



SYRIA EMERGENCY

Relief Operations in Turkey

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1. Project Information

Project Name:	Syria Emergency - Relief Operation in Turkey
Country:	Syria
Location:	Atma and Qah camps for Syrian refugees.
Sector:	Food and Non-Food
Donor (s)	IR Australia
PIN	020_000792-04
Project Framework:	<p>Goal</p> <p>Participate in alleviating the suffering of affected and disadvantaged people as a result of the current crisis in Syria.</p> <p>Objectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide 3,870 affected families in Syria with basic food item and non-food items (Blankets and Mattresses).
Project Budget:	100,000 Australian Dollars (around 188,000 T.L)
Target Group:	Internally displaced Syrian people and Syrian refugees at the Turkish-Syrian borders.
Duration:	1 month Start Date: September Planned Completion Date: October Actual Completion Date: November
Status:	Completed

2. Background

Part of a wider Arab Spring in the region, on the 26th January 2011 public demonstrations began in Syrian which developed into mass uprisings. These demonstrations have been met with an iron fist and brutality.

The crisis continues to deepen in Syria with a starkly worrying picture for the humanitarian situation. At least 2.5 million people are affected, and the UN estimates that up to 4 million people could be affected in the next coming months. Widespread damage and destruction to medical facilities have left large parts of the population without access to health care and many children are denied education as schools become collective shelters for IDPs or have been badly damaged.

The indiscriminate use of explosive weapons, including cluster munitions, in densely populated areas which increases incidents of death, destruction and deep trauma among the civilian population. Ordinary men, women and children



continue to be caught up in the violence with limited ability to flee to safer areas. All parties to the conflict must do more to protect civilians and respect international humanitarian law.

Around 360,000 Syrians have crossed the borders into neighboring countries. UNHCR estimates that the number of Syrian refugees could reach 710,000 people by the end of the year. Inside Syria, an estimated 1.2 million people are now internally displaced, seeking shelter in schools, public buildings, unfinished private accommodation and public even parks. The border region currently hosts an estimated 14,000 Syrians waiting to cross the border into Turkey.

In addition, armed activity, checkpoints, and roadblocks are hampering the provision of humanitarian assistance in the governorate. After Turkish civilians have been killed by Syrian mortar fire in the beginning of October, there have been sporadic confrontations between Turkey and Syria.

3. Project Description

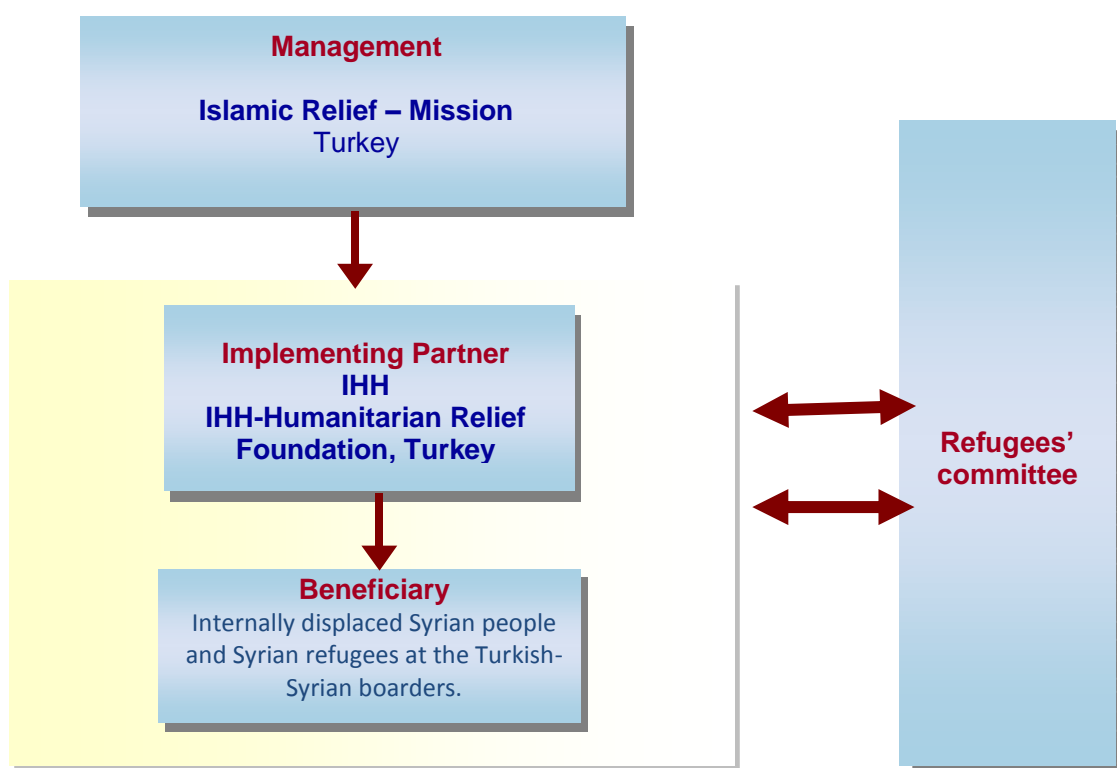
The project intervention involved the following main components

<p>Component 1: Food Items</p>	<p>2 main refugees’ camps were established in the border area between Syria and Turkey. More than 13,000 individuals are staying at Atma and Qah camps, all of these refugees are in need to the basic food items.</p> <p>Through this project IR Mission provided those refugees with Flour-25 kg packet, as a basic food items for Syrians.</p>
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Component 2: Non-Food Items	<p>The same two refugees’ camps, Atma and Qah, were provided with a non-food items included blankets and mattresses.</p> <p>This component aimed at enhancing the preparedness of those refugees for the coming winter.</p> <p>IR Mission distributed 3,000 single blankets, 2,000 double blankets and 2,000 mattresses¹.</p>

4. Project Organization

Project organization is shown in the following chart.



Project Organization Chart

5. Activities Progress

5.1 Preparations

- By September 2012 IR Mission received a grant from IR Australia to implement an emergency project to support the internally displaced Syrian people and Syrian refugees at the Turkish-Syrian borders.
- After the success of the first three projects in partnership with the foundation for human rights and freedoms and humanitarian relief (IHH) in July-September 2012, IRW will be implementing this project through this NGO in Turkey
- The project preparations and coordination with relevant bodies were done involved the local partner, the governmental firms and IR different departments.

5.2 Providing Food and Non-Food Items

These two components targeted the internally displaced Syrians in Atma and Qah camps in Idlib Suburbs.

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- Conducting the needs assessment:
 - Different visits to the both camps were conducted by IR field monitors.
 - IR staff met the leaders of the two camps in order to assess the actual needs.
 - Final list, including items and quantities, were prepared.
- Procurement Process
 - IR Partner, IHH, conducted the purchasing process according to the partner transparent procurement process.
 - The process involved:
 - Preparing the bids documents and items' specifications.
 - Collecting quotations from well-known companies

- Approving from the purchasing committee
- Selecting a local company of the best quality and price
- Ordering and receiving the items at the main storage of IHH in Reyhanli, Hatay Province of Turkey from where items were dispatched to Syria.
- The deliverables involved:

No.	Item	Quantity
1	Single Blanket	3,000
2	Double Blanket	2,000
3	Mattresses	2,000
4	Flour Packet -25 kg	3,870

- Delivering Process
 - All the awarded items were received at the partner warehouses in Reyhanli, the border town of Hatay-Turkey.
 - Identifying the needed people.
 - Registering and entering the items to Syria for distribution.
 - Distributing in the identified locations and obtaining the delivery receipts.

5.3 Monitoring

The whole process of the project was managed by IHH staff and supervised by IR field team that is based in Reyhanli, Hatay Province and involved in the distributions taking place in Syria for the Syrian refugees.

6. Project Beneficiaries

Beneficiaries of the project were the internally displaced Syrian people and Syrian refugees at the Turkish-Syrian borders in Atma and Qah camps in Idlib Suburbs. The total number of beneficiaries is 3,870 families.

7. Annex 1 : Beneficiaries Feedback

Many Reasons of Risk

As the conflict in Syria continues to intensify, the humanitarian needs for Syrian refugees are increasing significantly. Many people have been killed and injured and millions have fled their homes leaving behind everything they have.

Abu Ahmed, 38 year-old from Ein Jara located in the west of Halab, is one among of thousands of Syrians who left their homes because of the intensified conflict characterized by air and ground shelling. Abu Ahmed unfortunately lost five of his relatives due to ongoing conflict inside Syria.

Abu Ahmed now is living with his parents, and his family consists of three children. He is accompanied by his three brothers and their families in rural Idib. The conditions in the camp are very miserable where the winter season has arrived and the weather especially during night time is very cold and



difficult to endure. There is a critical need for blankets, mattresses and winter clothes to alleviate the suffering of those refugees in winter.

Schooling is currently unavailable; moreover schools have become a place for Syrian refugees to protect their children from the severe winter conditions. Latrines are available and some sanitation facilities so that it could ease their lives in these difficult conditions.

Abu Ahmed has stated ‘we sleep in the school through the night and in the morning we go outside to be able to cook food outdoors and the school will be a place for many patients and children’

Syrian refugees spend their lives waiting food aid to survive and chatting with each other about their current conditions hoping that a miracle will happen one day so they can return home and live normally as they used to.

Abu Ahmed has added that the area is near Turkey borders where they receive food aid for breakfast and dinner. However, Abu Ahmed said ‘Last week, we got one meal for two days, and the water available in the school is not suitable for drinking. We use this water as there are no alternatives.



Added to this, sanitation systems do not meet the needs, and lack of latrines and sanitation facilities make life hard.’

Abu Ahmed states “We have got a little amount of money to manage ourselves but it will run out soon as now we have not been working for eight months”

Abu Ahmed’s mother has expressed “the bad conditions outdoor where snakes and spiders might attack them; recently three children died because of spiders and snakes bites when they were playing outdoor, but living here is still safer than living at home” she mentions. She also adds “We



severally need the assistance especially food, blankets, and mattresses as we left our home without anything that protect us from the harsh conditions of winter, but thanks for God that we survived”

Abu Ahmed has indicated that once they arrived rural Idib, it's the first time to get humanitarian aid including hygiene products, baby kits, soup, tissues, blankets, mattresses and healthy products for children including milk and



biscuits, “ it’s something that makes us feel humans” he said.

8. Annex 2: Photos



Needs Assessment



Technical Inspections



Entering the deliverables



Aids Distribution