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Health problems of Syrian refugees in Istanbul

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Beginning with the Arab Summer, the conflict in Syria became a multiple party war which led to millions leaving their countries. Described as 'the worst refugee crisis since World War 2'1, 4,718,230 people is registered or waiting registration.² Since 2011, more than 2,000,000 registered and approx. 500.000 unregistered refugees have arrived in Turkey. Even though the Turkish government included registered refugees in the national insurance scheme, the overwhelmed health resources, lack of translators and discrimination are some of the barriers the refugees have to struggle with. Many of the chronic illnesses and complicated cases (amputations, cochlear implants, surgeries) are not being treated efficiently.