

# TURKEY

## EXTERNAL UPDATE

14- 20 November 2014

### HIGHLIGHTS

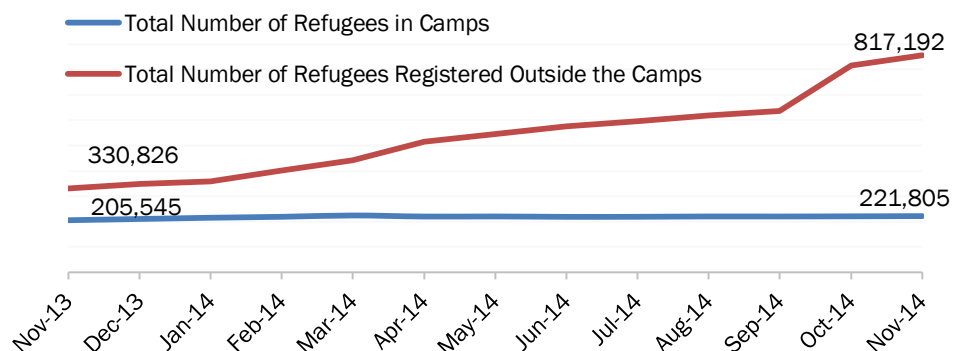
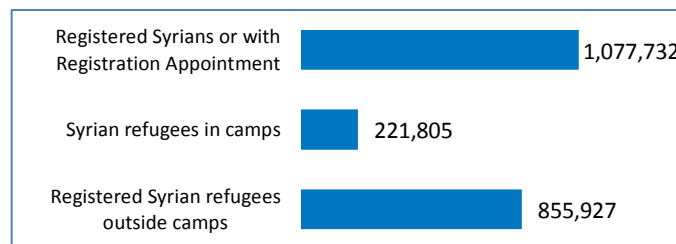
- UNHCR Turkey organized jointly with UNDP a UN briefing on the Regional Refugee and Resilience Plan (3RP) on 10 November to brief the Heads of Agencies and other Senior Officials of the 3RP strategies. UNHCR also gave a briefing on the Temporary Protection Regulation approved in October 2014 covering Syrians in Turkey.
- According to AFAD, the total number of Syrian refugees who entered Turkey since the beginning of the influx from Kobane crisis has flat-lined at around 192,000. The Turkish authorities have biometrically registered 41,628 individuals in and around Suruc.



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### Syrian Refugee Population in Turkey

A total of **1,653,876** Syrian refugees:



### KEY FIGURES

**211,000**

Family Tent beneficiaries

**12,640**

Sanitary Napkins beneficiaries

**167,840**

Kitchen sets beneficiaries

**24,038**

Plastic Sheeting units

**62,245**

Electric heaters

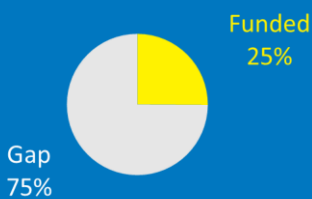
**342,000**

Plastic Mats

### FUNDING

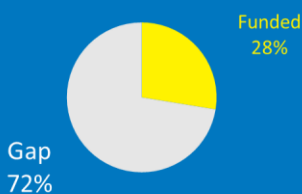
**USD 310 million**

UNHCR Turkey operation



**USD 497 million**

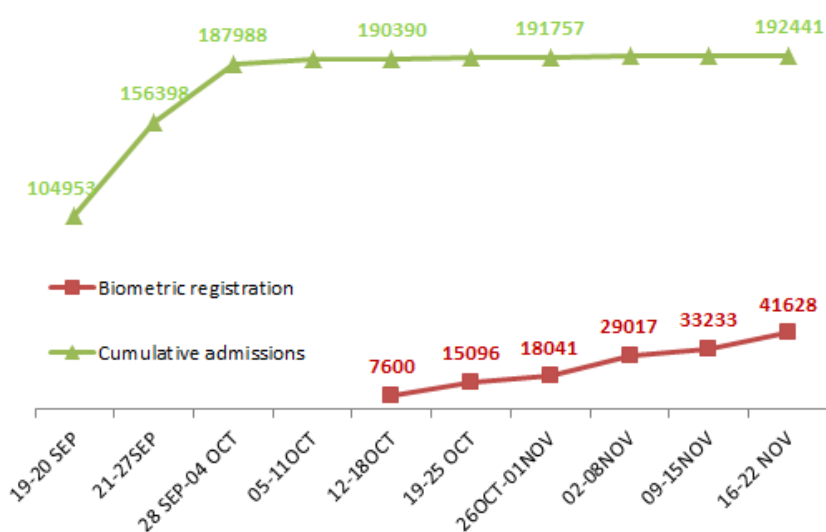
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## SURUÇ INFLUX

According to AFAD, the total number of Syrian refugees who entered Turkey since the beginning of the crisis has flat lined at around 192,000. Since the last admissions on 4 November, only a group of 368 persons was reported to have entered Turkey on 13 November until 20 November. The Turkish authorities have biometrically registered 41,628 individuals.

The current estimate of Syrians in Suruç are: 7,000 persons in the two AFAD-run camps, 9,800 in four Municipality-run camps, 18,000 persons in Suruç town centre, 23,000 persons in the surrounding villages with friends and relatives. This number is a rough approximation and is expected to increase in the coming weeks due to two factors: the return of seasonal workers with the end of harvest and of those who have unsuccessfully tried to find employment opportunities in other cities of Turkey.



### Distribution of Assistance

UNHCR, in consultations with AFAD and Turkish authorities and in collaboration with its new implementing partners, Concern and ASAM, has launched a two-month CRI Distribution Plan targeting the most vulnerable living outside of the shelters in Suruç. In identifying beneficiaries, the UNHCR and its partners are focusing on:

1. New arrivals living in Suruç town and surrounding villages who did not receive CRI from any other entity (estimated at 6,300 families consisting of 15,050 individuals);
2. Filling the gaps for urban refugees who received partial CRI assistance from other entities (estimated at 2,150 families consisting of 44,100 individuals);
3. Winterization; distributing one blanket for each urban refugee who received CRI assistance from UNHCR or other entity (estimated at 7,200 families consisting of 50,400 individuals).

The first round of beneficiary identification by ASAM and the social workers was carried out on 5 November and by ASAM and Concern on 6 November 2014. Following a comprehensive training provided by the UNHCR to the staff of respective IPs on 8 November, the first round of distributions took place on 11-12 November. Items were distributed to 200 families in urban Suruç, Karadut, Bilge, Karahöyük, Kızılhöyük, Masucak, and Dikili Mah. Monitoring of AFAD distribution was carried out in parallel. In order to ensure transparency and accountability of distributions conducted by AFAD on behalf of UNHCR, teams consisting of UNHCR and IP staff accompany AFAD trucks to ensure that all previously identified beneficiaries validate collection of their items with a signature or a fingerprint.

On 14 November, the second round of distribution was conducted, followed by a coordination meeting between all partners. As a result of the meeting, and based on the request from AFAD, a revised schedule of operations enabling a synchronized approach to identification and enhanced coverage of required items has been proposed and agreed on by UNHCR, AFAD, ASAM and Concern. As the next step, ASAM and Concern will complete their outstanding rounds of identifications and distributions by Wednesday and from then on will collaborate with conduct their activities in a harmonized manner together with AFAD.

## GENERAL REFUGEE RESPONSE

### Protection

#### Regional Refugee Resilience Plan (3RP) Coordination

On 12 November, a Regional Refugee Resilience Plan (3RP) event took place, chaired by the UNHCR Representative and the UN Resident Coordinator, to brief the EU and GoT on the 3RP. The meeting was arranged as the EUD expressed interest in collaboration with the UN and the GoT in the 3RP framework. The meeting saw a large participation with 61 attendees, out of which 30 participants from the UN Country Team, 16 participants from the Turkish authorities and 15 participants from the EU Delegation. UNHCR presented the Temporary Protection Regulation and its relevance to the 3RP, followed by presentation by the UN sector-lead coordinators of the sectors covered by the 2015-2016 Plan which includes Protection, Basic Needs & Shelter, Education, Health care, Food Security and Livelihood.



Distribution of CRIs (plastic mat) at Kahramanmaras camp. UNHCR/E.Su

At the meeting government counterparts affirmed that the 3RP is in line with national plans and DGMM gave an indication of the timeframe for the implementation of the Temporary Protection Regulation and highlighted the priority of registration of all Syrians to have full access to the services available for registered refugees.

#### Contingency Plan for a possible influx from Aleppo

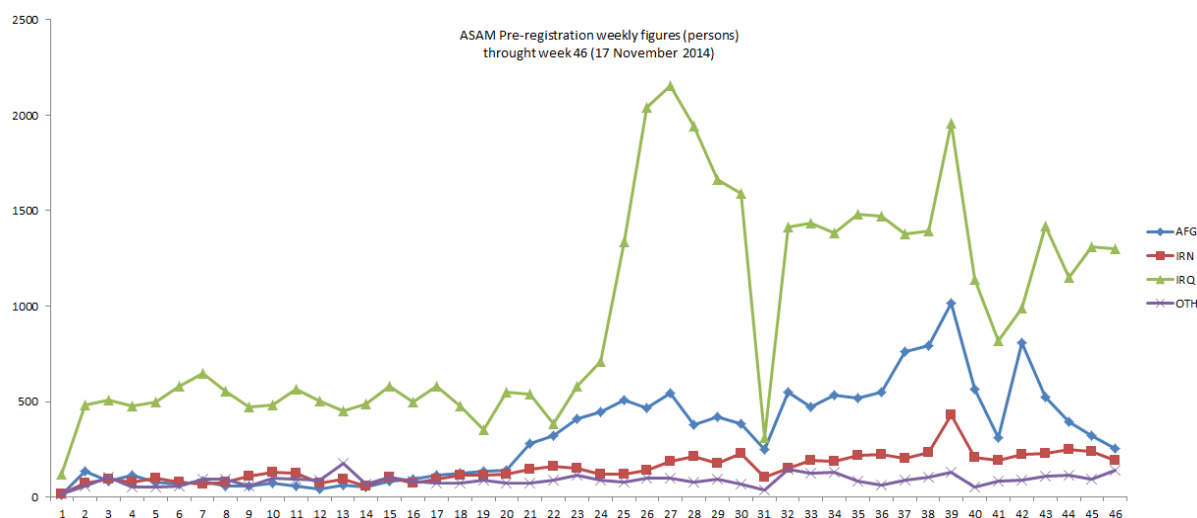
UNHCR is closely monitoring the developments in Aleppo and its surroundings and has an early warning system in place to be able to swiftly respond to any new influx through border crossings of Gaziantep and Hatay provinces, including Oncupinar, Elbeyli, Yayladagi, Reyhanli. UNHCR is in regular contact with local Turkish authorities and are going on mission to border areas to directly monitor movements of persons of concern. As of 14 November, no signs of influx have been reported, however the situation is volatile and Turkish authorities and the UNHCR are preparing for new arrivals.

#### Refugees from Iraq

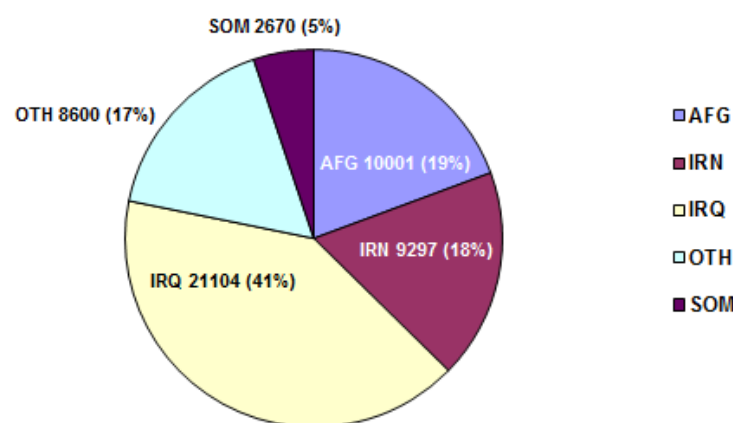
During a visit to Nusaybin over the week in report, AFAD officials informed UNHCR that the placement of vulnerable refugees from Iraq (including Yazidis) in camps will start soon. Reportedly, the first group (80 persons) who were temporarily sheltered in Cizre have been transferred to this camp. The camp capacity is for 10,000 persons.

### Shelter and NFIs

UNHCR and AFAD have started the winterization distribution in the camps for Syrian refugees which will be done in parallel with distribution in urban areas. Upon AFAD's request, UNHCR is supporting through provision and delivery of 129,954 plastic mats and 103,800 high thermal blankets to camps in Hatay, Gaziantep, Mardin, Kahramanmaras, Osmaniye, Adiyaman, Adana and Malatya.



Persons of concern other than Syrians: Registered, pending registration and pending pre-registration as of 31 Oct 2014



Education

The Syria Protection and Policy Department Units attended a meeting held by the Provincial Education Directorate in Gaziantep to inform school managers, education co-ordinators and NGOs about the provisions of the recently-released circular on foreigners’ access to education in Turkey (MoNE circular 2014/21). During the course of the meeting UNHCR highlighted the importance of ensuring the right of access to education for all refugees and the work done by the Government of Turkey to ensure this right. UNHCR also answered general questions on registration, documentation and the Temporary Protection regulation raised by participants.

Following requests from the government counterpart and national NGOs functioning in Van UNHCR decided to implement a Quick Impact Project (QIP) aimed at improvement of educational conditions for refugee and asylum seekers’ children residing in Van. The aim of the project is to assist targeted groups to better integrate into the local educational system as well as into the local societies in general.

Donor Countries of UNHCR's Regional Syrian Refugee Programme for Turkey:



Other Donor Countries contributing to UNHCR's Regional Syrian Refugee Programme in alphabetical order including un-earmarked funding:



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