

PROTECTION



2,733,655 registered Syrian refugees by end September 2016

SEPTEMBER 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. 2,733,655 Syrians were registered by the end September 2016, out of which 2,478,849 are residing in camps and 254,806 residing in non-camp areas.

By the end of September 2016, UNHCR, in cooperation with DGMM submitted a total of 12,589 Syrian refugees for resettlement to third countries.

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UNHCR and UNFPA, with involvement of government authorities and NGOs developed the inter-agency SOPs on GBV to be launched and rolled-out once finalized.

During the month of September, IOM Turkey's Emergency Case Management (ECM) project continued to provide tailored assistance to 454 vulnerable refugees and migrants (311 cases) in Turkey directly and through the partnership with a humanitarian NGO. The persons assisted were provided with medical, accommodation, transportation, material, legal and nutrition assistance.

IOM assisted 2,050 refugees with psychosocial support. IOM also provided legal assistance to 313 individuals through its partnerships. Legal awareness sessions focusing on civil registration procedures, including marriage, divorce and birth certificates were also provided.













Recreational activities at HRDF Istanbul

Sector Response Summary:



2,750,000 Refugees & Local Community Members targeted for assistance by end of 2016, 2,733,660 assisted in 2016.



Syrian Refugees in TURKEY:



2,750,000 Syrian Refugees expected by end-2016, 2,733,700 currently registered or awaiting registration.



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 Overall Funding Status:



USD 110.9 million required in 2016, USD 9.5 million received in 2016.



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.

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.

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