

TURKEY

EXTERNAL UPDATE

28 January 2015

KEY FIGURES (2014)

211,000

Family Tent beneficiaries

12,640

Sanitary Napkins beneficiaries

167,840

Kitchen sets beneficiaries

24,038

Plastic Sheeting units

62,245

Electric heaters

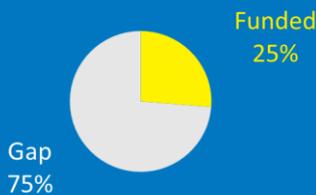
342,000

Plastic Mats

FUNDING (2014)

USD 315 million

UNHCR Turkey operation



USD 497 million

Interagency Regional Response in Turkey



HIGHLIGHTS

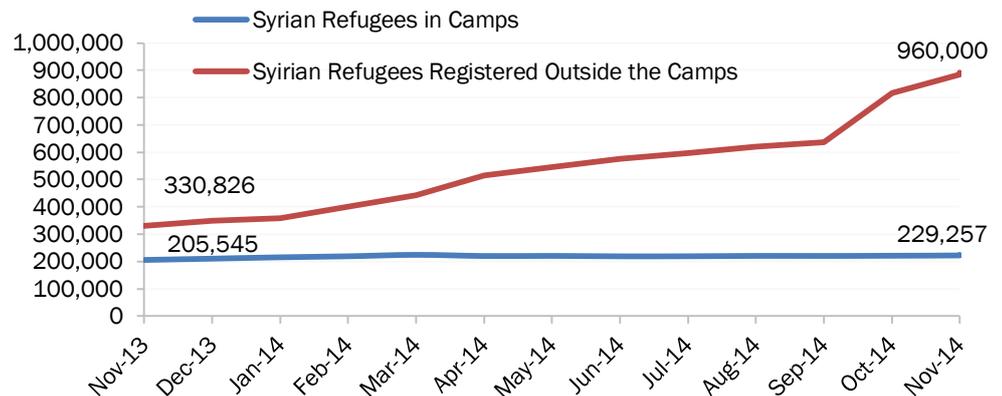
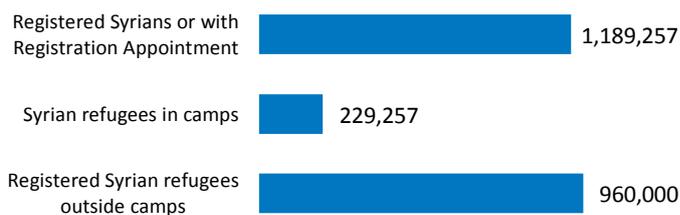
- UN High Commissioner for Refugees António Guterres, accepting the invitation of the Turkish Minister of foreign Affairs, Mevlüt Çavusoglu, paid official visit to Turkey from 6 to 7 January 2015.
- Admissions to the new camp in Suruç have started on 25 January. So far, 1392 Syrian refugees have been admitted to the camp and accommodated in 330 tents.
- AFAD reports that the camps population has increased by 8% since end of 2013, and the total number of non-camp Syrians registered and enumerated in 12 provinces, including Mersin and Batman, increased by 163,6% during the same period.



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Syrian Refugee Population in Turkey

A total of **1,622,839** Syrian refugees:



UN HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES VISITS TURKEY

UN High Commissioner for Refugees António Guterres, accepting the invitation of the Turkish Minister of foreign Affairs, Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu, paid official visit to Turkey from 6 to 7 January 2015. The visit aimed at bringing various aspects for discussion with Turkish authorities such as the cooperation between Turkey and United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), as well as exchange of views on issues concerning refugees on a regional and international platform and to strengthen the current cooperation.

The HC held high-level meetings with the Turkish President, Recep Tayyip Erdogan, and the Prime Minister, Ahmet Davutoğlu, among many other ministers. The High Commissioner also delivered the keynote speech at the Seventh Ambassadors Conference held on 6 January about the challenges posed by the most severe force displacement crisis in the world since World War II.

Finally, Dr. Fuat Oktay, President of the Disaster and Emergency Management Agency (AFAD) and the HC signed a Memorandum of Understanding concerning the implementation of the project “Protection and Provision of Basic Services to the out of the camp Syrians in Turkey” funded by the European Union.



The visit of the High Commissioner resulted in some immediate progress in a number of areas.

- AFAD started distribution of winter clothes provided by UNHCR in camps immediately. Anoraks and thermal underwear is being provided to the whole population residing in camps.
- DGMM is focusing on issuance of exit permits for cases accepted for resettlement by Norway and UK as per the HC's discussion with the Minister of the Interior.
- The Deputy Prime Minister announced that Iraqis arriving over summer 2014 will have access to healthcare now, which is an important step in terms of clarification of the status of Iraqis and ensuring access to rights and services.

NEW CAMP IN SURUÇ

According to last AFAD information note for Suruç, as 26 January the total number of admissions remained at 194,290 and over 60,000 individuals have been biometrically registered. The two main AFAD run camps are operating at capacity: YIBO is hosting 7,401 refugees and Onbirnisan 1,160.



Admissions to the new camp have started on 25 January with the transfer of the 135 Syrians from YIBO Temporary Accommodation Center. So far, 1392 Syrian refugees have been admitted to the camp and accommodated in 330 tents. AFAD informed UNHCR that a total of 7,000 tents with the capacity to accommodate over 35,000 persons will be available at the new camp in Suruç.

UNHCR was briefed by the Sub-Governor of Suruç on the camp set up, facilities and services made available for the refugees in the camp. UNHCR is ready to provide additional CRIs if and whenever needed.

AFAD and Foreigner's Police Department staff are conducting registration for those not yet biometrically registered. The arrivals are assigned a family tent and hot meal at the reception tents. The Police Officers direct those

already registered to AFAD for issuance of the AFAD Cards for their monthly food allowance and CRI provided in the camp. The Registration Staff stated that each family entering the Camp is assigned one male/female translator who provides them translation assistance from registration throughout being placed in their family tents.

Upon request from AFAD Ankara, UNHCR has provided NFIs including high thermal blankets, mattresses, plastic mats, kitchen sets, cooking units (mini fridges, hot plates, and cabinets) and jerry cans for 6,000 households or 30,000 persons. UNHCR has already delivered 125 WASH containers.

UNHCR has also provided 75 dishwashing containers of which 34 have already been delivered to the new camp. In addition, 200 shower containers and 250 WC containers will be delivered to the camp during the months of January and February 2015.

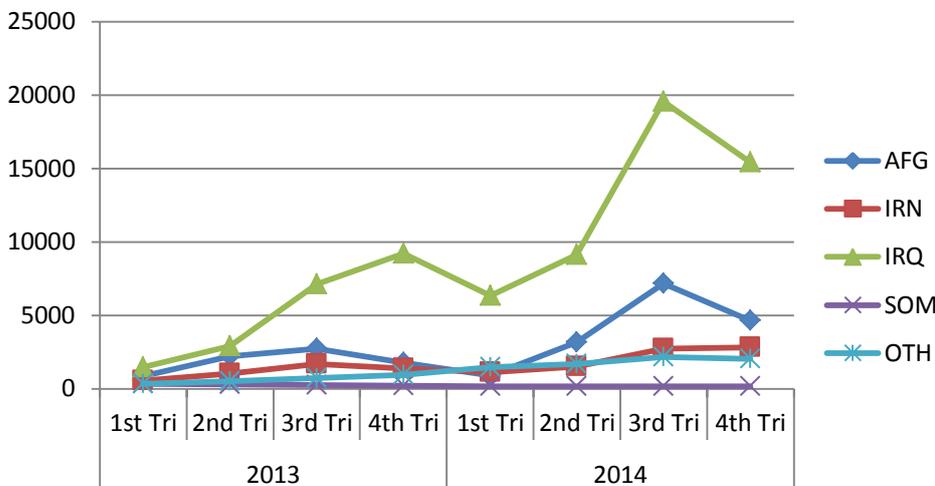
On 29 December 2014, upon request from AFAD Ankara to UNHCR Ankara, 1,000 electrical heaters were delivered to Islahiye-2 camp. UNHCR continues monitoring the distribution to the beneficiaries in the camp.

The Head of Suruç State Hospital informed UNHCR that the number of health staff of the State Hospital has been increased after the Suruç influx because of the additional needs of the Syrians coming from Kobane. They will be able to assign three specialists on Paediatrics, Internal Diseases and Emergency to the new camp during the working hours. The emergency unit will be available 24 hours a day. Two Social Workers will remain in the Camp and assist families for the next weeks with medical needs, as well as other issues as the needs are identified.



GENERAL REFUGEE RESPONSE

Pre-Registration in 2013-2014



The ASAM pre-registration numbers offer a crucial piece of information about the potential size of the non-Syrian refugee population in Turkey. Over the 52 weeks of 2014, ASAM pre-registered 78,703 asylum-seekers in Turkey from over 70 nationalities. Iraqis, Iranians, Afghans were the most numerous.

The impact of the larger number of PoCs has already been felt on UNHCR Turkey's operations as the numbers of all individual protection interventions has increased, in some cases more than

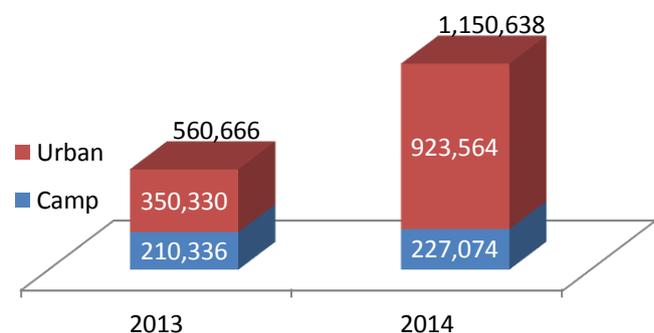
doubled such as BID, psychiatric referrals and SGBV.

Syrian Refugee Population increase from 2013 to 2014

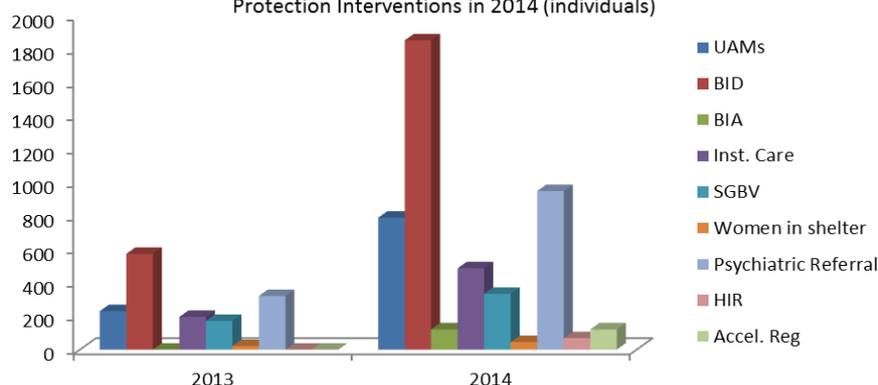
An AFAD Information note of 30 December presents the final figures of Syrian refugees in camps and urban setting in 2014. It reports that the camps population increased by 8% since end of 2013 (22 camps in 10 provinces) and the total number of non-camp Syrians registered and enumerated in 12 provinces, including Mersin and Batman, increased by 163,6% since end of December 2013. Overall, camp and non-camp, the increase was 105.2% since end of 2013. Out of the total registered/enumerated in camps and non-camp in Southeast of Turkey (1,150,638 Syrians), 83% are biometrically registered. The majority of the biometric registered Syrians (70%) are registered in Gaziantep, Urfa, Hatay and Kilis.

The note also reports that 40,104 Syrian children were born in Turkey since the beginning of the crisis, 68,607 children are attending to schools (including kinder garden) in the camps, 11,717 persons are attending vocational courses and 39,598 have already graduated from one or more courses.

Refugee population increase in Turkey 2013-2014



Protection Interventions in 2014 (individuals)



International Protection Training for Lawyers in Istanbul

On 20 and 21 December, UNHCR organized the second workshop in 2014 for the lawyers working under the legal aid bureau in cooperation with Istanbul Bar Association. Forty three lawyers attended the training focused on the Law on Foreigners and International Protection, Temporary Protection Regulation, identification of vulnerable and disadvantaged groups, women's rights and other relevant topics on international human rights and refugee law.



During the reporting week, UNHCR met with the bar associations in Kahramanmaras, Kilis and Osmaniye to explore a mutual cooperation in which the bar associations provides legal assistance for Syrian individuals referred by UNHCR who are to take legal action related to civil rights. UNHCR, in exchange, would support local Bar Associations with capacity building activities. The limited resources allocated for legal aid services issue, a common concern amongst the Turkish Bar Associations, was brought to consideration during the meeting, as well as the engagement of the Union of Turkish Bar Associations in matter. UNHCR welcomed this centralized approach that will play a crucial role for Syrian refugees' access to legal assistance in the country.

Implementation through partners in 2015

UNHCR Turkey is elaborating agreements with its current and new implementing partners for activities in 2015. An initial set of discussions during the week between UNHCR and IMC, ASAM, IBC, Concern and HRDF allowed UNHCR and partners to assess projects and draw lessons learnt from 2014. Priority activities under initial budgetary envelopes that UNHCR can provide were determined. Project proposals were fine-tuned as a result. Expansion of CRI distribution and cash assistance in non-camp settings will be priorities in 2015, as well as a focus on preparing Syrian refugee children and youth for formal education and access to the labour market for all PoC in the working age, with particular attention to Turkish language learning. Support to and capacity building of Government registration activities of refugees as well as identification and follow-up of vulnerable protection cases will continue as defined by the changing context of the newly adopted Temporary Protection Regulation. Services provided by community centres such as counseling and psychosocial support will continue and will be extended to more locations.

Donor Countries of UNHCR's Regional Syrian Refugee Programme for Turkey:



Other Donor Countries Contributing to UNHCR's Regional Syrian Refugee Programme in alphabetical order:



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