

## TURKEY

# EMERGENCY UPDATE ON SITUATION OF SYRIAN REFUGEES IN TURKEY

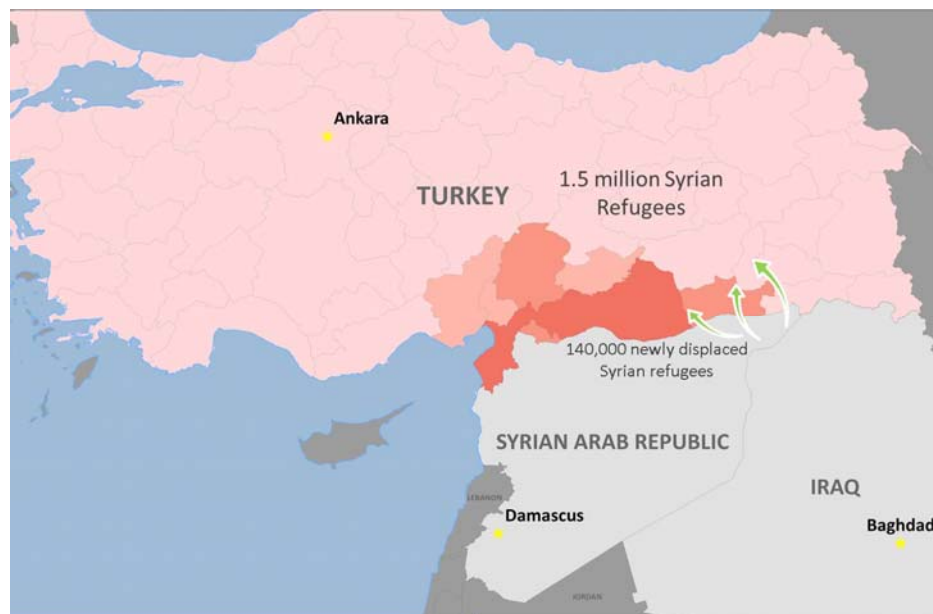
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## HIGHLIGHTS

Following the latest bouts of armed conflict in the north of the Syrian Arab Republic (Syria), since 19 September more than **140,000 Syrian refugees have fled across the border to southern Turkey**. UNHCR estimates that this new influx could involve as many as **400,000 people seeking refuge in Turkey**.

- UNHCR is helping the Government of Turkey to provide life-saving protection and assistance to new arrivals, including emergency food and water, shelter material, blankets and mattresses, healthcare and hygiene items, and basic household items.
- To bolster the response by the Turkish Government, UNHCR has already provided core relief items and other technical support. UNHCR's primary role in Turkey continues to be to assure the protection of persons of concern as well to help build the Turkish asylum system.
- Since March 2011, more than 847,000 Syrian refugees have been registered in Turkey, of whom 220,000 are accommodated in camps. In light of the current influx, UNHCR is responding and preparing to support up to 400,000 new arrivals, bringing the new total to more than 1.2 million refugees. The Government estimates that some 1.35 million Syrian refugees are now accommodated in Turkey.
- For the 84 per cent of refugees not living in established camps in Turkey, support is limited. Systems are not in place to address shelter needs, identify the extremely vulnerable and provide protection or other basic services. The number of registered refugees is most likely only part of the overall caseload, whose needs have not yet been fully assessed.
- The Government of Turkey has expressed concern that international support is not meeting the critical needs arising from this refugee crisis. UNHCR's funding requirements under the 2014 RRP6 (USD 284 million) are currently funded at just 30 per cent. With the newly developing situation demanding urgent attention and significant additional requirements, UNHCR is having to reprioritize needs within its budget.

**UNHCR urgently needs USD 50 million to ensure that refugees receive protection and essential assistance**



## The most pressing requirements

The new influx is set to grow to 400,000 in the coming days. The vast majority are women and children who fled their homes with few or no possessions. UNHCR's reprioritized response, along with its financial requirements of USD 50 million, is outlined below.



### Protection

**USD 15 million**

Unaccompanied and separated children and SGBV victims are among those most in need of support. Pending their inclusion in the national care systems, one of the highest priorities is to obtain funds to support these critical protection interventions. UNHCR is helping the Government to conduct a pre-registration and carry out other registration activities.



### Basic Needs

**USD 20 million**

UNHCR is urgently airlifting four planeloads of core relief items, including kitchen sets, high-thermal blankets, sleeping mats, and plastic sheets. In addition, prefabricated warehouses to help cater for short-term shelter requirements will also be delivered rapidly. Additional quantities and types of items to provide complete core relief kits are being dispatched by land and sea, with other items procured locally. UNHCR is working with the Turkish authorities to extend the provision of cash assistance for up to 1.1 million people.

Within the next month, temperatures in south-eastern Turkey will be falling below freezing at night-time, and will soon be affected by cold and snowy conditions as the winter approaches. There is therefore a pressing need for the immediate dispatch and distribution of winterized relief items, such as high-thermal blankets.



### Health

**USD 5 million**

Owing to the current funding shortfall, access to health care other than emergency interventions remains a major challenge; to the availability of drugs is also seriously limited, causing great hardship, particularly for those with serious chronic diseases. UNHCR is endeavouring to provide direct support to health facilities by supplying medicines and immunization materials and bolstering infrastructure and staff, in order to assure immediate primary health care support for new arrivals.



### Shelter

**USD 10 million**

UNHCR is contributing towards infrastructure costs and other communal services support for the two transit shelters now being put in place by the Government of Turkey. UNHCR will also provide support for the two new camps being established or expanded for new arrivals, including Derik Camp in Mardin and Islahiye camp.

Prioritized immediate RRP6 financial requirements: **Total USD 50 million**

PROTECTION	BASIC NEEDS	HEALTH	SHELTER
<b>USD 15 million</b>	<b>USD 20 million</b>	<b>USD 5 million</b>	<b>USD 10 million</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improve reception conditions</li> <li>Strengthen protection of children</li> <li>Reduce risk of SGBV and improve quality of response</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Population has sufficient basic and domestic items</li> <li>Population lives in satisfactory conditions of sanitation and hygiene</li> <li>Strengthen services for persons with specific needs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strengthen essential and equitable primary health care services</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensure adequate shelter solutions available for refugees in camps and urban areas</li> </ul>

*Reprioritized requirements to respond to the new refugee influx in Turkey*

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