



1.772.535 registered Syrian refugees as end of June 2015.

JUNE HIGHLIGHTS:

Registration of camp and non-camp Syrian refugees continued to take place during June 2015 under the supervision of Ministry of Interior - Directorate General of Migration Management. As of 15 June 2015, 1,772,535 Syrians were biometrically registered. Since the beginning of 2015, UNHCR has delivered 11 additional mobile registration trucks to the Government of Turkey to support continuous registration efforts of the Turkish authorities.

UNHCR's protection hotline receive 182 calls during the reporting period, while over 200 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, 598 identified individuals were submitted for resettlement.

A Mental Health and Psycho-Social Support (MHPSS) Technical meeting was organized by UNHCR on 5 June 2015 in Gaziantep, with the support of IOM and the participation of partner NGOs operating in SE Turkey. The meeting paved the way for the establishment of a MHPSS Sub-Working Group (SWG) which will function under the Protection/Community Services Working Group held monthly in Gaziantep with an aim to enhance response to the MHPSS needs of refugees and improve their access to such services in South-East Turkey.

UNHCR has finalized leaflets on Information and Resources to Protect against Early Marriages, Forced Marriages and Domestic Violence. 10,000 copies tailored for ten provinces in the South-East (Adiyaman, Adana, Gaziantep, Hatay, Kahramanmaraş, Kilis, Malatya, Mardin, Osmaniye, Şanlıurfa) totalling to 100,000 copies in Arabic, Turkish and English were printed and delivered to UNHCR field office and units for distribution to Syrians, government and humanitarian partners. The leaflets aim to raise awareness of as well as contribute to the prevention and response to SGBV, specifically early marriages.

UNHCR field teams continued to support protection activities, carrying out over 100 visits to camps and urban areas during the month of June. They continued to provide technical advice to authorities, and assessed the situation in urban areas under their respective areas of responsibility including in Akçakale and Suruç.

During the course of June, UNHCR trained approximately 188 counterparts and relevant stakeholders, including 156 government interlocutors such as the staff of the Directorate General of Migration Management (DGMM), bar associations as well as 32 UN and NGO staff. Protection trainings focused on international refugee law, including the 1951 Refugee Convention, international protection framework in Turkey, asylum procedures such as RSD and appeal procedures and legal aid schemes. The training modules also focused on 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.

In June 2015 about 3,378 children have benefitted from psycho-social support in child-friendly spaces established by UNICEF, bringing the total of children up to 25,570 children since the beginning of the year.

Over 1,000 adolescents and youth have received the peer-to-peer social cohesion and peacebuilding training provided by UNICEF, and action plans were developed to scale up outreach to communities in 10 provinces in the southeast.

In the light of the deteriorating security situation in Syrian; especially near the Turkish borders, which yielded in new massive influx of Syrians seeking refuge and safety, UNFPA immediately, through its partners, has distributed dignity kits to the new population in need. UNFPA women counseling units continue their GBV awareness sessions and outreach activities and in total 364 people have received GBV services.

In Sanliuifa, IOM, through its implementing partner, Support to Life, (STL) continues to support community services activities. The psychosocial activities in both centers mainly focus on group discussion/ awareness raising and counseling sessions. In Mersin province, IOM is supporting the multiservice center established by the Syria Social Gathering (SSG). During the reporting period, the SSG provided psychosocial assistance for 140 Syrians and other assistance for 1,880 Syrians.

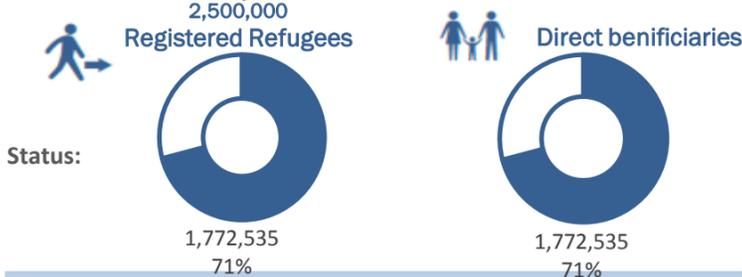
On 5 June 2015, IOM facilitated a workshop on MHPSS for 19 NGOs working in the South East of Turkey. The workshop was organized by UNHCR in line with the establishment of the MHPSS Sub Working Group. IOM presented the IASC guidelines on MHPSS in emergency with focus on the pyramid of intervention for multilayer support. UNHCR and IMC facilitated the session on MHPSS challenges in



Syrian children attending communication skills class in STL center/ Sanliurfa-IOM

Key Figures:

Planned Sector Response: 2,500,000



Status:

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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