



2 daughters of a Syrian refugee family with 6 members living in an abandoned house in urban settings in Turkey. Photo: T.Adanali /Turkey UNHCR

UN appeals for a record US\$6.5 billion for Syria operations in 2014

Faced with the prospect of a worsening situation inside Syria and growing numbers of refugees in 2014, UN agencies on 16 December appealed to donors for US\$6.5 billion in funds – the biggest amount so far requested for a single humanitarian emergency.

The response plans for 2014 were presented to donors in Geneva on behalf of UN agencies, including UNHCR, and non-governmental organizations by the UN High Commissioner for Refugees António Guterres and Emergency Relief Coordinator Valerie Amos.

The 16 December appeal is based on projections of continuing humanitarian needs and large-scale displacement both inside Syria and into neighbouring countries during the coming year. Some US\$2.3 billion of the US\$6.5 billion total is for the OCHA-led Syria Humanitarian Assistance Response Plan for people inside Syria.

The remaining US\$4.2 billion is for the UNHCR-led Regional Response Plan 6, which helps refugees and host communities in neighbouring countries. The 2014 appeals represent the support plans of more than 100 partner organizations – UN agencies, national and international NGOs – who are working together to address the needs of Syrians. "We're facing a terrifying situation here where, by the end of 2014, substantially more of the population of Syria could be displaced or in need of humanitarian help than not," said High Commissioner Guterres. "This goes beyond anything we have seen in many, many years, and makes the need for a political solution all the greater." He added, "For now it remains of life-saving importance that the international humanitarian response is supported. Massive international solidarity is crucial, not only to support suffering Syrians, but also for the countries that have so generously taken in refugees. The Syria crisis is having a dramatic

impact on their economies, societies and even on their security." More than 2.3 million people have fled Syria since the beginning of the conflict in March 2011, in one of the largest refugee exoduses in recent history. Support for the surrounding countries includes help for refugee-hosting communities in Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon and Turkey, which provide Syrians with basic shelter, protection and other essential support.

The planning projections contained in the updated regional response plan allow for up to 4.1 million refugees by end 2014.

RRP 6 launch event in Turkey

On 16 December UNHCR Turkey launched the RRP 6 in an event with around 70 participants from Embassies, UN Agencies, NGOs, donors and media. In the media event, there were videos, as well as speeches from the UNHCR Turkey Representative Carol Batchelor, the Director General for Multilateral Political Affairs of the MFA, Amb. Basat Öztürk, and the President of AFAD, Dr. Fuat Oktay, as well as the showing of videos on the refugee response and needs. The UNHCR Representative highlighted the growing needs of the



RRP Launch event in Ankara. Photo: Turkey UNHCR

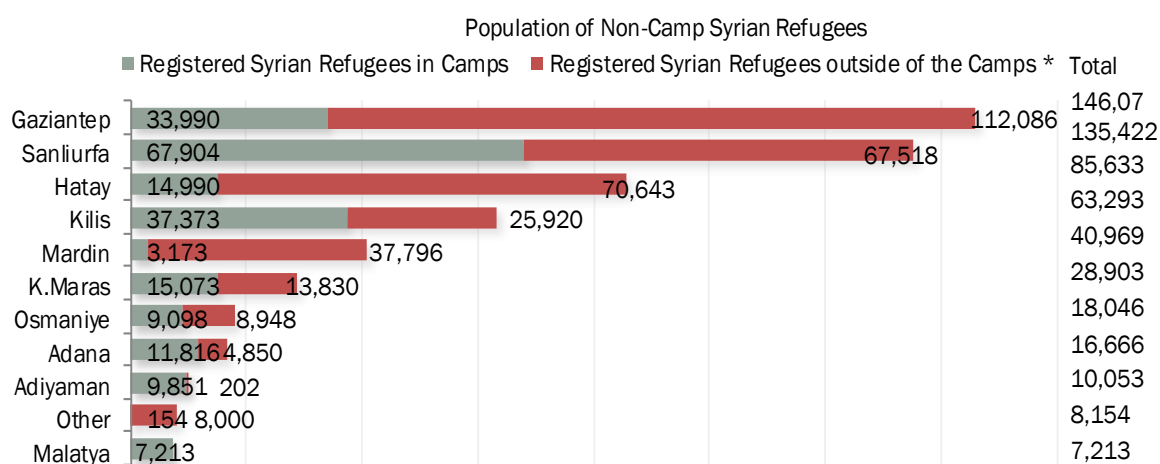
refugees, especially during the winter, and outlined the planned activities under RRP6, including strengthened registration, support to vulnerable refugees outside of the camp and to host communities. "To support the countries hosting refugees, a more significant show of solidarity from the international community is crucial not only in financial terms but also with regard to access to protection through resettlement places, humanitarian access and simplified visa procedures for family reunification" said Turkey Representative of UNHCR. The president of AFAD outlined that the high standard of the camps is misleading as the conditions of the refugees outside of the camps (which is at least twice the number) is overall much worse and there are many vulnerable refugees.

The launch of the RRP 6 was attended by all UN Agencies covering the Syria response, as well as embassies, partners, NGOs and also 20 media representatives.

UNHCR Turkey's Monthly Statistics - December 2013

Syrian Refugee figures in Turkey*

Total Number of Refugees Registered and with Registration Appointments	557,342
Total Number of Refugees in Camps	210,627
Total Number of Refugees Registered outside the Camps *	346,715
Estimated Total Number of Syrians in Turkey	700,000



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:



UNHCR Turkey's Active Caseload Breakdown by Gender and Age** as of 31.12.2013

Country	0-4		5-11		12-17		18-59		60 +		TOTAL
	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	
AFGHANISTAN	320	317	771	853	656	1064	2151	3236	72	105	9545
IRAN	176	181	267	362	253	308	2403	3616	86	99	7751
IRAQ	754	777	1199	1319	850	1102	3997	5591	329	336	16254
SOMALIA	81	104	194	195	212	248	815	712	22	14	2597
OTHERS	129	158	185	184	118	158	858	1140	33	27	2990
TOTAL F/M	1460	1537	2616	2913	2089	2880	10224	14295	542	581	
GRAND TOTAL	2997		5529		4969		24519		1123		39137

* For updated information please visit please visit UNHCR's Information Sharing Portal on Syria: <http://data.unhcr.org/syrianrefugees/regional.php>

** Syrians are hosted under the temporary protection regime outlined by the Government of Turkey. Therefore the numbers are not included in the statistics,