



73% of registered Syrian refugees live outside the refugee camps

AUGUST HIGHLIGHTS:

A UNHCR Partner in Hatay continued the implementation of the cash-voucher programme to cover basic needs of vulnerable refugees. During the month of August, a total of 1,535 households (8,762 persons) have benefitted from the assistance. The project was initially planned until the month of September, but the possibility of extending until the end of the year is being assessed by UNHCR. For the second partner project for voucher assistance, the programme implementation was initiated mid-August., in Gaziantep. The preliminary information regarding Syrians in need of assistance in the area was shared by the authorities and the partner teams started conducting social assessments with the refugee families. A total of 251 families (1,500 persons) were provided with cash vouchers until the end of the month. The purpose of cash-vouchers is to allow beneficiaries to purchase food and non-food items at pre-selected retailers through an electronic card system.

During the month, IOM continued to implement the voucher-programme in Kirikhan and Reyhanli districts in Hatay province. During the month of August, IOM provided, through its partner, the voucher card for 1230 households (6735 persons), and the partner conducted 68 Post Distribution Monitoring (PDM) visits, three nutrition awareness-raising sessions, and market monitoring assessments. Key findings from PDM include; a) Prices have increased for items such as meat, chicken and diapers b) For households with new-born babies, the majority of money goes directly to the baby's needs instead of basic needs of the household.

Since the beginning of the year, 17,513 Syrian refugees have been supported in Hatay through IOM's voucher-programme allowing them to access food and hygiene items.

In August, IOM continued to distribute emergency non-food items in Hatay province assisting 590 families (2,821 persons). IOM's distributions target both new arrivals in areas where IOM is operational such as Kirikhan, Kumlu, Hassa and other villages in Hatay, as well as those previously assessed as requiring NFIs.



Provision of NFIs to Syrians in Hatay province - IOM/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 3,5 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.

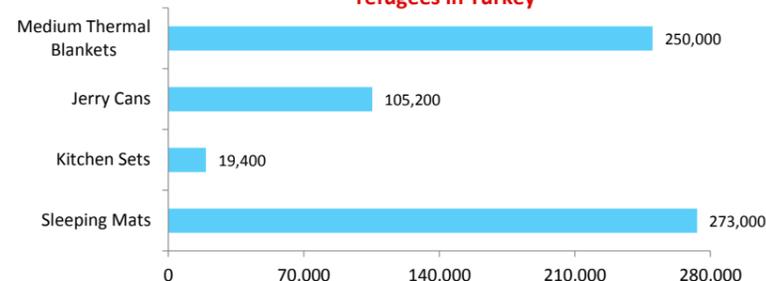
Over 400,000 non-camp refugees have been registered so far by the GoT. Although most of them are living in host communities or have rented apartments, they have not been provided with NFIs and are exhausting their resources while struggling to make ends meet. There is, therefore, need to provide vulnerable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

* Needs analysis are based on the RRP6 analysis made at the end of 2013.

New orders received in 2014 (UNHCR Budget) to support Syrian refugees in Turkey



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PROGRESS AGAINST TARGETS:

