



To mark the 73rd UN General Assembly, IOM Turkey and UN agencies hosted a Sustainable Development Goals event at Eymir Lake in Ankara, inviting the public to learn more about the importance of the SDGs through the lens of migration. © IOM 2018/Emrah OZESEN

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## IOM Promotes Unity, Counters Xenophobia During First Public Information Summit

At the first IOM Turkey Public Information Summit in Gaziantep on the 24th October, 40 IOM staff members gathered to learn how strong communications, visibility and storytelling can play a key role in fostering a greater sense of acceptance and integration between the migrant and host communities.

“Promoting integration requires changing narratives and influencing public perception on migration by sharing the stories of migrants with dignity and humanity,” said Lanna Walsh, IOM Turkey Spokesperson. As one of the largest IOM missions in the world, IOM Turkey so far this year has served 150,189 people from both communities across 12 provinces through livelihood trainings, community outreach, psychosocial support, and education and health services.



Nadine Al Lahham, IOM Turkey Communications Assistant, gave a workshop on compelling storytelling at IOM's Public Information Summit in Gaziantep, Turkey. ©IOM 2018/Emrah OZESEN

## Global Migration Film Festival Kicks Off Across Turkey

December 18th will mark International Migrants Day, first proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly in 2000 to recognize the scale of the global migration phenomenon. Celebrated internationally, it provides an opportunity to acknowledge the positive contributions of migrants and their fundamental role in sustainable development. IOM in Turkey will mark the occasion through a Global Migration Film Festival with 10 events across seven cities during 12-18 December.



## Information, Coordination and Support at IOM-Supported Community Centres

IOM takes different approaches to contributing the community centre activity in Turkey. As well as direct implementation in some community centres across the country, IOM also works to coordinate with existing mechanisms of support for migrants offered by Turkish municipalities, providing information and counsel that utilizes all available resources. In July, acting Senior Refugee Coordinator Sonia J. Kim from the U.S. Department of State Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration came to visit the International Blue Crescent Centre in Istanbul to see some of the activities the centre offers. A psychosocial support session for young Syrian women and a drama activity for children were on the menu for the day, along with a tour of the legal assistance unit to understand legal support provided to migrants living in the area. Other highlights for the quarter include a celebration of International Peace Day in Şanlıurfa, bringing Syrian and Turkish children together for games and discussion and arts and crafts for Turkish women at Hizmalı Municipal Women's Support Centre funded by the Government of Japan.



*Drama has a positive effect on the development and learning of children.*

### Our Stories: Raad

Raad from the Syrian city of Deir-ez-Zor is a barber by trade. In his hometown, he owned a thriving salon which he also lived in with his wife and family. As the conflict worsened in their region, the family had to leave Deir-ez-Zor. Losing his connections and unable to cover the initial costs, Raad was only left with the option of day-labour, wasting his skillset and meaning the family relied on a very instable income. He was earning as little as a dollar a day. IOM's kit allowed for Raad to buy some basics to get started as a barber again, along with providing technical and legal support to help get set up in Turkey. With all of that enthusiasm, motivation and hard work, his business began to grow. Slowly but surely, he built up a reputation in the area and earned enough to start renting a small space himself. He employed several other Syrian staff from the area and trained them too. Walking in today, the salon is heaving. Each chair has someone waiting to fill it once Raad or one of his other barbers has finished with their client. Raad has employed eight people and has even bigger ideas. 'I'd love to open a training centre for other young barbers. That's my next plan.'



## Switzerland Funds IOM to Expand Migrant Presence, Flow Monitoring in Turkey

Istanbul has increasingly become a destination city for migrants and refugees and according to the latest available figures from the Turkish Directorate General of Migration Management (DGMM), there are 500,000 registered foreign nationals in Istanbul of the 3,9 million registered nationwide. Many migrants and refugees from these countries are vulnerable and in need of assistance. With support from the Swiss Secretariat for Migration, IOM, the UN Migration Agency, is expanding its Migrant Presence Monitoring (MPM) programme to include Istanbul province. The expansion of the programme will better enable them to identify and assist particularly vulnerable individuals. "It is crucial to better understand the challenges faced by refugees and migrants, as well as by the host communities, in order to make better policy decisions and improve humanitarian response," said Tiziano Balmelli, Chargé d'Affaires of the Swiss Embassy in Ankara. The expansion of the programme will also establish five new key flow monitoring points in Edirne, Gaziantep, Izmir, Istanbul and Agri provinces which have dynamic internal and external migratory flows.



*IOM Turkey Chief of Mission Lado Gvilava and Swiss Embassy First Secretary Tobias Schlöpfer sign the new project agreement to expand MPM. © IOM 2018/Emrah OZESEN*

"We are filling a crucial need for migration data that gives us insight into migrants and refugees on the move in Turkey," said Lado Gvilava, IOM's Chief of Mission in Turkey. "Without it, we would not be able to help provide basic needs and improve their quality of life,"



# Partnering with the Government for a New Active Labour Market Policy Programme

The first ever four party implementation agreement aiming to integrate Syrian and host community members into the Turkish labour market was signed in October. IOM Turkey, the Directorate General of International Labour Force, the Turkish Employment Agency and the Vocational Qualifications Agency have united to find the most constructive path moving forward for all parties in the Turkish labour market. This project is funded by the UK.

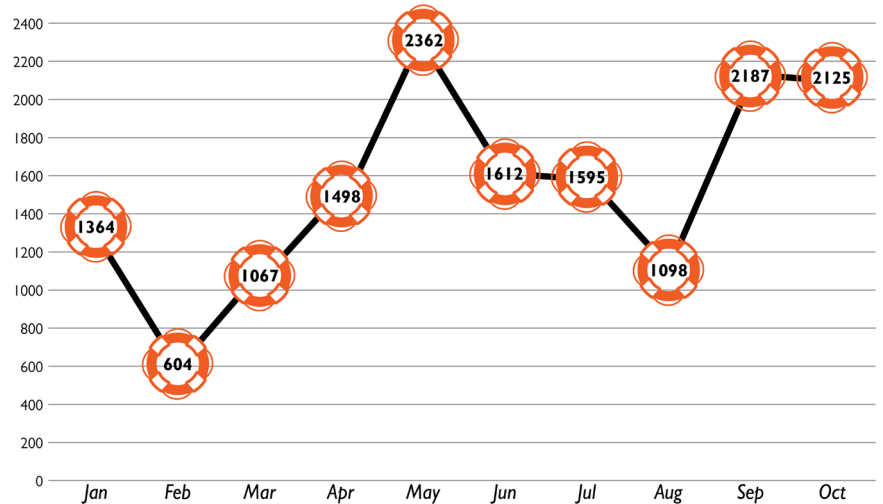


## Meet Baby Zehra!



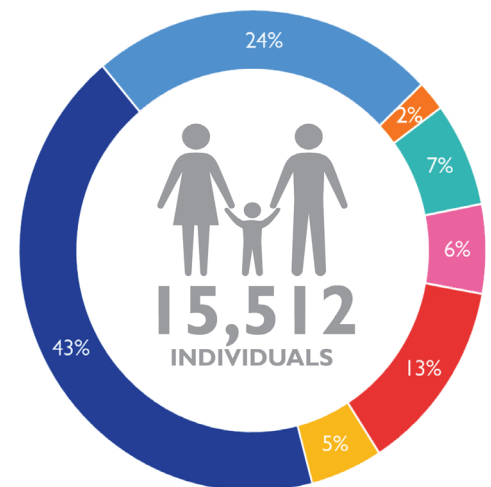
Meet baby Zehra, who was born aboard a Turkish Coast Guard search and rescue vessel! Her miraculous story gives us hope as many other pregnant migrants and mothers attempt the risky journey across the Aegean Sea to give their children a better life. IOM's Mediterranean Response teams, strategically placed along the coast in Dikili, Cesme and Kucukkuyu are ready to respond to incidents all along the coastline, providing interpretation assistance, food and non-food items like blankets and dry clothes, psychosocial support including counselling on legal rights and available services and recreational activities with children referrals for particularly vulnerable cases. IOM Turkey's Mediterranean Response activities are funded by the U.S. Department of State Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration.

NUMBER OF RESCUED MIGRANTS ASSISTED BY IOM JAN-OCT 2018



NATIONALITY BREAKDOWN OF RESCUED MIGRANTS ASSISTED BY IOM JAN-OCT 2018

- Syrian Arab Republic
- Afghanistan
- Others\*
- Central African Republic
- Iraq
- Palestinian Territories
- Angola



## Turkish Airlines and IOM Sign Long Term Partnership to Assist Migrants Globally

The promotion of safe, orderly and regular migration is at the heart of the long-term partnership agreement signed on the 10th of September between the UN Migration Agency (IOM) and Turkish Airlines, one of the largest carriers in the world.

Signed by former IOM Director General William Lacy Swing and Turkish Airlines Chairman of the Board and the Executive Committee, M. İlker Aycı, the cooperation will focus initially on the Organization's Migration Application (MigApp), which leverages the widespread use of telecommunications technology to provide practical information about services available to migrants globally. "The agreement opens a whole range of possibilities for cooperation both in terms of Turkish Airlines' commitment to social responsibility and our own commitments to migrants and refugees," said DG Swing, predecessor to the new DG Antonio Vitorino.



Former IOM DG William Lacy Swing (right) with Turkish Airlines Chairman of the Board, M. İlker Aycı. © IOM 2018/Amanda NERO

## Our Stories: Roya

Roya is a seven year old girl from Syria. She loves to laugh and makes others laugh too. Her father worked as a tailor back in their city of Aleppo where they lived until 2013. When the civil war in Syria worsened and violent clashes arrived on the doorstep, Roya's father decided they should all leave for their safety. Two-year-old Roya, her four-year-old brother, her mother and her father all left together. The family made it to Turkey, where Roya's father found manual daily paid work to support the family. Their neighbours told Roya's mother Narin about Ensar Community Centre nearby, which creates environments for people to practice both Arabic and Turkish and to mix with people from all types of background in the neighbourhood – both migrant and host community. Today, Roya had a number of different activities lined up. A Turkish volunteer asks Roya which sessions are her favourite, to which she replies in fluent Turkish, listing all of the many activities she takes part in. Wide-eyed, she continues to describe her love of dancing "I love it! Sometimes it's difficult to talk to people in Arabic and Turkish, but when we all start dancing it's so easy to get along with everyone".



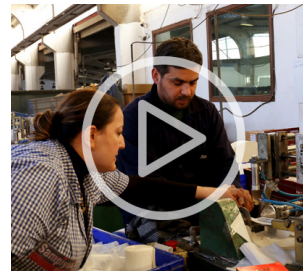
## Watch Our Videos!



IOM Turkey's Spokesperson Lanna Walsh talks to Haber Global TV about the Syria Crisis.



Ambassador Urs von Arb from the Swiss State Secretariat for Migration was in Kilis in September.



IOMs pre-employment support programme facilitates greater labour market integration of migrant and host community members.



Bus rides boost enrolment of Syrian Children in Turkish Schools.

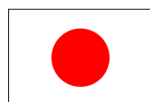


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