



2 year old daughter of a Syrian family who has 4 children. Family is living in urban area in Turkey. Photo: T.Adanali /Turkey UNHCR

UNHCR's cooperation with NGO's to support the Syrians outside of camps

At the end of 2013, more than 2,3 million Syrians fled their homes because of the conflict in Syria, seeking shelter in neighboring countries such as Jordan, Lebanon, Turkey and Iraq. At least half of the refugees - 1,1 million – are children. The vast majority of refugees in the region, some 80%, reside in urban settings. An increasing number of the Syrian refugees living outside of camps are in need of shelter, food and other basic needs.

As of end of 2013, Turkey is hosting over 550.000 Syrian refugees registered both in and outside of the camps. The number of Syrian refugees registered outside of the camps is around 350.000 while there are many thousands who have not yet registered, many of the registered ones are unable to meet their basic needs. UNHCR is supporting Turkey with the procurement of mobile coordination centers to register refugees outside of the camps and identify their needs and vulnerabilities .

To boost the non-camp refugee response UNHCR is also setting up cooperation and coordination mechanisms with NGOs, both in South-East Turkey and in Istanbul. The urgent needs of Syrians living out of camps include the lack of proper shelter as many Syrian refugees cannot afford to pay for accommodation in Turkey. As part of the office's efforts to address the needs of refugees in non-camp locations, especially with the effects of the harsh winter conditions, UNHCR has so far signed two implementing partner agreements with International Blue Crescent and Support to Life. To expand its cooperation with NGO's, UNHCR is preparing further Implementing *Partner Agreements* with both national and also international NGOs that are accredited and gearing up to start activities in Turkey in 2014.

UNHCR's implementing partner agreement with **Support to Life (STL)** is to provide cash assistance to Syrian families (including 352 children under 12 years of age) in Altınözü and Hatay to provide support at the household level for 400 vulnerable through an electronic voucher program. The most vulnerable households are being targeted, selected among large-family households with babies and breastfeeding women, infants, children, elderly, pregnant women, and persons with disabilities.

Syrian refugees living outside of camps are also in desperate need of access to education and with substantial need for psychosocial assistance. UNHCR's project with **International Blue Crescent (IBC)** is targeting to meet these needs. Priority will be accorded to children, between ages 05-12, with their families living in urban settings in rented dwellings in the province of Şanlıurfa or living with relatives under unfavourable conditions. Within the project four tents for "Child Friendly Spaces" will be erected in different locations of Şanlıurfa Province in coordination with AFAD and the Governorship of Sanliurfa where 1,200 Syrian children between the ages of 5-12 will get education and psycho-social support.

The project will address the psychological conditions of children whose families were forced to flee to Turkey due to the civil war in Syria. It aims to help such children to cope with the psychological impact of the events they witnessed, and it will also contribute to the education of Syrian children whose education was interrupted due to forced refuge. To assist with hygiene and health problems encountered by Syrian children caused by living with large families in crowded tight spaces under unfavourable circumstances, in cooperation with Ministry of Health, hygiene packages will be provided to the families. The project will also contribute to solving the nutrition problems of Syrian children by providing food packets and will develop artistic skills and competence in children to attract them to get involved in fields such as music, theatre, etc. and to support those with special talents.



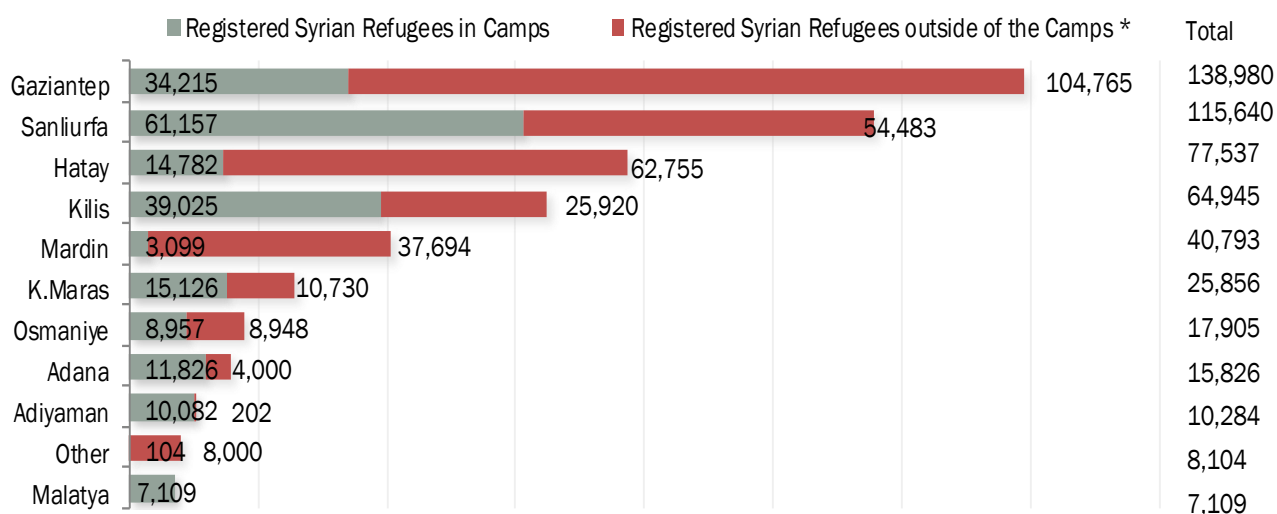
Syrian refugee family with 5 children living in urban area . Photo: T.Adanali /Turkey UNHCR

UNHCR Turkey's Monthly Statistics - November 2013

Syrian Refugee figures in Turkey*

Total Number of Refugees Registered and with Registration Appointments	527,307
Total Number of Refugees in Camps	205,482
Total Number of Refugees Registered outside the Camps *	321,825
Estimated Total Number of Syrians in Turkey	700,000

Population of Non-Camp Syrian Refugees Updated on:



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 30.11.2013

Active Caseload Breakdown by Gender and Age As of 30.11.2013

Country	0-4		5-11		12-17		18-59		60 +		TOTAL
	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	
AFGHANISTAN	382	384	787	900	659	1265	2079	2920	64	92	9532
IRAN	187	186	274	371	254	325	2513	3806	93	103	8112
IRAQ	759	804	1223	1339	862	1117	4016	5542	324	331	16317
SOMALIA	94	118	203	215	222	263	799	680	17	12	2623
OTHERS	134	162	182	197	132	170	840	1190	32	27	3066
TOTAL F/M	1556	1654	2669	3022	2129	3140	10247	14138	530	565	
GRAND TOTAL	3210		5691		5269		24385		1095		39650

* 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,