



66% of registered Syrian refugees live outside the refugee camps

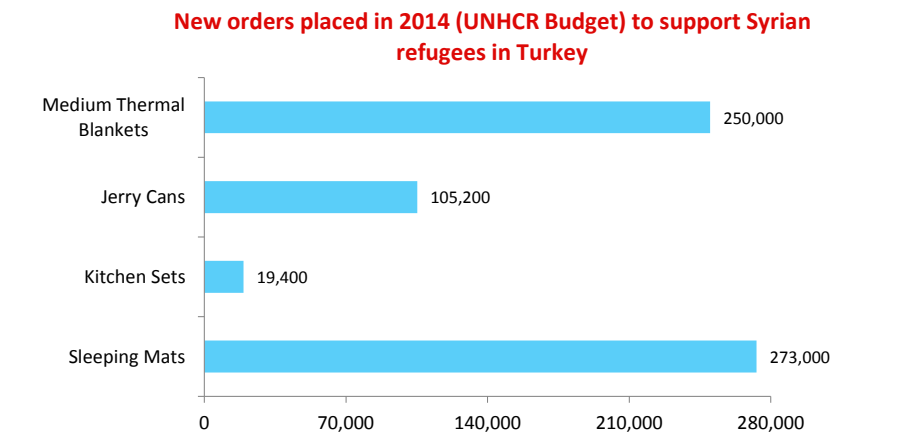
MARCH HIGHLIGHTS:
UNHCR's procurement plan for CRIs in 2014 has been finalised, with a number of orders placed. In the meantime, distribution of items from stock procured in 2013 and kept in the UNHCR warehouse in Gaziantep continued.

- During the month of March, 15,000 blankets were distributed in Batman. Additionally, as part of the joint UN cross-border operation in Syria/Qamishly in March, the following items were released from UNHCR warehouse in Gaziantep, to be replenished later.
- 45,000 Winter Clothes
 - 2,400 Jerry Cans
 - 4,000 Kitchen Sets
 - 20,000 Sleeping Mats
 - 50,000 High Thermal Blankets

In the on-going support to improve sanitation and hygiene in the refugee camps, an additional 28 WASH containers (procured by UNHCR in 2013) were installed in the refugee camps during the month of March. This brings the total number of WASH containers installed to 198.

New orders have been placed by UNHCR for non-camp Syrian refugees, including 250,000 Medium Thermal Blankets, 15,400 Kitchen Sets, 102,800 Jerry Cans and 253,000 Sleeping Mats.

During March, IOM distributed non-food and winterisation items to 246 families (1,305 individuals) living in urban areas in Kirikhan and some of the 32 surrounding villages. Items included blankets, mattresses, pillows and carpets. Additionally, IOM together with local authorities in Adiyaman, provided NFI and winterisation items for 87 families (530 persons). Items included 276 blankets, 276 mattresses, 73 carpets, 32 stoves and 695 bags of coal (1 bag is 25 kg). IOM is working with implementing partners to provide support for 2,000 families (about 12,000 individuals) in Hatay with cash vouchers. Each individual will receive 30 TL per month to cover food needs and each family will receive an additional 40 TL to cover hygiene needs.



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Stocks of core relief items for distribution in Gaziantep/UNHCR 2014

The Government of Turkey takes the lead role for determining and implementing assistance provided to Syrian refugees, through the Prime Ministry Disaster and Emergency Management Presidency (AFAD). AFAD reports spending 2.5 billion USD on the Syrian Refugee Response in Turkey.

NEEDS ANALYSIS:

Although the total number of people in camps remains stable, new arrivals are transferred whenever space becomes available. As refugees have lived in the camps for over two years now, maintenance and improvement of services remains critical. For instance, hygiene conditions in some of the camps are moving below standard and will need to be enhanced in order to bring them back up to an acceptable level.

Over 400,000 non-camp refugees have been registered so far by the GoT. Although most of them are living in host communities or have rented apartments, they have not been provided with NFIs and are exhausting their resources while struggling to make ends meet. There is, therefore, need to provide vulnerable refugees with support to meet their basic needs.

- The main priorities in the basic needs sector include:
- Cover basic needs through provision of bedding, kitchen sets and hygiene materials.
 - Cover some of the shelter and NFI needs of vulnerable persons identified throughout the year, based on referral from local authorities and partners.
 - Support the Government in providing shelter solutions for camp and non-camp Syrians.
 - Cover winter needs for new arrivals in the camps and non-camp Syrian refugees through the provision/enhancement of shelter.
 - Maintenance of water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) services in camps.

