

2,072,290 registered Syrian refugees as end September 2015.

AUGUST & SEPTEMBER HIGHLIGHTS:

Registration of camp and non-camp Syrian refugees continued to take place during August and September 2015 under the supervision of Ministry of Interior - Directorate General of Migration Management. As of end September 2015, 2,072,290 Syrians were biometrically registered.

UNHCR's protection hotline received 519 calls during the reporting period, while over 1088 Syrian families including SGBV cases and children at risk were provided with technical advice, counselling and interventions by UNHCR were ensured through referrals to government institutions and partner NGOs. During the reporting period, 2160 Syrian individuals were submitted for resettlement.

During the course of August-September 2015, UNHCR trained approximately 408 counterparts and relevant stakeholders, including government interlocutors such as the staff of the Directorate General of Migration Management (DGMM), NGO staff and refugee committees. Protection trainings focused on international refugee law, including the 1951 Refugee Convention, international protection framework in Turkey, the temporary protection regime for Syrians, access to territory, identification of and referral mechanisms for persons with special needs including children protection, best interest assessment (BIA) and determination (BID) as well as SGBV cases, as well as community empowerment and participation. Further trainings covered SGBV and early marriages.

During the reporting period, IOM ECM (Emergency Case management) continued to receive referrals from various NGOs for assistance. Types of assistance provided include medical equipment, transportation, food assistance, accommodation and rental assistance. IOM also continued to support STL community center in Urfa.

UNICEF established two mobile Child Friendly Spaces (CFS) in partnership with the Turkish Red Crescent Society (TRCS) for use in Urfa. Once operational they will serve about 100 children and adolescents per day. They will also serve as emergency units in case of new mass arrivals into Turkey. UNICEF also supported the establishment of 3 new community centers in Gaziantep; Şanlıurfa and Mardin which will offer a set of comprehensive life skills, psychosocial services and peer-to-peer support for out-of-school adolescents and youth. In Şanlıurfa, 2 new safe spaces for adolescent girls will address their specific gender-related needs through specialized multi-sectoral support services.



A Syrian refugee woman with two of her children in Kahramanmaraş camp. UNHCR/N.Bose

Key Figures:

Planned Sector Response:

2,500,000



Registered Refugees

Status:

2,092,790
84%



Direct beneficiaries

2,092,790
84%



NEEDS ANALYSIS:

Development and strengthening of the registration system, carried out by the Government of Turkey, has been noted, as reflected in increased registration figures during the first two months of 2015. UNHCR continues to work closely with the authorities in support of establishing a systematic mechanism for capturing vulnerabilities and identification of protection needs of refugees undergoing registration.

In response to the need to ensure linkages and coordination between health and other relevant service providers, including social services, are strengthened and supported, 3RP Partners continue to collaborate with the Government of Turkey in order to ensure more comprehensive and holistic responses to SGBV.

Civil society and NGO actors continue to be supported by 3RP partners on the identification of vulnerable children and prevention and response mechanisms to various child protection challenges identified. Lack of formal national Best Interest Determination (BID) procedures continue to pose risks for identifying children.

According to Government figures, at least 50 per cent of refugees are in need of psychosocial support at community level. 3RP partners are work towards enhancing existing mechanisms for the identification of refugees in need, and through strengthened support to relevant national institutions and collaboration with the health and education sector, to expand psychosocial services.

While the temporary protection regulation clarifies Syrian refugees' legal status, 3RP partners continue to focus efforts in strengthening access to information, information dissemination, and outreach mechanisms, in order to address the identified need to ensure refugees' awareness of their rights, obligations, and ways to access protection.

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