



Syrian family at their tent in Akcakale camp, Saniurfa. Photo: UNHCR Turkey

UNHCR to donate a total of USD 28 million to Turkey to support Syrian refugees by the end of 2012

After more than one and a half years, the Syria crisis is still continuing, causing thousands of people to flee their country. Turkey, one of the countries neighboring Syria, hosts over 130,000 Syrian refugees. UNHCR has been working together with the Turkish authorities to respond to this humanitarian crisis and as a sign of cooperation, solidarity and responsibility sharing, UNHCR has donated core relief items with a value of USD 28 million to support the authorities to address the tremendous needs of the Syrian refugees in Turkey.

The donation includes standard emergency shelter items, including tents for over 100,000 people, over 150,000 blankets, kitchen sets for over 110,000 persons, and an additional 10,000 sleeping mats.

In addition to the emergency relief items, UNHCR is providing technical assistance to the Turkish authorities on all protection-related concerns including registration, camp management, specific needs and vulnerabilities, and voluntary repatriation. Following a request by the Government of Turkey at the end of February 2012, UNHCR deployed a team to Hatay, which at that time was the only province with refugee camps. With the increasing number of Syrian refugees, there are now 14 camps in 7 provinces. UNHCR covers all provinces hosting refugee camps and is able to access them regularly.

With winter preparations underway in the camps, UNHCR is working with the Turkish Red Crescent Society for the provision of winter blankets, tarpaulins and electric heaters. In October, WFP through Kızılay and AFAD, started a joint food program in the Kilis-Öncüpınar Container site covering 21,700 people. The program, which was extended to the Hatay refugee camps in November, allows refugees to purchase

nutritious food items by food e-cards provided by WFP from the markets available in the camp, and which can be prepared with kitchen sets provided by UNHCR. Delivery of 7,500 UNHCR donated kitchen sets was conducted in November, while a total of 14,544 sets were delivered over the course of the year. WFP with Kızılay and AFAD and with UNHCR support is considering extending the program to other camps once an assessment is completed and facilities at other camp sites are ensured for the people to be able to purchase food.

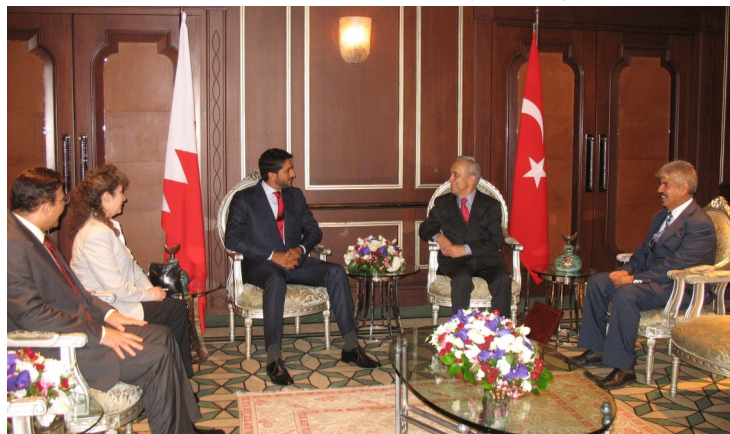
Bahrain's prince donates USD 1.3 million to Syrian refugees in Turkey

Bahrain Prince Sheikh Nasser bin Hamad al-Khalifa has donated USD 1.3 million for the Syrian refugees who took shelter in Turkey. A ceremony was organized by the Royal Charity Foundation (RCO) in Istanbul on 24 November, during which Prince al-Khalifa, RCO's trustee chairman of the board, presented the donation to the Ambassador Mehmet Dönmez of the Turkish Foreign Ministry, in the presence of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) Representative in Turkey, Ms. Carol Batchelor, the RCO Secretary General, Dr. Mustafa Al Sayed, and Bahrain's Ambassador to Turkey, Mr. Ibrahim Yusuf.

"The things that Turkey does for the Syrian refugees deserve utmost respect," al-Khalifa said during the ceremony, adding that, "Turkey sets a great model by what it does for Syrian refugees".

The UNHCR Turkey Representative thanked His Majesty King Hamad and Prince al-Khalifa, RCO Honorary President, for its humanitarian initiatives to help the Syrian refugees and also for supporting the countries hosting refugees.

RCO's has contributed to the building of a field hospital for refugees in Turkey. It has also provided support to Syrian refugees in Jordan, where it contributed to the completion of a scientific complex, which includes four elementary and intermediate schools, in the Zaatarı refugee camp.



From left to right: Bahrain's Ambassador to Turkey, Mr. Ibrahim Yusuf Al-Abdullah, UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) Representative in Turkey, Ms. Carol Batchelor, Bahrain Prince Sheikh Nasser bin Hamad al-Khalifa, Ambassador Mehmet Dönmez of the Turkish Foreign Ministry, RCO Secretary General, Dr. Mustafa Al Sayed. Photo: UNHCR Turkey.

UNHCR Turkey's Monthly Statistics as of November 2012*

Active Caseload Breakdown by Gender and Age As of 30.11.2012

Country	0-4		5-11		12-17		18-59		60 +		TOTAL
	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	
AFGHANISTAN	355	373	626	737	569	1184	1653	2129	53	78	7757
IRAN	145	143	226	285	199	271	1946	2907	101	104	6327
IRAQ	574	631	881	956	602	743	3177	4384	275	312	12535
SOMALIA	86	99	155	165	167	198	577	584	14	5	2050
OTHERS	129	158	146	158	113	151	708	1066	13	8	2650
TOTAL F/M	1289	1404	2034	2301	1650	2547	8061	11070	456	507	-
GRAND TOTAL	2693		4335		4197		19131		963		31319

Refugees by Age, Gender and Country As of 30.11.2012

Country	0-4		5-11		12-17		18-59		60 +		TOTAL
	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	
AFGHANISTAN	148	152	300	340	280	413	824	947	19	35	3458
IRAN	66	61	115	134	92	134	910	1291	51	40	2894
IRAQ	408	435	608	641	406	495	2276	3131	216	235	8851
SOMALIA	66	76	124	137	129	144	430	420	12	4	1542
OTHERS	53	60	52	63	39	51	233	352	5	3	911
TOTAL F/M	741	784	1199	1315	946	1237	4673	6141	303	317	-
GRAND TOTAL	1525		2514		2183		10814		620		17656

Asylum Seekers by Age, Gender and Country As of 30.11.2012

Country	0-4		5-11		12-17		18-59		60 +		TOTAL
	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	
AFGHANISTAN	207	221	326	397	289	771	829	1182	34	43	4299
IRAN	79	82	111	151	107	137	1036	1616	50	64	3433
IRAQ	166	196	273	315	196	248	901	1253	59	77	3684
SOMALIA	20	23	31	28	38	54	147	164	2	1	508
OTHERS	76	98	94	95	74	100	475	714	8	5	1739
TOTAL F/M	548	620	835	986	704	1310	3388	4929	153	190	-
GRAND TOTAL	1168		1821		2014		8317		343		13663

* Syrians are hosted under the temporary protection regime outlined by the Government of Turkey. Therefore the numbers are not included in the statistics, for updated information please visit UNHCR's Information Sharing Portal on Syria: <http://data.unhcr.org/syrianrefugees/regional.php>