WHO Response to the Syria crisis in Turkey 2014

**WHO interventions and funding needs for RRP6 in Turkey for 2014**

- Coordination for equitable emergency health response, streamlining of decision making, monitoring and information management in partnership with local authorities and other actors.
  - **Funding needs:** US$1,330,000
- Continuation and strengthening of essential and equitable PHC services, including essential life-saving medicines and other medical supplies for filling gaps and unmet needs in the health response.
  - **Funding needs:** US$2,285,000
- Strengthening communicable diseases surveillance and response, including immunization, to mitigate morbidity and mortality among affected and displaced population (including emergency polio response).
  - **Funding needs:** US$1,740,000
- Strengthening health promotion and protection, including MNCH and reproductive health services.
  - **Funding needs:** US$1,400,000
- Support effective management of non-communicable diseases and mental health.
  - **Funding needs:** US$700,000

### Situation in Turkey

As of the beginning of 2014, over one million Syrian refugees have crossed the border into Turkey. 300,000 reside in the refugee camps, and 700,000 outside the refugee camps.

**US$ 7.45 million** is needed to help health sector in Turkey.

#### WHO Regional Response Plan 5 (RRP) achievements in Turkey

WHO established and maintained core services as per the WHO Emergency Response Framework (ERF) with field presence in Gaziantep since October 2013, including surge staff, administrative services and logistics.

WHO facilitated coordinated health needs assessments (inter agency UN assessment mission) and resource mobilization for health sector documents (contingency plans, RRP6).

WHO ensured health coordination and consolidated health actions of present UN agencies, NGOs and health partners based in southern Turkey.

WHO established mechanisms for regular information exchange and dissemination of information products to relevant stakeholders (Turkish health authorities, UN partners, NGOs working in southern Turkey).

WHO provided technical advice and guidance to health sector partners in a broad range of public health aspects, e.g. communicable disease control, mental health, essential medicines, MCH, etc.

WHO, together with UNICEF, participated in the development of the regional Strategic Plan for Polio Outbreak Response; provided technical assistance to Turkish health officials for supplementary polio immunization activities; facilitated coordination and information sharing among relevant stakeholders on polio situation at regional level and response plans.

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