



SECTOR ACHIEVEMENTS

As of the end of September 2018, the Ministry of National Education reported that 615,989 Syrian children were enrolled in formal education programmes and it is expected that numbers will continue to increase during on-going school enrolment during October. The total number of school-aged children has risen from 976,200 for the 2017/2018 school year to 1,047,536 for the 2018/2019 school year. The number of children out of school increased to more than 400,000.

Demand for access to higher education remains high, with 11,800¹ applications having been received for the Turkish government's *Turkiye Burslari* programme having been received from Syrians residing in Turkey in 2018. Unfortunately, the number of available scholarships is far lower, with only 1,698 higher education scholarships being provided with the support of 3RP donors.

BACK TO SCHOOL PLANNING AND ACTIVITIES

The South East Turkey Education Working Group (SETEWG) developed a comprehensive "Back to School" (BTS) support pack for organisations involved in the dissemination of information to refugees. The support pack included an overview of key advocacy messages on the importance of education as well as detailed information on enrolment procedures for refugee families. Examples of possible BTS support activities were also included in the information pack.

BTS information sessions were also held with the Istanbul Education Working Group, the Protection Working Group and teams responsible for case management in South East Turkey, and the Izmir Inter-Sector Working Group. The BTS support pack was also shared widely with national protection and education partners.

As information is key in advocacy, the Back to School pack also included tools for recording difficulties encountered by refugee families when seeking to enrol their children in school. Ongoing coordination during the enrolment process with the SETEWG and the Ankara level was ensured and information that needed urgent attention were shared with MoNE for their quick intervention. A detailed analysis of this data will be prepared to support further advocacy efforts with government partners.

Other BTS efforts included the procurement of 800,000 school bags and stationery kits for refugee and vulnerable Turkish children. At the end of September 341,482² students received an additional sum of 100 TRY on top of their monthly payments to assist families for the costs associated with the start of the new school year. In addition, students enrolled in the Accelerated Learning Programme (ALP) started receiving CCTE payments as of September 2018.

As part of the community based ECE programme, the ECE summer school programme was completed in 10 provinces (*Adiyaman, Batman, Diyarbakir, Gaziantep, Kilis, Mardin, Sanliurfa, Siirt, Simak, Hatay*), reaching 2,666 children. More than 90% of the children that attended the ECE summer schools are currently enrolled in formal preschools or primary schools.

An inclusive education teacher training module has been developed by MoNE and 3RP partners, aiming to strengthen the education system to provide quality education for all children, including children with disabilities and refugee children. The training of trainers of the inclusive education teacher training module took place between August and September targeting 2,200 trainers.

INCREASING ACCESS TO EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES (RESULTS ACHIEVED)

		Reached / Targeted	Girls	Boys *
# of children enrolled in ECCE and pre-primary education	94%	48,166 / 51,200	50%	50%
# of Syrian children enrolled in formal education (Grades 1-12)**	94%	615,989 / 650,000	52%	48%
# of adults enrolled in Turkish language programmes	43%	6,154 / 11,024	Female 54%	Male 46%
# of students enrolled in tertiary education	82%	20,701 / 25,000	50%	50% *

*No gender disaggregation provided
**Including formal pre-primary enrolment

¹Total number of applications received from Syrians was 17,500, including persons living outside of Turkey but applying to study through the *Turkiye Burslari* scheme.

²As of September 2018, the cumulative number of CCTE beneficiaries is 376,326.



SUPPORTING ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION

Higher education participation by Syrians under temporary protection continues to rise, with the Higher Education Council reporting that 20,701 Syrian students were enrolled in Turkish universities as of the start of the new academic year. The Government of Turkey renewed its decision to waive academic tuition fees for Syrian students for the sixth consecutive year.

Applications for a nine-month higher education preparation programme to support the acquisition of academic language proficiency in Turkish opened in early September and over 9,000 applications were received. A total of 295 new scholarships were awarded by 3RP partners for the new academic year.

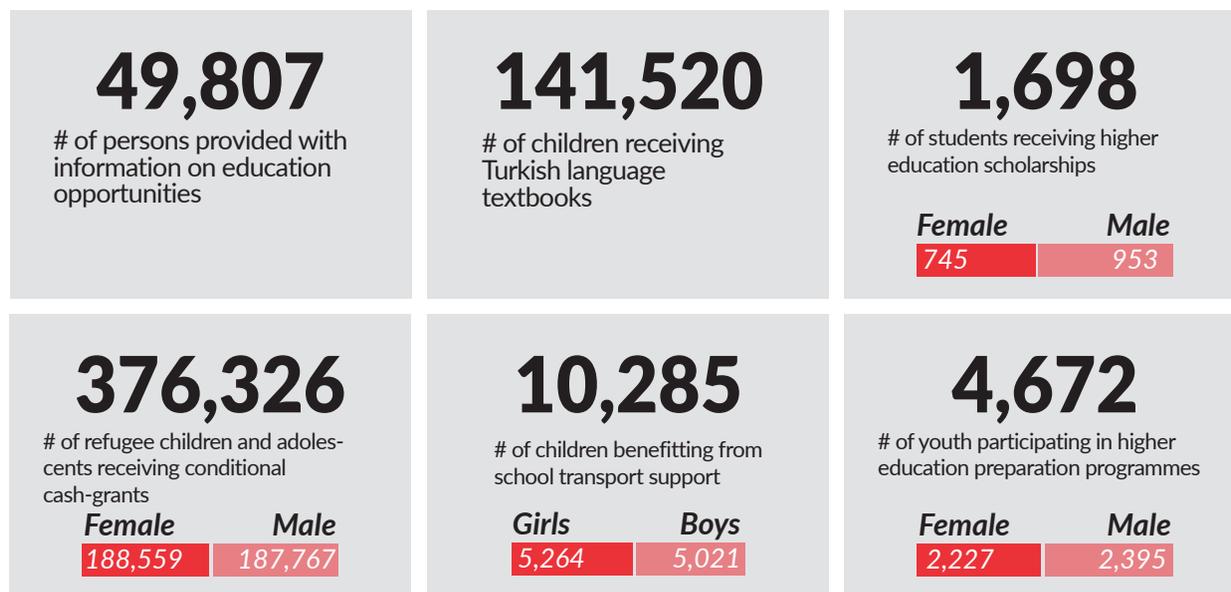
ENHANCING THE QUALITY OF EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES (RESULTS ACHIEVED)



NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN THE SECTOR

The European Commission has approved a new assistance package worth €400 million, for the education of Syrian refugees in Turkey. The new assistance package will focus on outreach, increased quality of formal education for students, Turkish language training for adults in Public Education Centres, the continuation and improvement of the examination system, and social cohesion activities. Funding will cover three academic years.

PROGRESS ACHIEVED IN ACTIVITIES*



*The number of beneficiaries may differ due to the retroactive corrections made by partners of the sector.