3RP Quarterly Newsletter

3RP Türkiye

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At a Glance: Key Developments

Iran-Türkiye Movements

- 60,600 arrivals | 46,000 returns *(28 Feb–30 Mar)* amid regional escalation
- Movements remain **below pre-crisis levels**, largely **short-term and seasonal**
- Increasing returns within **~1 week**, indicating **no onward displacement trend**
- **Kapıköy, Gürbulak, and Esendere** crossings operational
- **PMM** leads national preparedness; **UNHCR** with partners supports border monitoring, coordination, and information management

Voluntary Returns to Syria

- 626,212 voluntary returns since 9 Dec 2024 *(as of 16 February 2026)*
- 479,000+ voluntary return interviews observed by **UNHCR** *(as of March 2026)*
- **UNHCR** monitors return trends across **25 PDMMs (22 provinces), İstanbul and Ankara airports, İstanbul Arnavutköy TAC, and 5 southeastern border points**
- Voluntary returns ongoing through 6 active crossings (Cilvegözü, Yayladağı, Öncüpınar, Karkamış, Akçakale, Çobanbey)
- **Zeytindalı** crossing closed on 18 March

Operational & Strategic Highlights

SSN Updates & Socioeconomic Trends

SSN Post-Distribution Monitoring (PDM) Findings

- Latest SSN PDM findings indicate **rising economic vulnerability**, with declining employment, reduced purchasing power, and increased reliance on debt.
- A growing share of households fall **below the Minimum Expenditure Basket (MEB).**
- **Food consumption** has deteriorated, while spending on **health and education** has declined.
- **Negative coping strategies persist**, including borrowing and reduced essential spending; SSN remains critical for meeting immediate survival needs.

Kızılaykart Programmes Transfer Value Increases (Effective as of Jan 2026)

- Social Safety Net (SSN): 500 → 750 TL
- **Complementary SSN (C-SSN):** 700 → 1,050 TL; severe disability top-up: 2,700 → 4,050 TL
- **Conditional Cash Transfer for Education (CCTE):**
  - **Primary:** 90 → 270 TL (boys) | 100 → 300 TL (girls)
  - **Secondary:** 130 → 390 TL (boys) | 150 → 450 TL (girls)

Cash and Voucher Assistance (CVA) Updates

Multi-purpose Cash Assistance (MPCA) Guidance

• Updated February 2026 MPCA Guidance of the **CBI TWG** was published, providing a **standardised methodology** to calculate cash assistance transfer values.
• Aims to strengthen **harmonised targeting and prioritisation** across partners.

Deduplication Efforts

• Inter-agency CVA Deduplication Platform enables partners to **securely compare beneficiary lists using encrypted data.**
• 100+ duplications → **Prevented** during the **2025-2026 winterisation response**.

Health Service Contribution Fee – Regulatory Update

• An amendment to the **Temporary Protection Regulation** published in the Official Gazette on 28 November 2025 reactivated a previously unused 2019 provision introducing **health service contribution fees for TP beneficiaries**.
• **Effective 1 January 2026, SuTPs** are required to pay fees, similar to IP applicants.
• **Safeguards are in place**: individuals unable to pay are identified through a **MoFSS-PMM mechanism** and **reimbursed via SASFs'** Social Assistance and Solidarity Incentive Fund.

Partnerships & Engagements

Private Sector Engagement

• UNHCR and Independent Industrialists' and Businessmen's Association (MÜSİAD) signed a **cooperation agreement** *(12 Feb)* to strengthen **refugee economic resilience and access to employment**, while also exploring **employment opportunities in Syria**.

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Inclusive Employment & Market Linkages

Business Dialogue on Inclusive Employment

• **UNHCR** convened *Leveraging Business Dialogue for Inclusive Employment and Market Linkages (11 Feb)* with **SURIAD** and the **IFC-UNHCR Joint Initiative**, bringing together private sector, IFIs, and partners to advance labour market inclusion and market linkages.
• Discussions highlighted **regulatory, mobility constraints, access to finance, and formalisation challenges**, reinforcing the need for structured private sector engagement.

Insights: Syrian Business Dynamics in Türkiye

• **SURIAD**'s report *Syrian Investments in Türkiye Between Waiting and Returning* launched.
• 15,437 licensed Syrian-owned companies in Türkiye → Manufacturing and trade (leather, garments, furniture, automotive), as well as real estate, construction.
• Survey **with 42 Syrian businesspeople in Istanbul**
• Investment in Syria remains constrained by legal, financial, and infrastructure challenges, resulting in a **"wait-and-see" approach.**

Outlook: Investment Trajectories & Regional Linkages

• Syrian businesses increasingly consider operating across **interconnected Türkiye-Syria markets**, enabling **cross-border linkages** leveraging Türkiye's stability and developed infrastructure and Syria's emerging opportunities.

• 3 trajectories emerge: remaining in Türkiye, relocating to Syria, or adopting a **dual operating model** across both markets

• 5% have fully relocated, while 60% have partially shifted operations; 41% plan full relocation (1-3 years), while 14% intend to remain fully in Türkiye.

• Investment interest in Syria is concentrated in **construction, import/export, light manufacturing, and services** (incl. education, training, and digital services).

• 3 potential scenarios

1) Fragile Continuity: Limited expansion in Türkiye, no significant investment relocation to Syria
2) Selective Recovery (plausible): Partial, sector-specific investments in Syria
3) Organised Breakthrough (demanding): Large-scale investment to Syria due to major reforms

Coordination in Action

Partner Spotlight: MSYDD

Refugees and Asylum Seekers Assistance and Solidarity Association (MSYDD) delivers inclusive, multi-sectoral services to refugees and host community members, reaching 47,353 individuals through strong partnerships, notably with **Sultanbeyli Municipality.**

Planned Initiative: Youth-Led SRHR & GBV Response

• 24-month project to enhance access to **Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR)** and strengthen **GBV** response capacity through youth participation.
• Key targets include:
  • **Awareness sessions on SRHR and GBV** for 840 vulnerable individuals.
  • Youth-led mentorship model, training 60 refugee youth and reaching 375 university students, 240 men, and 100 girls (1:1 mentorship).
  • Case management and referral support for 95 GBV survivors.
  • Hygiene kit distribution to 1,385 individuals.
  • Engagement with 10 public institutions to support scale-up.

3RP Networking & Partnership Fair

• **Post-Event Report** of the 3RP Networking & Partnership Fair (4 Dec 2025, Ankara) was published in February 2026 (EN/TR).
• The Fair convened **~200 participants** from various stakeholders, reinforcing strategic dialogue and partnerships through **showcasing local initiatives**.
• The report captures key outcomes and features **good practice profiles from 20 partners and 5 3RP sectors.**
• Further materials and exhibition content are available via the dedicated event website.