



HIGHLIGHTS

20,750

Refugees submitted by UNHCR for resettlement in 2016 to date
In 2015, UNHCR submitted 18,260 refugees for resettlement

25,000

Refugees with specific needs identified and referred by UNHCR and partners for specialized services

1,600

Syrian refugee youths were awarded higher education language preparation scholarships.

Population of concern

A total of **over 3 million** people of concern

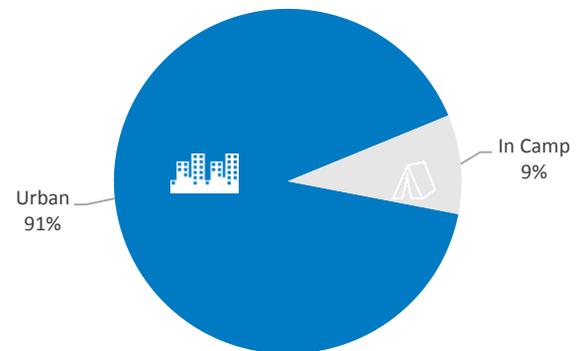
By country of origin

Country	Total PoC
Syria*	2,728,276
Iraq**	125,879
Afghanistan**	113,756
Iran**	28,534
Somalia**	3,905
Other Nationalities**	8,290
Total	3,008,640

* Registered by DGMM

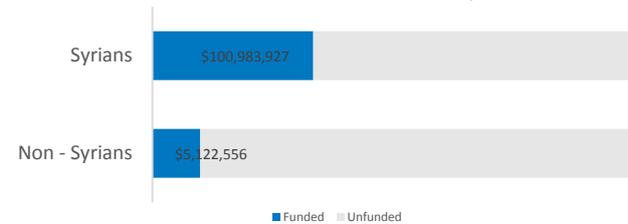
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Breakdown of Syrian Refugees



Funding

Over USD 350 million requested



UNHCR and Partner Presence



WORKING WITH PARTNERS

- The Government of Turkey leads the refugee response with UNHCR providing direct operational support, capacity building and technical advice to Turkish authorities. As the refugee agency, UNHCR also coordinates the efforts of the UN agencies and partners to support Turkey's refugee response to avoid duplication and gaps in international assistance. In this role, UNHCR co-leads the Regional Refugee Resilience and Response Plan (3RP) for the Syria crisis with UNDP and the Regional Refugee and Migrant Response Plan (RMRP) with IOM.
- UNHCR implements its activities with 14 partners: [Association for Solidarity with Asylum Seekers and Migrants](#) | [Concern Worldwide Ireland](#) | [Danish Refugee Council](#) | [Human Rights Foundation of Turkey](#) | [International Blue Crescent Relief and Development Foundation](#) | [International Medical Corps UK](#) | [International Middle East Peace Research Center](#) | [International Organization for Migration](#) | [Support to Life](#) | [The Human Resources Development Foundation](#) | [The Presidency for Turks Abroad and Related Communities](#) | [Turkish Red Crescent Society](#) | [United Nations Office for Project Services](#) | [United Nations Volunteers](#)

MAIN ACTIVITIES

Registration and Refugee Status Determination (RSD)

- **Verification of registration data of the 2.7 million Syrian refugees under Temporary Protection in Turkey:** The Directorate General of Migration Management (DGMM) and UNHCR will undertake a verification exercise, the first of its kind in Turkey. The exercise will aim to update and obtain missing information, including biometric data, contact information, and detailed background information on refugees as well as introduce verification as a continuous part of registration. The outcome will provide the Government of Turkey, UNHCR and other appropriate stakeholders with updated data that can be used to design evidence-based programmes for targeted assistance; promote education and access to employment, identify legal pathways and other durable solutions, such as family reunification, private sponsorship, humanitarian visa programmes, academic scholarships, etc.; and identify and assist persons with specific needs. The roll-out is divided into five phases covering the 81 locations where Syrians are currently present throughout Turkey.
- **UNHCR is supporting the transition of Refugee Status Determination (RSD) activities into national procedures:** Following the coming into force of the Law on Foreigners and International Protection in April 2014, Turkish authorities are moving to integrate all activities related to RSD, largely carried out by UNHCR under its mandate over many years, into national procedures.
- **Close to 12,000 cases (individuals and/or families) received a decision on their RSD from UNHCR** since the beginning of the year, with 93% being recognized. The main nationality was Iraqi, followed by Iranian, Afghan, and Somali.

Protection

- **Asylum-seekers and refugees in urban areas in Turkey are accessing a broader range of services:** UNHCR is funding multiservice centres, community centres, women centres, and child-friendly spaces staffed with specialists to offer services to refugees spread across the 81 provinces of the country, including psycho-social support, legal and general counseling, language training and vocational training. These outreach centres strengthen protection networks and support community empowerment by enabling both host and refugee communities to utilize the resources available to address their needs.
- **UNHCR's Refugee Outreach Volunteer (ROV) project engages communities directly in protection responses:** outreach and awareness-raising by refugees themselves ensures persons with specific needs who normally cannot reach community centers/multi-service centers/protection offices are identified. This project complements and extends existing UNHCR coverage to refugees in 44 provinces through its presence and partners, as well as contributes to establishing an environment of trust while also empowering refugees to assist their own communities through effective information dissemination. The ROV project is rolled out in nine provinces so far including Istanbul, Ankara,

Sanliurfa, Mersin, Batman, Bursa, Sakarya, Nigde and Isparta with an average of 9 RoVs per province including Syrian, Afghan, Iranian and Iraqi refugees.

- **UNHCR is expanding protection monitoring of urban refugees living throughout the country:** outreach centres, implementing partners, UNHCR-led missions to satellite cities and focus group discussions contribute to monitoring the situation of refugees outside of the camps and to identify individuals with special needs, advocacy, protection interventions, targeted assistance and information sharing. UNHCR is also building capacity of protection partners and expanding their presence for individual case management, referrals and follow-up.
- **UNHCR collaborates with partners to enhance SGBV prevention and response:** UNHCR continues to act as the secretariat of the SGBV working group, which is co-chaired by Ministry of Family and Social Policy (MoFSP) and AFAD, while co-chairing the SGBV sub-working group in Gaziantep with UNFPA. UNHCR also developed inter-agency SOPs on Prevention and Response to SGBV in cooperation with UNFPA, government officials, NGOs and other UN agencies within the Protection sector. Additionally, UNHCR created training modules on SGBV identification and referral mechanisms as well as produced leaflets on early marriages, forced marriages, and domestic violence, with more than 100,000 copies printed in Arabic, Turkish and English and disseminated to refugees, local stakeholders including governmental authorities, implementing and operational partners. Translations into Farsi have also been completed and will be disseminated in the last quarter of 2016.
- **UNHCR supports national authorities and local (NGO) partners to identify children/youth at risk, and strengthen prevention and response mechanisms:** Continued access to national child protection services for unaccompanied and other children-at-risk is critical; child labour remains an area of serious concern. UNHCR Istanbul has been in close coordination with provincial authorities such as the Ministry of National Education, the Ministry of Family and Social Policies, and NGOs to strengthen existing national child protection mechanisms to address child labour. Referrals are done to national systems to ensure children benefit from existing protection mechanisms as well as to facilitate their access to social services and education.

Education

- **UNHCR bolsters the efforts of the authorities to ensure access to education for school-age children:** UNHCR supports the response coordinated by the Ministry of National Education through community outreach on educational services available; provision of education and stationary materials to Temporary Education Centres as well Turkish language support, which also targets students who do not meet language proficiency requirements to accede to higher education.
- **UNHCR in partnership with the Presidency for Turks Abroad and Related Communities (YTB) is providing scholarships for advanced Turkish language programmes:** high school graduates can benefit from these programmes in order to enable them to meet language proficiency requirements for enrolment in higher education. UNHCR has already offered around 1,600 scholarships for the intensive, 10-month accredited Turkish language programme, and will expand the programme in 2016/17 as well as provide subsistence grants.
- **Providing higher education scholarships through UNHCR's DAFI Turkiye scholarship programme:** A total of 1,000 new scholarships places have been awarded for 2016/17 for Syrians that cover tuition and accommodation costs and provide stipends for living costs, local transportation and academic books. Almost 6,600 applications were received; the selection process will be finalized in September.

Health

- **UNHCR expands assistance to the overstretched Turkish health care system:** UNHCR delivered 40 ambulances and a mobile clinic to the Ministry of Health to be able to offer health services to persons of concern in remote locations, or to be deployed in the event of an emergency. UNHCR also provided close to 120,000 hygiene kits to address some of the health needs of the refugee population.
- **UNHCR provides interpreters and trainings to hospitals to improve service delivery:** Language continues to be a barrier to providing quality services in health care facilities throughout Turkey. In order to overcome this obstacle, UNHCR provides interpreters to hospitals located in areas with a large Syrian and / or Arabic speaking refugee population. Interpretation support to non-Arabic speaking refugee population is provided through partners in various provinces. UNHCR has also been delivering trainings on international legal protection and national legislation related

to health issues for the Turkish Ministry of Health staff working at hospitals in southeastern cities to strengthen understanding, harmonize dissemination of information and consistent implementation of legislation.

Basic Needs and Cash-Based Initiatives

- **UNHCR continues to provide core relief items to those most in need in urban areas:** as part of its support to refugees living outside camps, UNHCR, through partners in the field, distributes blankets, hygiene parcels, kitchen sets, mats, sanitary napkins, and jerry cans.
- **Around 54,000 Syrian and Iraqi refugee households living in camps will receive clothes for the 2016/17 winter season.** AFAD will conduct distributions in the camps.
- **UNHCR also implements cash voucher and cash assistance programmes for the most vulnerable refugees: Within the framework of UNHCR's annual winterization programme, in 2016,** UNHCR will assist 70,000 Syrian and 13,000 non-Syrian refugee households with one-off cash assistance. In continuation of its longstanding cash assistance to non-Syrian refugees, UNHCR also plans to provide regular cash assistance to over 8,300 Syrian refugee households and 800 Iraqi, Afghan, and other nationality refugee households.
- **UNHCR provided over 5,000 replacement tents to AFAD-run camps in 2016.**

Camp Coordination and Camp Management

- **UNHCR supports AFAD in the management of camps in southeastern Turkey:** UNHCR ensures regular staff presence in all of the camps to offer technical assistance on registration, camp management, identification of vulnerabilities, other protection concerns and to monitor voluntary repatriation. UNHCR has also deployed staff to the camp areas in order to provide additional expert technical support on education, health and nutrition, water and sanitation and site planning. UNHCR's core relief item assistance includes shelter, winterization needs, vocational training programs or materials for people with special needs (see Basic Needs). UNHCR also provided 221 WC and shower containers to the various camps since the beginning of the year.

Community Empowerment and Self-Reliance

- **UNHCR makes self-reliance a priority in 2016:** through the promotion of skills development, employability, and access to the labour market UNHCR is seeking to empower refugee communities, local NGOs, national institutions and other partners to develop their capacities and resilience to be able to respond to immediate and longer term needs. This will counter destitution and negative coping mechanisms as well as promote resilience and social cohesion. The 3RP co-led by UNHCR and UNDP continues to be a viable planning and delivery tool taking into account the linkages between the humanitarian and resilience aspects of the refugee response.
- **UNHCR is addressing increasing livelihood needs:** in a project coordinated with the Ministry of Labor and Social Policy and IMPR employers, governmental institutions, I/NGOs and refugees under temporary protection are being targeted through awareness raising, life skills training, capacity-development and counselling on work permits. A Livelihoods Centre was established in Istanbul in partnership with IMC that will provide training and career counseling, life skills/job skills training sessions, and support applications for vocational training. The Centre will serve as an incubator for startups by providing entrepreneurship training.

Resettlement

- **UNHCR conducts resettlement on the basis of a rigorous prioritization** of cases with most acute vulnerabilities or protection risks. UNHCR has submitted nearly **20,750 refugees** for resettlement since the beginning of the year. UNHCR is currently expanding access to resettlement counseling through a variety of means (phone, in-person, online, etc.) and has responded to resettlement queries of around 8,150 refugees through 23 September 2016.

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