

External Update on influx of Syrian refugees

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UNHCR Representation in Turkey

Coordination and needs assessment

UNHCR hosted an Inter-Agency meeting in Gaziantep on 01 October. During the meeting UNHCR gave a detailed gap analysis presentation with inputs from needs analyses conducted by INGOs IMC, CARE, DRC, IRC, and Turkish NGOs IMPR and Support to Life. These assessments covered 10 official and non-official shelters and the needs identified per sector were discussed in the meeting.



UNHCR delivery of CRIs to families living in make-shift shelters in fields next to Kizilhoyuk village Suruc. Photo UNHCR/E.Argunhan

The UN agencies and NGOs in attendance gave an overview of their core relief items (CRI) distribution plans and strategies. All detailed plans feed into a matrix covering needs, ongoing activities and planned activities, which will be finalized in the coming days. At the same time UNHCR is developing information management tools using the information compiled in the matrix.

The agencies discussed challenges in establishing the needs of refugees in the host communities. One issue is that persons of concern are moving around from village to village, which limits the time validity of the rapid needs assessments and response strategy.

Arrivals and Returns

AFAD has reported that 3,700 Syrian refugees were admitted on 01 October and another 1,845 refugees were admitted on 02 October. The number of total admissions of refugees as reported by AFAD stands at 168,532 persons until 17:00 on 2 October.

Registration

AFAD reports on 3,700 Syrians had been pre-registered on 01 October, and on 2 October 1,845 Syrian refugees admitted and pre-registered bringing the total number of pre-registered newly arrived refugees to over 47,342.

Shelter

The AFAD Sanliurfa Provincial Director announced it is searching for a location in Sanliurfa province to set up a camp with capacity for 20,000 persons.

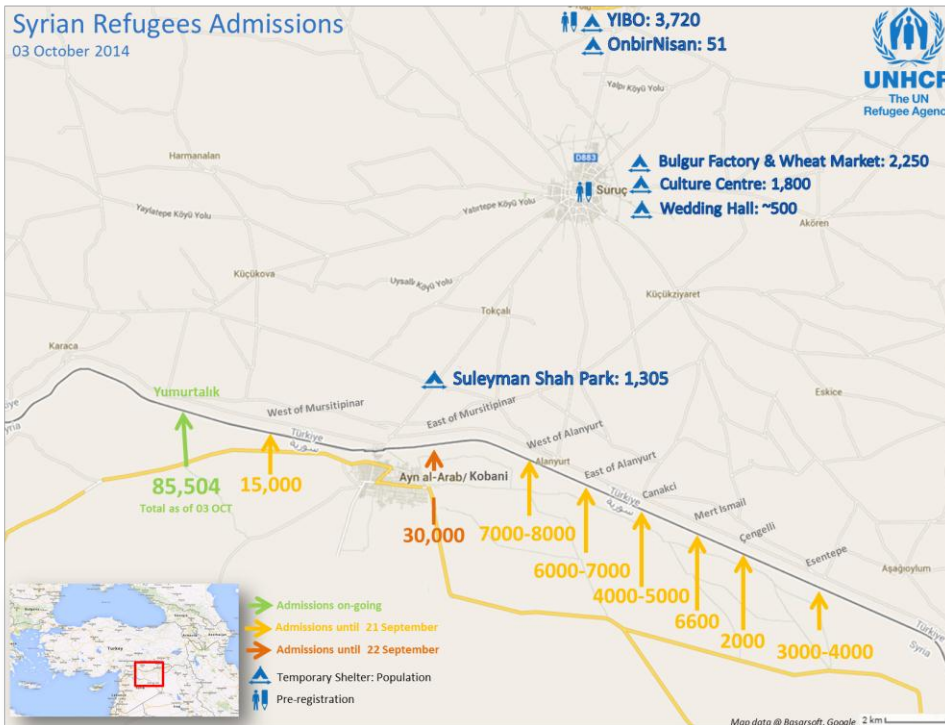
On 2 October the Provincial Director of AFAD has stated that the evacuation of the refugees staying at Suleyman Shah Park is not taking place for the time being. According to AFAD information note of 2 October, 1,305 Syrians are accommodated in 81 rub hall tents, each with 8 sections, which has a capacity for 3,400 persons. So far, 51 persons have been admitted in the former Gendarmerie Command Post in OnbirNisan where 14 rub halls tents have been set up to accommodate up to 1,100 persons.

According to AFAD, 3,610 Syrians are accommodated at YIBO, which is reported to have capacity for 3,500 persons in 3 buildings and 38 rub hall tents. UNHCR talked with refugee families who stated they are not consistently receiving hot meals. Both AFAD

the Sanliurfa Provincial Director and YIBO Manager confirmed that there were issues with the distribution of hot meals at the YIBO and these would be addressed. On 2

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October AFAD informed UNHCR that a company will start to provide hot meals for Syrians at YIBO in the next few days.

Map d.d.3 October with overview of admission and the locations of the official shelters

Distribution of Assistance

Besides supporting the transportation of in-kind donations made by different national institutions, the Turkish Red Crescent (TRC) has also distributed flour, fruits, food rations, and blankets given by the municipality of Suruc TRC will also continue distributing milk to the Syrian refugees staying with host communities.

UNICEF, in coordination with TRC, has covered a number of gaps with provision of 92,000 baby diapers and 115,200 packages of high energy biscuits (HEB). It plans to distribute 10,000 adult diapers bags, 594,300 packages of HEB, 30,000 set of thermal underwear for children of 5-14 years of age, 35,000 undershirts, 35,000 underpants and 10,000 packages of baby hygiene kits according to the needs after Bayran.

MSF informed UNHCR that they plan to distribute 10,000 foam mattresses in cooperation with Turkish NGO International Blue Crescent (IBC).

Distribution Monitoring

On 1 October UNHCR started monitoring the distribution of UNHCR donated NFIs and collecting data on persons of concern who have received them. The first two monitored sites were YIBO and Dinlence village. UNHCR also verified the quantity of items sent to each district/ village from 25 September through 1 October in its records against the local warehouses records. Around 2,500 blankets were delivered to 13 villages of Suruc from Cukobirlik Warehouse on 02 October and a UNHCR team visited two villages during distribution. UNHCR team observed that Syrian refugees were living in around 10 makeshift tents, as well as in the locals' houses and semi-structured buildings.

UNHCR conducted monitoring of other locations and identified further issues with distribution. The issue was discussed with the manager of the Crisis Desk who agreed that further control mechanisms shall be put in place.