

## UNHCR in Türkiye April 2025

**10,081** refugees reached through GBV-related information campaigns in 2025 (194,145 in 2024).

**748** people received targeted support in 2025 (16,318 in 2024).

### Context

In forced displacement situations, refugee women and girls can be disproportionately affected by psychological and physical violence. Under the leadership of the Government of Türkiye, UNHCR works jointly with partners to reduce the risks and consequences of gender-based violence (GBV) against women, girls, men, and boys and those with specific needs. Improving access to GBV risk mitigation measures, along with prevention and response services, is one of the primary objectives of all stakeholders.



### Working in Partnerships

Within the scope of the Protocol of Cooperation signed between UNHCR in Türkiye and the Ministry of Family and Social Services in October 2021, UNHCR supports the central and provincial authorities through institutional capacity enhancement and operational assistance. As part of its long-standing collaboration with the Presidency of Migration Management (PMM), UNHCR provides operational and technical guidance for the identification and prioritisation of persons with specific needs, including GBV survivors and those at risk, during the registration and documentation processes. Through assistance to the Protection Desks of the Provincial Directorates of Migration Management (PDMM), UNHCR aims to strengthen the identification and referral mechanisms for vulnerable refugees. Furthermore, UNHCR advocates for considering specific needs during refugee status determination procedures.

UNHCR engages with several stakeholders, including provincial directorates of ministries, municipalities, universities, and cultural centres across the country, to sensitise the general public. In partnership with the Union of Turkish Bar Associations (UTBA), UNHCR supports legal assistance and provides information on available services through six legal clinics in Şanlıurfa, Gaziantep, Hatay, Kilis, Malatya, and Van. UNHCR establishes partnerships with local NGOs and women-led organizations as part of its localisation efforts.

### Key Response

In 2025, UNHCR Türkiye identified 886 refugees with GBV-induced needs, such as medical and psychosocial support, urgent accommodation, and transportation assistance. UNHCR referred the cases to relevant authorities and partner NGOs. UNHCR operates a dedicated counselling line for individuals at risk of or survivors of GBV. A special section on the UNHCR Türkiye Help Page includes key messages on GBV, psycho-social well-being, referral mechanisms and available services. UNHCR also provides cash assistance to GBV survivors to support their path to recovery.

This year's International Women's Day (8 March) also marked the 30th anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, a pivotal milestone in advancing the rights of women and girls globally. UNHCR Türkiye dedicated awareness-raising posters on social media platforms and participated in UN Women's International Women's Day event, which included a documentary screening and panel discussion commemorating Beijing +30.

### Coordination

Within the framework of the [Regional Refugee and Resilience Plan 2023-2025 \(3RP\)](#), UNHCR, together with UNFPA, co-chairs the National GBV sub-working group, which includes members, such as community-based organisations, women and refugee-led organisations, international NGOs, and other UN agencies. In addition, UNHCR co-chairs 3 regional GBV sub-working groups. UNHCR is also a member of the results groups working on social inclusion, equality and women empowerment within the scope of the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF).

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