

EXTERNAL update on influx of Syrian refugees

UNHCR Representation in Turkey

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Arrivals

According to information received from AFAD, the total number of Syrian refugees admitted through Yumurtalik crossing on 09 October was 240, raising the total reported admissions through this gate to 90,843 persons. The authorities have reported that the cumulative number of arrivals from 19 September until 09 October has reached 173,969 refugees.

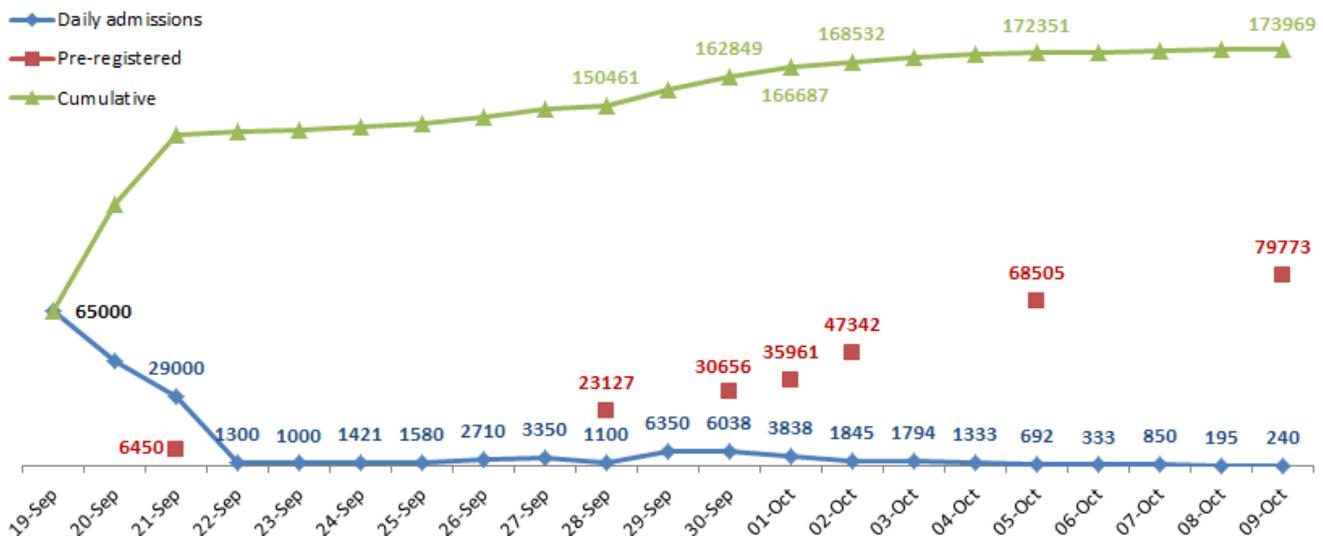
AFAD officials informed UNHCR that, for security reasons, all new admissions are transferred from Yumurtalik directly to Suruç Town centre for pre-registration and onward referral.

Pre-registration and Registration

AFAD has stated that 79,773 Syrian refugees have been pre-registered as of 10 October. Pre-registration is currently done in 3 locations: At the Pre-registration Desk at Suruç town, the pre-registration Desk at Suruç Sports Centre and the mobile Coordination Centre at Suruç town.

Those who are pre-registered are issued a registration appointment slips for their biometric registration with information on the registration units, namely the Mobile Coordination Centre or AFAD containers. Syrians who chose not to stay at transit centres in Suruç are told to approach the registration centres in the cities / towns they plan to go bearing the copy of the appointment slip they were issued.

Overview of admissions during the influx and pre-registration figures:



Humanitarian Coordination

The UN and NGO partners on the ground are coordinating their response in the fields of shelter, health, WASH, NFI and food throughout Suruc region. UNHCR is working in close cooperation with the authorities and the other humanitarian actors to strengthen communications between AFAD, municipalities and NGOs and facilitate widespread sharing of information on the needs. As distribution and needs assessment mechanisms are currently centralized through local AFAD coordination centers receiving information from mukhtars, teachers and imams, UNHCR is making sure this data is shared with the humanitarian actors involved in the response. UNHCR compiles NGOs' and UN

agencies' information on needs and activities and is preparing a visual data management interface to be used by all actors currently supporting or planning to support the Syrian refugees in the Suruç region. UNHCR is also leading the advocacy efforts for enhanced needs assessment to help NGOs draft assistance programmes as well as access to beneficiaries.

Shelter

A group of 7 families spontaneously arrived at YIBO shelter on 8 October, but could not be admitted because the temporary shelter has reached its maximum capacity of 3,900 persons. Therefore, AFAD officials referred these families to the temporary shelters set up at Onbir Nisan centre and at Suruc Sports centre.

AFAD officials reported that all Syrians have been evacuated from Suleyman Shah, and are now accommodated in the newly established 20 rub hall tents next to the YIBO school and in the Suruc Sports Hall.



Syrian children in a shelter at Onbir Nisan. Photo UNHCR/ F. Ozdogru

Health and Special Needs

AFAD has stated that over 40,000 children among the new arrivals have been vaccinated for polio and measles.

UNHCR received an assessment from the medical staff of the Spinal Cord Paralytics Association of Turkey on 45 persons with special needs living in the shelters at Suruç Town, Bulgur Factory, Wheat Market, Avesta Wedding Hall, Uc Kardesler Mosque and Onbir Nisan district. UNHCR has offered its support to facilitate a wider vulnerability assessment in Suruc and surroundings. The Spinal Cord Paralytics Association of Turkey will be providing wheelchairs and walking frames to the identified 45 persons, and UNHCR is considering whether it can provide orthopedic beds, diapers for the bedridden and wet towels.

Distribution of Assistance

UNHCR is coordinating the provision of items the AFAD Coordinator of the Cukobirlik Warehouse has listed among the most pressing needs in the region. The Coordinator presented a list of various hygiene items, which UNHCR is either already in the process of procuring or which are being provided by other UN agencies and NGOs.

Donor Countries of UNHCR's Regional Syrian Refugee Programme for Turkey:



Other Donor Countries contributing to UNHCR's Regional Syrian Refugee Programme in alphabetical order including un-earmarked funding:



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