36% increase in the registered non-camp population since beginning of 2014.

MAY HIGHLIGHTS:
Registration of camp and non-camp Syrian refugees, under the supervision of the Ministry of Interior, continued to take place during the month of May. By the end of May 2014, all 23 mobile coordination centers had been transferred to the Government of Turkey for their deployment to the field. Active mobile coordination centres have been observed in Hatay, Kilis, Osmaniye, Adana, Gaziantep, and Sanliurfa provinces.

UNHCR field teams continued to support protection activities, carrying out over 100 visits to camps and urban areas during the month of May. They continued to provide technical advice to camp management, and assessed the situation in urban areas under their respective areas of responsibility. UNHCR monitored the voluntary return procedure for a total of 191 cases/774 persons in the camps.

Two different training programs were carried out by UNHCR during the reporting period. One training targeted interpreters involved in refugee status determination and other interviews and protection interventions in Istanbul. The training provided an introduction to the mandate of UNHCR, international protection, the code of conduct, and the do-no-harm principle. The training targeted a total of 17 interpreters. UNHCR additionally carried out an induction training on international protection and refugee law for approximately 30 government officials who work on asylum and refugee issues.

As of end of the month, 41 youth workers employed by the Turkish Red Crescent are providing services in the Child Friendly Spaces (CFS) that have been established in 21 camps by UNICEF. Since July 2013, 32,768 children from the camps have participated in CFS activities. In addition, as the part of ongoing technical assistance to GoT, UNICEF facilitated a Child Protection in Emergencies Training Program, for 46 AFAD staff working on psychosocial response in the camps.

IOM provided transportation assistance to 3,037 Syrian refugees in Adiyaman camp to access health-facilities and markets outside the camps. IOM additionally provided transportation for 39 persons transferred between Kahramanmaras, Viransehir and Nusaybin camps, bringing the total to 16,247 refugees assisted in 3 camps since the beginning of 2014.

Within UNFPA’s programme evaluation framework, and in relation to the recently completed UNFPA pilot programme in Niğrip 1 camp, a field visit was conducted by a team of UNFPA evaluators in order to interview Syrian refugee women and camp managers. The evaluation report is now being finalized and will be shared in the near future. It is expected that results will guide future planning and activities.

The Government of Turkey takes the lead role for determining and implementing assistance provided to Syrian refugees, through the Prime Ministry Disaster and Emergency Management Presidency (AFAD). AFAD reports spending 3 billion USD on the Syrian Refugee Response in Turkey.