

2,814,631 registered Syrian refugees by end December 2016

DECEMBER HIGHLIGHTS:

Registration of camp and non-camp Syrian refugees continued to take place during the reporting period under the supervision of Ministry of Interior - Directorate General of Migration Management. 2,812,631 Syrians were registered by the end December 2016, out of which 258,585 are residing in camps and 2,556,046 residing in non-camp areas.

By the end of December 2016, UNHCR, in cooperation with DGMM submitted a total of 16,670 Syrian refugees for resettlement to third countries.

In line with its Age, Gender, and Diversity Mainstreaming (AGDM) policy, UNHCR and partner agencies undertook the annual Participatory Assessments with refugee communities from October to December 2016. The Participatory Assessment remains one of the most effective, field-tested methodologies for gaining an understanding of the needs and capacities that reside within refugee communities, and will enable refugees' to contribute to all of UNHCR and partners' planning processes and interventions for 2017.

SOPs on SGBV are being finalized and will constitute a useful tool for service providers. They are discussed within the GBV Working Group chaired by the Ministry of Family and Social Policies and attended by UN agencies.

In December, UNICEF provided over 7,100 refugee children (3,557 girls, 3,555 boys) with regular, structured psychosocial support (PSS) in 28 Child Friendly Spaces, 2 mobile PSS units, 6 Adolescent and Youth Centres and 5 Child and Family Support Centres. Of these, nearly 2,500 children were identified with serious child protection concerns and referred to relevant specialized services.

In addition, UNICEF's Adolescents and Youth programme – a core pillar of the No Lost Generation initiative – expanded markedly during the second half of the year, reaching nearly 4,000 Syrian and Turkish adolescents and youth across 20 provinces. The programme aims to develop the resilience of Turkish and Syrian children and promote social cohesion through the provision of life skills, leadership trainings and cross-cultural exchange.

During the reporting period, IOM provided protection assistance for 5,664 people in Turkey through social support services (673), psychosocial support (3,104), emergency case management (1,459), legal assistance (420) and awareness raising activities (8).

During the month of December, IOM Turkey's Emergency Case Management (ECM) project continued to provide tailored assistance to 1,459 vulnerable refugees and migrants in Turkey directly and through partners.



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Sector Response Summary:



2,750,000 Refugees & Local Community Members targeted for assistance by end of 2016, 2,814,630 assisted in 2016.



Syrian Refugees in TURKEY :



2,750,000 Syrian Refugees expected by end-2016, 2,814,600 currently registered or awaiting registration.



NEEDS ANALYSIS:

Strengthening of a protection-sensitive registration system through verification activities carried out by the Government of Turkey remains as a key need and priority for 3RP partners. UNHCR continues to work closely with the authorities in support of establishing this systematic registration/verification mechanism for the identification of specific needs to ensure protection needs of refugees are met effectively.

In response to the need to empower communities, local NGOs and other partners and national institutions; promotion of self-reliance through development of meaningful skills for refugees as well as a focus on strengthening social cohesion and community stability in both refugee and host communities is prioritized. As such, effective coordination between different sectors including livelihoods and education is key.

3RP Partners continue to collaborate with the Government of Turkey in order to facilitate the creation of more outreach centers, strengthen refugee outreach volunteer networks and support community self-management, representation and leadership. These community assets are key to provide and facilitate preventative as well as comprehensive and holistic responsive protection activities relating to SGBV, child protection and persons with special needs. Community structures additionally play an important role in strengthening access to information through information dissemination in order to address the identified needs to ensure refugees' awareness of their rights, obligations, and ways to access protection.

Despite the protracted nature of the Syrian crisis, psychosocial support needs of refugees continue to be prioritized while 3RP partners continue to work towards enhancing existing mechanisms for the identification of refugees in need, and through strengthened support to relevant national institutions to expand psychosocial services.

3RP partners engage with all relevant Government interlocutors to strengthen and facilitate access to justice, remedies and legal assistance under national law for all refugees, in particular women and children at risk. Formal national Best Interest Determination (BID) procedures for especially unaccompanied children, as well as key protection issues including child labor and early marriages continue to be main protection areas of focus.

TURKEY RESPONSE INDICATORS: JANUARY - DECEMBER 2016

	Progress	Planned Response, by end-2016
2,814,631 # of Syrian individuals registered by the Government of Turkey	102%	2,750,000
16,670 # of Syrian individuals submitted for resettlement by UNHCR	98%	17,000
135,583 # of children participating in structured, sustained child protection or psycho-social support...	151%	90,000
17,640 # of individuals who receive support, including PSS and specialist support	12%	153,000
477,168 # of individuals benefitting from services in the Community/Multi-service centres	291%	164,000
48 # of partners empowered to support community based protection and psycho-social support...	320%	15
35,242 # of vulnerable individuals identified and referred	315%	11,205
414,515 # of individuals reached information campaigns, activities to raise public awareness on rights...	106%	392,000
2,648 # of individuals trained on child protection mechanisms from government and service providers...	194%	1,367
1,085 # of individuals trained on strengthening SGBV response from government and service providers	124%	875
652 # of children with protection needs identified and referred to specialized services	59%	1,100
26,791 # of individuals identified and referred for targeted assistance	268%	10,000
127,500 # of persons reached through information, education and communication materials	5%	2,750,000