According to the Turkish Directorate General of Migration Management, there are currently over 3.6 million Syrians under Temporary Protection in Turkey who fled as a result of the ongoing conflict. Since March 2012, IOM Turkey has been part of a coordinated effort of UN Agencies, NGOs and government partners, providing humanitarian assistance including basic health and social services to help migrants and refugees live a better and more stable life. Through strong partnerships with municipalities across 18 provinces, IOM’s initiatives are fostering greater social cohesion among migrants, refugees and host communities. Through these efforts, IOM is actively developing the capacity of government partners to create sustainable solutions for managing migration in Turkey.

1,559,824 BENEFICIARIES ASSISTED IN TOTAL SINCE THE OPERATIONS BEGAN IN 2015

BENEFICIARIES THIS QUARTER:

- GAZIANTEP SUB-OFFICE: 18,870
- HATAY SUB-OFFICE: 12,444
- ŞANLIURFA SUB-OFFICE: 5,852

PROTECTION 58,354
EDUCATION 14,119
BASIC NEEDS & ESSENTIAL SERVICES 1,526
LIVELIHOODS 1,094

18 PROVINCES 7 PARTNERS
**HUMAN INTEREST STORY**

Hossam fled the war in Syria and came to Hatay, Turkey with his family in 2014. He could not find a decent place to live. In 2018, IOM’s community stabilization team supported the family in finding and rehabilitating a home to make living conditions better. “Since IOM refurbished our home, our children’s health improved a lot.” Later in 2019, the IOM team needed some skilled workers for rehabilitating other people’s homes and found out that Hossam had previous experience in construction. “In spite of my injuries, I didn’t want to stop working,” he said as he created a small construction team under the supervision of IOM and people started to hear about them. “This programme has given me hope. I live in a better apartment and I have a job to support my family”.

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**ŞANLIURFA METROPOLITAN MUNICIPALITY MIGRANT INFORMATION & COORDINATION CENTRE**

- The centre has served **3,218 migrants and refugees** through counselling, social cohesion activities, job placement, education and information sessions. Since the centre opened in September 2017, it has offered **15,489 different services** to a total of **6,666 people**.
- **Profile of 23-year-old Syrian student Ali who registered for classes at the centre**.
- Events held in municipal youth and women support centres in Şanlıurfa, which include Turkish language courses and special events to bring the community together, such as art activities and museum visits.

**ADANA METROPOLITAN MUNICIPALITY MIGRANT COORDINATION & HARMONISATION CENTRE**

- Counselling and referral services, awareness-raising sessions, Turkish language courses, computer courses, and capacity-building trainings were provided to **2,060 beneficiaries** including mainly Syrians, Iraqis, and Turkish people.
- Since opening in November 2018, Adana Centre offered **3,552 different services** to **3,139 beneficiaries**.

**GAZİANTEP METROPOLITAN MUNICIPALITY ‘ENSAR’ CENTRE**

- **11,705 people** joined social cohesion activities, education, art and sport courses. Since IOM support to Ensar began in May 2017, **51,703 people** have benefitted from a range of activities.
- **Turkish and Syrian women came together for a cooking class**.
- Ensar Community Centre held Syrian Mother’s Day Event on 22 March 2019 attended by **214 Syrian and Turkish women** and children, which included dance and singing shows.

**INTERNATIONAL BLUE CRESCENT RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION (IBC) CENTRES**

- **11,438 people** were reached through **83 social cohesion activities** at IBC Centres in Istanbul, Gaziantep, and Kilis. The activities improve migrants’ access to essential information and services and bring them closer to host communities.

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**COMMUNITY STABILIZATION AND SHELTER**

- A total of **4,979 individuals** have benefitted from shelter rehabilitation in Hatay, Şanlıurfa, Kilis and Kahramanmaraş and a further **12,412 people** from community stabilization projects since operations began in 2016.
- IOM Community Stabilization team provided **37 schools** with sports equipment and rehabilitated playground areas benefitting **7,500 students** from both host and migrant communities.
- In coordination with IOM, Deputy Mayor of Viranşehir and Şanlıurfa parliament member held the opening ceremony of **Viranşehir Park** rehabilitated by IOM on 15 April 2019.

**LIVELIHOODS**

- **300 beneficiaries** have been assisted by the livelihoods team, including providing in-kind grants, job placement, and training workshops.
- Entrepreneurship trainings began in Gaziantep and Şanlıurfa with a total of **79 young people** from host and migrant communities. Three winners were selected for their projects in architecture, interior design and innovative technology.

**PROTECTION**

- **553 vulnerable individuals** with complex and exceptional circumstances were assisted. Medical care was the most common need making up 75% of the cases.
- IOM’s mobile psychosocial support (PSS) teams covered **13,634 people** through PSS sessions, information and cohesion events.
- National Children’s Day events were held in İzmir, Hatay and Şanlıurfa with over **11,500 people** to provide safe spaces for families and children to come together.

**SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION**

- Up to **6,347 students** have used school transportation services **406 buses** offered by IOM in Adana, Sakarya, Yalova, Antalya, and Batman, to get to **64 schools**.