



65% of registered Syrian refugees live outside the refugee camps

FEBRUARY HIGHLIGHTS:

UNHCR's procurement plan for CRIs in 2014 has been finalised, with a number of orders placed. In the meantime, distribution of items from stock procured in 2013 and kept in the UNHCR warehouse in Gaziantep continued. During the month of February, winterisation items distributed by UNHCR in the refugee camps included:

- Blankets: 7,260 units
- Winter Clothes: 69,655 units

In the on-going support to improve sanitation and hygiene in the refugee camps, an additional 96 WASH containers (procured in 2013) were installed in the refugee camps during the month of February. This brings the total number of WASH containers installed to 170.

UNHCR will aim for the distribution of NFIs to non-camp Syrian refugees in Turkey throughout 2014. This will be done through 3 NGOs.

IOM distributed NFI and winterisation items to 910 families (about 4,260 individuals) living in urban areas in Kirikhan, Hatay province. These families received 1,169 blankets, 1,671 pillows, 1,151 beds and 358 carpets. Additionally IOM and implementing partners distributed coal for 547 families (about 4,270 persons) living in Kirikhan and Reyhanli neighborhoods. Additionally, 97 of these families received stoves as well during the month of February.



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 2.5 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 400,000 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.

