



1.761.486 registered Syrian refugees as end of May 2015.

MAY HIGHLIGHTS:

Registration of camp and non-camp Syrian refugees continued to take place during May 2015 under the supervision of Ministry of Interior. By the end of May 2015, 1,761,786 Syrians were biometrically registered, reflecting an additional 2,240 individuals registered during the reporting period.

UNHCR's protection hotline continued to receive on an average 35 calls every week, along with over 100 Syrian families including SGBV cases and children at risk were provided with technical advice, counselling and interventions through referrals to relevant government institutions and partner NGOs. During the reporting period, 671 identified individuals were submitted for resettlement.

UNHCR field teams also continued to support protection activities, carrying out over 100 visits to camps and urban areas during the month of May. They continued to provide technical advice to authorities, and assessed the situation in urban areas under their respective areas of responsibility.

During the course of May, UNHCR trained approximately 234 counterparts and relevant stakeholders, including government interlocutors such as 81 Ministry of National Education (MoNE) staff, 91 lawyers from Bar Associations in Izmir, Van and Ankara, as well as 62 UN and NGO staff. Protection trainings focused on international refugee law, including the 1951 Refugee Convention, international protection framework in Turkey, asylum procedures such as RSD and appeal procedures and legal aid schemes. The training modules also focused on the temporary protection regime for Syrians, access to territory, identification of and referral mechanisms for persons with special needs including children at risk and SGBV cases, as well as community empowerment and participation.

Aiming to bolster the current RH/SGBV provided services in Şanlıurfa and for a better identification of the group in need, UNFPA team has conducted a 2 day field visit between 17-19 June.

In collaboration with UNHCR, a GBV Sub-Working Group (GBV SWG) under the Protection/Community Services Working Group will be established. The TOR of the GBV SWG has been drafted and shared with UNHCR. First meeting will be held in 10 June 2015 in Gaziantep and the draft TOR and establishment of GBV SWG will be discussed with the attendance of UN agencies, line ministries and NGOs. With the establishment of the GBV SWG, some comprehensive trainings related to GBV are planned to be given to the SWG staff.

A Concept Note has been prepared by UNFPA to establish "Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies" (WGSS) in camps in Turkey. Viranşehir, Suruç and Adiyaman camps were visited and Camp Safety Audits were implemented through interviews with camp Managers, service providers, Syrian women teachers, and Syrian women from Women's Committees. Aftermath of approval of the terms and conditions with the Ministry of Family and Social Policies and AFAD, it is planned to be established as soon as possible in 1 or 2 camps and to be expanded by time. UNFPA Turkey has translated the UNFPA WGSS Guidelines into Turkish and Arabic to be used in related trainings and in the field in camps.

During May, UNFPA partners in Şanlıurfa and Mersin have conducted gender-based violence (GBV) awareness sessions for 209 beneficiaries.

IOM continues to support STL community center in Şanlıurfa in the provision of psychosocial activities and case management. In Mersin province, IOM continues the support to the multiservice center established by Syrian Social Gathering. During the reporting period, Syrian Social Gathering provided psychosocial and other assistance to Syrian refugees. 125 persons participated in psychosocial support sessions (35 Males and 90 Females) and 2,050 Syrians were provided with assistance (950 male and 1100 female). In Şanlıurfa, STL community center, 989 Syrian refugees participated in psychosocial activities including psycho education sessions, handicraft workshop and communication.

Over 7,821 Syrian refugee parents have now participated in the parenting training program of UNICEF and the Ministry of Family and Social Policies.

Over 300 child protection actors and national services received the Child Protection in Emergencies Training by UNICEF, and additional trainings are planned to expand outreach to community based organizations.



Syrian children attending communication skills class in STL center/ Şanlıurfa-IOM

Key Figures:

Planned Sector Response:
2,500,000

Registered Refugees



1,761,486
70%

Status:



Direct beneficiaries



1,761,486
70%

NEEDS ANALYSIS:

Development and strengthening of the registration system, carried out by the Government of Turkey, has been noted, as reflected in increased registration figures during the first two months of 2015. UNHCR continues to work closely with the authorities in support of establishing a systematic mechanism for capturing vulnerabilities and identification of protection needs of refugees undergoing registration.

In response to the need to ensure linkages and coordination between health and other relevant service providers, including social services, are strengthened and supported, 3RP Partners continue to collaborate with the Government of Turkey in order to ensure more comprehensive and holistic responses to SGBV.

Civil society and NGO actors continue to be supported by 3RP partners on the identification of vulnerable children and prevention and response mechanisms to various child protection challenges identified. Lack of formal national Best Interest Determination (BID) procedures continue to pose risks for identifying children.

According to Government figures, at least 50 per cent of refugees are in need of psychosocial support at community level. 3RP partners are work towards enhancing existing mechanisms for the identification of refugees in need, and through strengthened support to relevant national institutions and collaboration with the health and education sector, to expand psychosocial services.

While the temporary protection regulation clarifies Syrian refugees' legal status, 3RP partners continue to focus efforts in strengthening access to information, information dissemination, and outreach mechanisms, in order to address the identified need to ensure refugees' awareness of their rights, obligations, and ways to access protection.

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