



1,965 Syrian refugee and Turkish beneficiaries received Livelihoods training this month

APRIL HIGHLIGHTS:

UNDP: Gaziantep Chamber of Industry Vocational Education and Training Center Business and Operations plan was reviewed in Ankara by UNDP Gaziantep and Ankara Team members.

Training-of-Trainers Basic Life Skills Training (BLST) sessions was undertaken on 16-18 & 25-27 May. 56 beneficiaries participated from Gaziantep Metropolitan Municipality (GMM), IŞKUR, KOSGEB, Gaziantep University, H. Kalyoncu University, Silk Road Development Agency, Gaziantep Chamber of Industry, Gaziantep Chamber of Commerce, Vocational High Schools, and ASAM. This will enable BLST to be provided to Syrians by trained trainers at community centers run by General Migration Management.

The Glass Bead and the Turkish Language courses are ongoing with Gaziantep Metropolitan Municipality and the Foreign Trade Course is ongoing with Gaziantep Chamber of Industry. During this month, 171 benefited from the mentioned Livelihoods skills training.

UNHCR: The UNHCR Istanbul Livelihoods Community Centre was launched in May. The Centre began activities with a Coding Week for Refugees on the 23rd and 24th May. A total of 122 individuals participated in this activity. In parallel, 30 individuals received separate TOEFL courses in May. Livelihoods activities in Hatay continued with vocational training sessions.

The UNHCR project on Work Permits reached 78 Syrians by supporting them with information sessions. A total of 250 associations were contacted of which 19 were Syrian associations. 27 individual counselling sessions have been given and as a result of awareness raising 41 refugees gained work permits, 250 associations were trained, and 105 refugees were counseled on the new Works permit regulations.

UNIDO: The second intake of training began for 160 Women from 3 refugee camps enrolled in textile manufacturing. 5 women secured jobs as a result of the training and the Project team has begun to seek ways to increase numbers of trained women placed in jobs after completion of training. Because of recent worsening security in Kilis, 12 young women from the Pattern- Making course in Kilis re-located to Gaziantep to complete the final week of training at a center run by Maram Foundation

NEEDS ANALYSIS

In January 2016, the Turkish Government announced a change in legislation permitting Syrians to access formal employment opportunities with conditions. This change will benefit women and youth, who are sometimes at risk of engaging in negative coping mechanisms to cope with poverty and lack of incomes. The new opportunities to access formal employment will help Syrian refugees to secure employment, gain hope, dignity, and more self-reliance and will support efforts for Syrian refugees and Turkish host communities to live in peace-full co-existence. For Livelihoods the focus will be on local strategies and initiatives to strengthen job creation/labor demand and empowerment opportunities/labor supply. Interventions based on assessments of skillsets of Syrians and labor demand will enable design of livelihoods interventions that will give Syrian refugees and Turkish host communities employment and vocational skills for employment. Advocacy efforts are needed to help Syrians and potential employers to be aware of the new labor regulations to help maximize uptake of employment opportunities by refugees to support implementation of the new labor regulations and broaden Syrian refugee participation in labor markets.



Drawing Course at the SSG Community Centre in Antakya, Hatay

Sector Response Summary:



144,600 Refugees & Local Community Members targeted for assistance by end of 2016
13,540 assisted in 2016



Syrian Refugees in Turkey:



2,750,000 Syrian Refugees expected by end-2016
2,744,900 currently registered



3RP Overall Funding Status:



USD 807 million required in 2016
USD 0.0 million received in 2016



4 trainees of 12 who finished the garment making Pattern-making course were successful in being selected to prepare for a Fabric Design Competition organized by the Textile Exporters Association. To help develop capacity of Ministry of National Education an officer was seconded to the Project in Harran Refugee Camp and will benefit from the vocational skills training delivery experience.

IOM: Provided assistance to 1,506 refugees at two multi-purpose community centres run in partnership with International Blue Crescent Relief Development Foundation (IBC) in Istanbul and the Syrian Social Gathering (SSG) in Antakya Hatay Province. Vocational training to 370 people on the following topics: computer (54), English (43), Turkish (154), Arabic (29), Drawing (76) and Handcrafts (14). While a majority of participants (87%) in computer classes were children and teenagers aged between 5 and 18, about 92% of Turkish learners were adults above 18 years old. A similar number of teenagers (56%) and adults (44%) participated in English classes. As for Drawing, all beneficiaries (100%) were children and teenagers. The Arabic courses started in May specifically targeted illiterate Syrian refugees aged from 6 to 10. In terms of gender, males comprised 54% of the total participants. Syrian Social Gathering (SSG), who runs the community Centre in Antakya of Hatay Province, provided vocational trainings to 1,136 people on the following topics: computer/International Computer Driving License (ICDL) (184), English (152), Turkish (473), Arabic (29), Knitting and sewing/embroidery (30), human resource development (170), handcrafts and drawing (32), accounting management (76), and computer skills/programming (19). The majority of beneficiaries were males, composing over 80% of participants in all trainings, except handcrafts and drawing in which about 72 % of participants were children and teenagers aged between 5 and 18. Female accounted for about 47% of the total beneficiaries, which indicates a good gender balance considering the tendency of men's more active social participation in Syrian culture.

ILO: Vocational training and Turkish language courses are on-going and being undertaken in partnership with: Governorate of Harran District, Southeastern Anatolian Project Regional Development Administration (GAP), Şanlıurfa and Gaziantep Chamber of Merchants and Craftsmen. Vocational Training Courses included: Covered Electrode and Arc Welding, Language courses, Hairdressing Make-up training, and Catering. This month 335 Syrian and Turkish beneficiaries received training from several Multi-Purpose-Community Centres located in Haran District, Şanlıurfa, Kilis and Gaziantep.

TURKEY RESPONSE INDICATORS: JANUARY - MAY 2016

■ Progress ■ Planned Response, by end-2016

5,632 male and female refugees and host community population benefiting from livelihoods and income generating activities and trainings

4% 137,300

Refugees or host community members receiving various grants.

0% 7,250