Turkey

**Highlights**

- According to District Governor, the number of Syrians seeking refuge in Turkey since Friday 19th September 2014 has been amended to 153,000. As of 26th of September 2014, the only border crossing that was open was at Yumartalik however the gate east of Musitpinar remained manned by border guards, with personnel referring new arrivals to the Yumartalik.

- Since 23rd September 2014, 100 General-Directorate of Migration Management staff are on the ground to pre-register the Syrians crossing into Turkey. As of the end of 24th of September, 7,250 individuals had been pre-registered. Following the pre-registration each individual is given an appointment date for 15-30 days later to get fully registered at Suruc Registration Centre.

- Current estimations indicate that approximately 60% of Syrians crossing into Turkey are children and 85% are women and children.

- It is estimated that 80,000 Syrians are in Suruc and its surroundings, with 2,300 sheltering at the District Boarding School and 268 Syrians accommodated at the Suleyman Sah Park. The capacity of the two transit centres is around 10,000. It is estimated that around half of the population in Suruc is living with relatives while the rest are staying in communal areas such as mosques, warehouses, and schools that have been set aside by the district authorities.

**Situation Overview & Humanitarian Needs**

- At the District Boarding School compound, approximately 2,300 Syrians are being accommodated. This includes more than 50 children under the age of 1, with at least one child in each family in need of some medical support. There are also large numbers of pregnant women. On the 25th September 2014, UNICEF visited Suleyman Sah temporary accommodation centre to monitor progress. So far, 20 collective accommodation tents, each 82 m², have been set up in the park with 70 additional tents under establishment. In total, 100 tents will be set up in order to provide shelter for 5,000 people. The TRCS is implementing hot meal distribution to Syrians accommodated at the centre, the District Governor stating that they’ve started distributions of food targeting Syrians living in villages as well as different locations around urban Suruc.
The MoH is continuing to provide polio vaccinations for children between the ages of 0 and 15, measles vaccinations for children between 9 months and 15 years, and diphtheria/tetanus vaccinations for women between 15 and 49 years. The MoH is also planning routine vaccination activities targeting children who will stay in Turkey at least 3 months including the routine vaccination for infants aged 2 months. The MoH have also begun a mapping exercise of Syrians who are staying with their relatives in host communities in different towns across the region.

UNICEF was informed by the Government that there are no officially reported unaccompanied minors, except one child who was successfully reunited. Communities report separated children to be vulnerable, although they are generally being taken care of by relatives informally. Governmental institutions declare that, if notified, cases will be addressed and the children may be temporarily placed in residential institutions.

Humanitarian leadership and coordination

A second inter-agency coordination meeting was held at the district governorate of Suruc on the 25th September 2014. The District Governor chaired the meeting, with over 40 people attending from the District Governorate, AFAD Sanliurfa Provincial Office, AFAD district offices, Government Agencies at district and provincial levels, TRCS, ECHO, UNICEF, UNHCR, WFP, IOM, MSF, Concern, CRC, and Care International. During the meeting the needs were outlined by the District Governorate and organisations provided updates on their stocks and what is currently being provided. UNHCR initiated discussions on the completion of joint assessments whether by geographical location or by sector.

Summary Analysis of Programme Response

The first delivery of diapers (23,388 packets) provided by UNICEF has arrived in Suruc with delivery to take place on Friday and over the weekend.

UNICEF is continuing to provide High Energy Biscuits (HEB) with 3,516 boxes (70,320) already distributed and 30,000 as additional stocks.

UNICEF has provided 150,000 MMR vaccines to the Ministry of Health to replenish their stocks for the ongoing vaccination of Syrian children arriving in Turkey.

- Health communication materials are currently being printed on hygiene, breastfeeding, immunization (polio and measles), psychological first aid and HEB in collaboration with the Ministry of Health. Communication materials on HEB will begin distribution on Friday through the TRCS and the District Governorate, and others will begin distribution over the weekend.

- UNICEF will also procure 30,000 pieces of clothing for children staying in the transit camps and for those living in the host community.

- Two Child Friendly Spaces (CFSs) are being established (Süleyman Şah Camp and YIBO – District Boarding School) which will be staffed by TRCS youth workers (transferred from UNICEF’s ongoing programs in the camps). The tents have arrived on site, supplies have been transferred from existing stocks and youth workers are being deployed. The spaces should be operational by Saturday.
Funding Situation

UNICEF refugee response in Turkey is currently only **27% funded**. UNICEF urgently needs $10m over the next month to respond to the health, nutrition and WASH needs of newly arrived refugees.

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