

External update on influx of Syrian refugees

UNHCR Representation in Turkey

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AFAD Coordination

Sivas Prov. Director Of AFAD was assigned as the responsible person from AFAD for the refugee response in Yumurtalik, YIBO, Suleyman Shah Park, and the Crisis Desk at Suruç Sub Governorate.

UNHCR Response

Due to bad weather conditions affecting a large number of individuals in public facilities in need of shelter, AFAD has urgently requested UNHCR for support. In reply to this request, UNHCR is dispatching 50,000 blankets and 30,000 mats from the UNHCR warehouse today.

The fourth airlift arrived in the early hours of 29 September carrying 60 Metric Tons of relief supplies. The cargo of 38,000 sleeping mats and 14,313 high thermal blankets was loaded into 5 trucks now on the way to Gaziantep warehouse.

Arrivals and Registration

Reportedly 1,100 Syrians entered through Yumurtalik on 28 September bringing the total number of individual admissions through Yumurtalik to 71,717 refugees. The newly assigned coordinator for the Syrian influx in Suruç, Sivas Provincial Director of AFAD announced that the total number of pre-registered Syrians is 23,332 as of 29 September morning.



A Syrian woman is given water after fainting just as she crosses the border from Syrian to Turkey. UNHCR/I.Prickett/September 2014

AFAD Assistance

AFAD has announced cumulative numbers of its efforts covering the Suruç area so far. It reported that it has transferred 24,000 tents to the area and is hosting 3,000 Syrians in two temporary shelters. In addition, 23,500 hot meals, 37,902 boxes of high energy biscuits, 43,240 liters of water, 9,000 portions of soup and food were distributed for 19,000 persons since the beginning of the crisis. 228 Syrians have been referred to hospitals. The following core relief items have been distributed: 22,900 blankets, 10,000 mattresses, 2,000 plastic sheets, 4,000 mats and 7,000 hygiene kits.

Turkish NGO IHH is on site providing assistance to the refugees sheltered at YIBO and Town centre. One truck is distributing 12,000-18,000 loaves, hot meals and instant noodles. TRC also provides hot meals since 2 days. Instant Noodle packs are distributed to villages in Suruç.

Shelter

AFAD informed UNHCR that there are around 3,000 Syrians staying in the shelter of YIBO Boarding School. UNHCR has witnessed that the sanitation needs at YIBO are being addressed. The infrastructure for the 10 portable latrines provided by Haliliye Municipality and two AFAD containers (1 shower and 1 latrine container) has been partially completed. There are now 32 showers fitted with heaters to be used by all residents in different period for men and women.

As of 29 September, 650 Syrian refugees are being hosted in nearly 81 rub hall tents at Suleyman Shah park and the yard of a semi-constructed school building next to it.

On 29 September the estimated number of individuals staying at the Wedding Hall in Suruç is between 450-500. Médecins sans Frontières (MSF) conducted an evaluation to assess the possibility of providing additional toilets as well as showers for this location. The Van Metropolitan Municipality has made a mobile health unit available and, jointly with the Diyarbakir Municipality and Kizilay, it is providing three meals a day. The main needs in the Wedding Hall include foam mattresses, clothes for children and women, diapers and blankets.

It is reported that the Suruç Cultural Center and its surroundings being used as a shelter by approximately 800 Syrians. The Centre's is used as a transit centre for people before being transferred to more suitable accommodation possibilities. The Centre offers health and pharmacy facilities.

UNHCR visited the Wheat Market located on the Gaziantep-Sanlıurfa Road and the Bulgur Factory, both run and supported by the Suruç Municipality, as well as other municipalities and NGOs. There are currently 97 tents and 11 barracks for 7-8 persons at the Wheat Market. The Bulgur Factory currently offers 31 tents and two large barracks, hosting approximately 1,200 persons. There are around 350 children between 1 month and 10 years of age. Both shelters offer meals distributed by the Suruç Municipality. The Sanliurfa Municipality has sent several vehicles for assistance and the UNFPA distributed hygiene kits at the Wheat Market. The identified urgent needs are baby diapers, baby nutritional supplement/food, beds and blankets.

So far the authorities have compiled information regarding 8,700 Syrians sheltered in mosques, condolence houses, local residencies and semi-constructed buildings. The data was compiled from mukhtars, teachers, and imams in cooperation with SASF. The Crisis Desk at Sub Governorate explained that the high mobility of Syrians in Suruç town centre and villages is a challenge for the compilation of such information and they will continue to reach out to Syrian refugees and ask them to pre-register.

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