

2,503,549 registered Syrian refugees by end December 2015.

DECEMBER HIGHLIGHTS:

Registration of camp and non-camp Syrian refugees continued to take place during December 2015 under the supervision of Ministry of Interior - Directorate General of Migration Management. As of end December 2015, 2,503,549 2,291,900 Syrians were biometrically registered, demonstrating an increase of 211,649 from November figures.

UNHCR's protection hotline receive 154 calls during the reporting period, while 1068 Syrian families including SGBV cases and children at risk were provided with technical advice, counselling and interventions by UNHCR were ensured through referrals to government institutions and partner NGOs. Since January 2015, a total of 8,099 Syrian individuals were submitted for resettlement.

During the course of December 2015, UNHCR trained 623 counterparts and relevant stakeholders, including government interlocutors such as the staff of the Directorate General of Migration Management (DGMM), NGO staff and refugee committees. Protection trainings focused on international refugee law, including the 1951 Refugee Convention, international protection framework in Turkey, the temporary protection regime for Syrians, access to territory, identification of and referral mechanisms for persons with special needs including children protection, SGBV cases, as well as community empowerment and participation. Further trainings covered case management and early marriages.

IOM assisted 81 beneficiaries in the month of December 2015. Main identified areas of need have been accommodation and rental assistance, following by medical equipment needs, transportation, material and food assistance as well as documentation/translation and legal assistance.

IOM also continued its support to Syrians through life skills and recreational activities. Through its implementing partners, IOM also provided assistance to those in need via outreach team.

UNICEF focused on capacity building, strengthening systems and expanding the community-based protection response to children, with emphasis on the most vulnerable.

In December, 5,643 children regularly benefitted from 25 Child Friendly Spaces (CFS) in camps and host communities, bringing the total to 49,551 children in 2015. Of these, 1,151 children were identified and referred to specialized services in 2015, and 200 separated children were reached with



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Key Figures:

Planned Sector Response:
2,500,000
Registered Refugees



2,503,549
100%



Direct beneficiaries



2,503,549
100%

Status:

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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