

Syria Crisis Weekly Humanitarian Situation Report
Turkey
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TURKEY

Highlights

- The Turkish Parliament has authorized the military to cross the border to Syria, if necessary. While the security situation has calmed in Akçakale, Syrian shelling repeatedly hit a rural area in Yayladağı. Turkish forces responded.
- The number of Syrians waiting to cross into Turkey is estimated at approximately 14,000 despite the admission of an average of 500 people a day.

Estimated Affected Population

(Estimates calculated based on initial figures from UNHCR Portal on 10 Oct 2012)

	Total	Male	Female
Total Affected Population	96,397	51,090	45,307
Children Affected (Under 18)	47,235	24,099	23,135
Children Under Five			

Inter-Agency Collaboration and Partnerships: The UN is working closely with the Government of Turkey to determine needs and ensure that those who are seeking access to protection and asylum are able to reach safety. UNICEF is also closely following the situation of children and women that are waiting at the zero point of the border.

Programme response: The Government of Turkey has indicated an increased interest in assistance from UN agencies to the Syrian refugees in Turkey. A joint thematic mission to camps in Kilis and Islahiya on education was undertaken by UNHCR and UNICEF on 8 and 9 October. Upon the request of refugees, children in camps are being taught by qualified Syrian volunteer teachers residing in the camps. Teaching is done according to a modified Syrian curriculum. Turkish Government-employed teachers also teach certain subjects in the camp schools. UNICEF is planning to reach children in the camps with school bags and warm winter clothing.

UNICEF Turkey was granted funding to provide safe educational, recreational and psychosocial care for children affected by the Syrian crisis, in alignment with the regional response plan. Up to 22,500 Syrian children will be reached 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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