

Introduction

IOM estimates there are presently around **120,000** migrant workers in Syria of which **15,000** may be in priority need of assistance for evacuation, emergency transport assistance from border to transit site, and health services.

As of early October, approximately **6,000** requests for evacuation assistance have been sent to IOM by Embassies, Governments and individual migrants. The majority are **vulnerable stranded female migrants**, who face many challenges due to gaps in legal mechanisms, confiscation of passports, challenging security situations, a sponsorship system, unpaid wages, abuse and more.

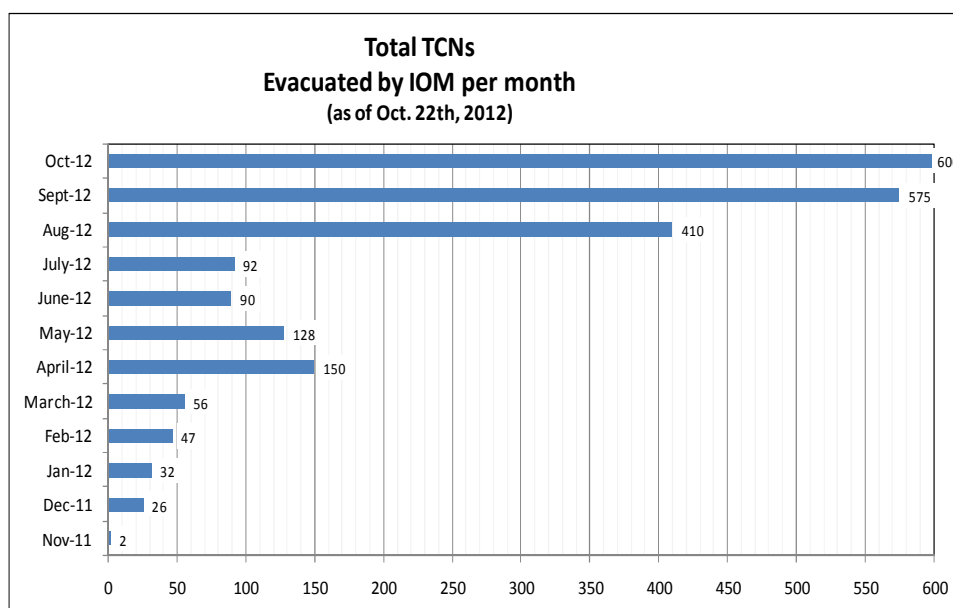


TCN Evacuation: Main Challenges

- Unsafe evacuation routes
- Missing travel documents
- Inability to purchase flight tickets
- Indefinite detention
- Lengthy court procedure to legalize papers without legal assistance or translator
- Fees for migrants who entered after 2008
- Employer contract termination fines
- Outreach and dissemination of information

IOM Response

- Facilitate required travel documents in coordination with the host government, migrant-sending countries, and other authorities.
- Manage flight ticket bookings, transit, and transportation to safe locations.
- Provide pre-departure health screening to all migrants leaving Syria, providing additional material support such as food, water, and medicine as needed.



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Assisted by IOM SYRIA

Country	Total
PHILIPPINES	835
SUDAN	497
YEMEN	140
EGYPT	135
UKRAINE	131
OTHERS	408
Cumulative Total	2,207



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Assisted by IOM in Neighboring Countries

Country	IOM Mission	Total
MOLDOVA	IOM Ankara	9
CONAKRY	IOM Beirut	8
BELARUS	IOM Beirut	5
UKRAINE	IOM Beirut	5
ARGENTINA	IOM Beirut	4
PERU	IOM Beirut	3
ETHIOPIA	IOM Amman	1
Cumulative Total		35

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Overall Totals

Status	Total
Departed*	2,207
Booked	212
In Pipeline**	757

*83 of departed TCNs were evacuated from Aleppo airport

**Breakdown: registered 118; not ready to travel 253; contacted but not registered yet 194; could not be reached 108; pending booking 50; pending exit visa or travel document 34

Vulnerability Criteria

The criteria IOM uses for the selection of the vulnerable migrants include persons:

- At high risk of trafficking, destitute persons or otherwise unable to sustain her/himself including minors, pregnant women, elderly and disabled.
- In detention due to their irregular status and who can be released by authorities
- With medical conditions, seriously ill and/or injured (but still fit to travel)
- Whose Governments cannot support the evacuation of their nationals especially those without diplomatic missions in Syria.