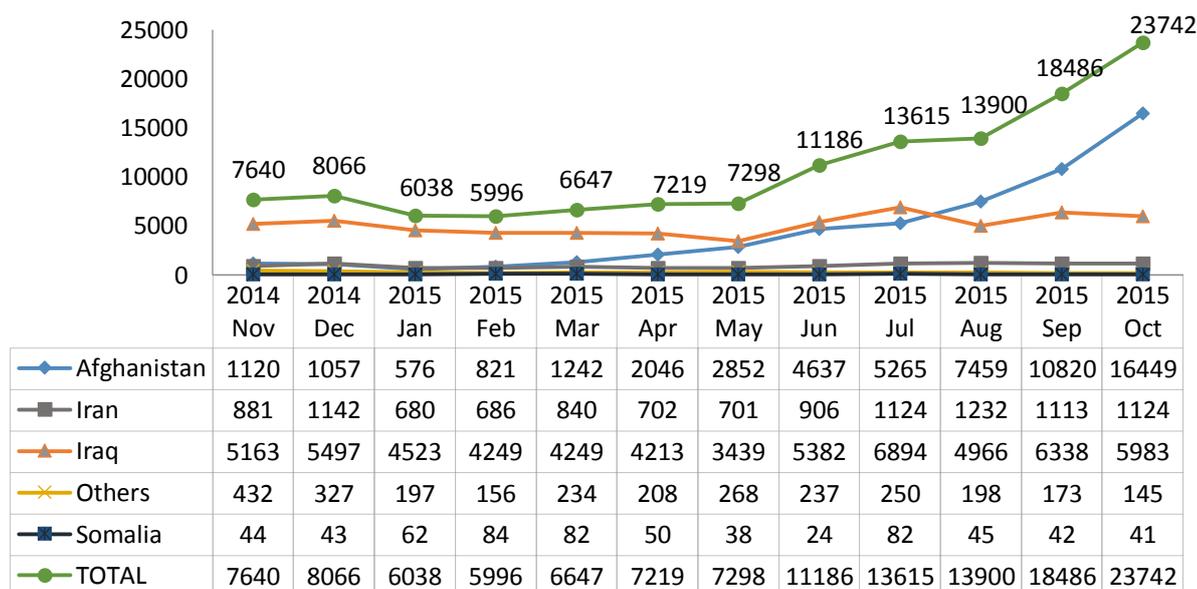
UNHCR will be delivering a series of trainings for 500 newly recruited provincial staff of the Directorate General for Migration Management. The first of these trainings, for 40 persons was held on 14-16 October, 2015. Training topics included international human rights law, international refugee law, migration and international protection, the national framework concerning international protection in Turkey, role of UNHCR and its mandate, registration, referral mechanisms, drafting legal analysis, appeal procedures, ECtHR jurisprudence, the temporary protection regulation and the 1951 Convention highlighting mass influxes.

The issue of early marriages among the Syrian refugee community is a challenge. UNHCR conducted three workshops to raise awareness on this for staff of I/NGOs and refugee committees in Hatay and Reyhanli on 19, 20, 21 October. During the workshops with I/NGOs, the process and procedures of case management, referral mechanisms, and issues related to early marriages were discussed. The refugee women’s committees had inter-active discussions on child marriages and birth registration.

At a Glance: General Refugee Response (non- Syrian)

UNHCR Registration

In October, UNHCR registered a total of 23,742 individuals, of which 5,983 individuals were from Iraq, 16,449 from Afghanistan, 1,124 from Iran and 186 were of other nationalities.



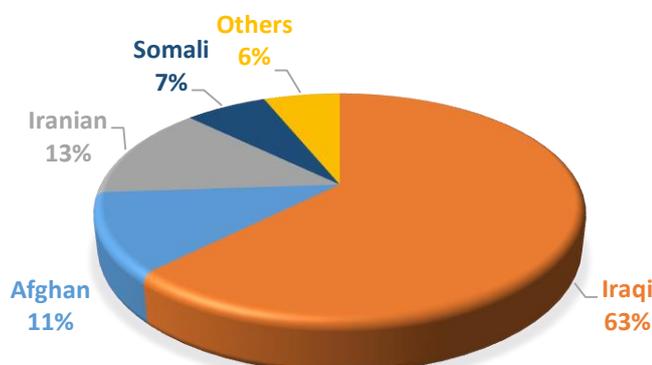
Highlights:

- ✚ Registration increased by 28% in October, making October the month with highest registration in 2015.
- ✚ Afghans constitute 69 % of all applicants registered in October.

Urban caseload (all nationalities except Syrians)

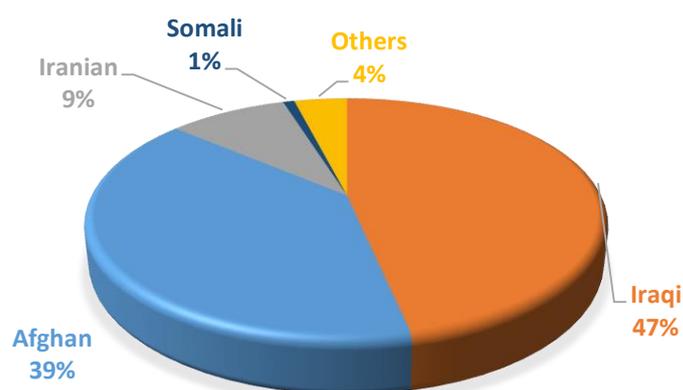
Active Caseload by Nationality – Refugees

Nationality	Female	Male	Total
Iraq	10,124	12,442	22,566
Afghanistan	1,863	2,260	4,123
Iran	2,123	2,712	4,835
Somalia	1,210	1,174	2,384
Other Nationalities	1,028	1,182	2,210
Total	16,348	19,770	36,118



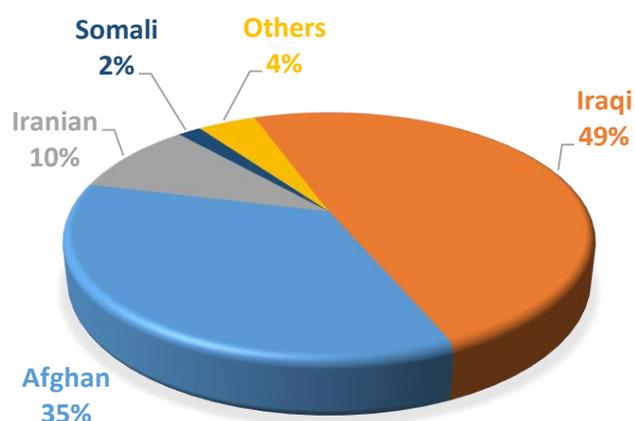
Active Caseload by Nationality – Asylum Seekers

Nationality	Female	Male	Total
Iraq	39,999	53,652	93,651
Afghanistan	24,945	54,486	79,431
Iran	6,542	11,351	17,893
Somalia	753	939	1,692
Other Nationalities	2,666	5,301	7,967
Total	74,905	125,729	200,634



Active Caseload by Nationality – All

Nationality	Female	Male	Total
Iraq	50,123	66,094	116,217
Afghanistan	26,808	56,746	83,554
Iran	8,665	14,063	22,728
Somalia	1,963	2,113	4,076
Other Nationalities	3,694	6,483	10,177
Total	91,253	145,499	236,752



UNHCR Resettlement

Cumulative submission figures in 2015: **15, 292 individuals**

	AUL	CAN	DEN	FIN	FRA	GBR	HUN	NET	NOR	NZL	SWE	USA	Total
AFG		6										362	368
IRN	58	474		4	5							1,943	2,484
IRQ	151	959		3				1		1		5,088	6,203
SYR	179	5	9			191	1	9	232		54	5,357	6,037
Others	4	14				2			6		6	168	200
Total	392	1,458	9	7	5	193	1	10	238	1	60	12,918	15,292

AUL: Australia; CAN: Canada; DEN: Denmark; GBR: Great Britain; FIN: Finland; FRA: France; HUN: Hungary; NET: Netherlands; NOR: Norway; NZL: New Zealand; SWE: Sweden.

Cumulative departures: **6,432 individuals** (4,177 to USA, 948 to Canada, 726 to Australia).

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UNHCR Türkiye'ye Katkı Sağlayan Ülkeler – Countries Contributing to UNHCR Turkey – الدول المانحة لمفوضية شؤون اللاجئين في تركيا



Bölgede UNHCR'yi Destekleyen Diğer Donör Ülkeler – Other Donor Countries Contributing to UNHCR in the Region - الدول المانحة الأخرى الداعمة لمفوضية شؤون اللاجئين في المنطقة



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