



UNDP is launching its project aiming to support the occupational skills and access to labour market. UNIDO has started its livelihoods project in camps.

AUGUST HIGHLIGHTS:

ILO undertook a High Level Representational meeting in Istanbul with representatives from Turkey, Lebanon, Jordan, Iraq and Egypt. The aim was to exchange experiences, and formulate policies to respond to the Labour Market impacts of the Syrian Refugee crises. ILO also undertook two field studies to assess information within the scope of "ILO Reponse to the Syrian Influx in Turkey". In addition, a research study undertaken with Harran University and Karacadag Development Agency will assess Labour demand. A Street Children Labour Study undertaken with Hacettepe University's Children Rights Research and Application Center in association with Ankara Provincial Directorate of Family and Social Polides. will assess the situation of street children working in Cankaya, Altindag, and Yenimahalle districts in Ankara.

UNDP's project aiming to support the occupational skills and access to labour market for Syrians under temporary protection was approved in July 2015. Activities have begun to establish the project team, identification of vocational and technical skills development programmes, and procurement of machinery and equipment for vocational skills training to fully develop Vocational, Educational & Training Centres. (VET) Centres. Completed activities include: Vocational Educational and Training Center locations have been identified, compilation and prioritization of needs and local demand assessments for labour analysis of Service and Industrial sectors.

UNIDO continues its project in the camp settings, with a view to strengthen the production capacities of the camp residents, particularly for garment production and textile sector. Şanlıurfa Harran, Öncüpınar and Elbeyli camps in Kilis are selected in cooperation with the Beneficiary AFAD for the establishment of the training and production units. Instead of the previously envisioned mobile training units, four fixed production and training units will be provided by UNIDO, including a design/pattern making course. The Ministry of National Education is now on board as well and they offer a chance to provide a certificate to the trainees at the end of these courses. The procurement process, as well preparations for this certificate are well on their way and the workshops are planned to be ready and operational by Mid December.



UNHCR/Syrian refugees attending YOS class at SSG center in Mersin / IOM

NEEDS ANALYSIS:

In the absence of an enabling environment for livelihoods for Syrians, formal job opportunities and services to improve employability are limited. This situation impacts particularly women and youth, who are the most at risk to engage in exploitative and abusive work, including prostitution, and other negative coping mechanisms. In parallel, the jobs that Syrian refugees manage to find are usually informal and insecure, and facilitate- at times - child labour. Some sources report that the daily fees for seasonal work reduced to one fifth of the previous levels, which were already unacceptably low for host communities before the crisis.

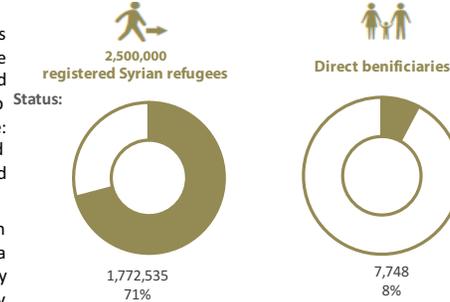
Additionally, the cost of living in the border provinces increased significantly for both communities as rental costs and commodity prices grew (in some cases more than 50 per cent increase). This economic hardship, along with other social issues, weakened the social fabric and undermined social cohesion between refugees and impacted communities.

The Ministry of Labour and Social Security (MoLSS) developed the normative framework that will enable the access to legal forms of work for approval by the Council of Ministers. This framework will has not yet been approved. The 3RP partners will therefore support developing employability skills for Syrian refugees, in anticipation of the employment legislation being approved sometime soon in the future.

UNDP will focus on local strategies and initiatives that relate to livelihoods in order to strengthen job creation/labour demand and empowerment opportunities/labour supply. ILO together with the MoLSS, social partners and relevant 3RP partners will support policy development to ensure and enhance decent employment opportunities and livelihoods in host communities and address unacceptable forms of work including child labour. These interventions will be built on assessments of skillsets of Syrians as well as the labour demand with a view to design and implement employment services. Advocacy efforts will target Syrians for awareness raising on employment opportunities, and local authorities for ensuring the implementation of labour

Key Figures:

Planned Sector Response:



TURKEY RESPONSE INDICATORS: JANUARY TO SEPTEMBER 2015

