

Syria Crisis Weekly Humanitarian Situation Report
Turkey
Date: 13 September 2012

TURKEY

Highlights

- 22,000 people accommodated in regional boarding schools have been relocated to the newly opened camps.
- Although there are no restrictions on the admission of those seeking temporary protection into Turkey, the process continues to be slow due to security checks and other procedures.

Situation Overview and Humanitarian Needs:

Estimated Affected Population <i>(Estimates based on initial figures from UNHCR Portal, 13 September 2012)</i>			
	Total	Male	Female
Total Affected Population	80,104	42,455	37,649
Children Affected (Under 18)	39,251	20,026	19,225

There are currently 80,104 registered Syrian refugees in Turkey and it is estimated that children represent between 50-56 per cent of the overall Syrian population.

The number of Syrians awaiting admission into Turkey on the Syrian side of the border are reportedly around 10,000 at the moment; half of them across the border in Kilis and the other half across the Hatay border. This week, 201 new arrivals have been admitted and transferred to camps, while 135 Syrians voluntarily returned to Syria. Although there are no restrictions on the admission of those seeking temporary protection into Turkey, the process continues to be slow due to security checks and other procedures.

Inter-Agency Collaboration and Partnerships: UNICEF, through the UN Country Team (UNCT), is closely following the situation of Syrian children and women waiting at the Turkish/Syrian border. Led by UNHCR, UN agencies are preparing the third version of the Regional Response Plan.

Programme response: Apart from camp centres, Syrian families are also being sheltered in regional boarding schools, dormitories and gymnasiums in different cities around Turkey, while tent cities are being established. Priority placement of Syrians accommodated in regional boarding schools continues, with 22,000 Syrians relocated to the new settlements.

UNICEF is monitoring the situation of children in refugee camps run by the Government of Turkey through the UN. UNICEF Turkey plans to reach some 22,500 Syrian children with key interventions in education and child protection. The supplies to support these activities have been procured and are being distributed in the camps by the Turkish Red Crescent.

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