

HIGHLIGHTS

Trainings were conducted across the country on the Inter-Agency referral form/process. The roll-out of the referral process as well as the training of a large pool of frontline workers will ensure institutionalizing harmonized referral pathways with minimum protection standards. In various provinces, in particular the South East, the form is already systematically in use by humanitarian actors.

Two important workshops took place in the GBV sector in Gaziantep: (1) Call to Action on Protection from Gender-Based Violence in Emergencies workshop and (2) Working with Men and Boys. Both workshops focused on deepening sector knowledge regarding sexual violence, identify challenges and opportunities which exist in service provision for male survivors from Syria in Turkey and charter a way forward on both thematics in 2019.

During the reporting period, sector partners have focused on strengthening national systems with the aim to increase refugees' access to protection services. This included continued support to the MoFLSS/PDFLSS, through particularly capacity developments activities for the staff of Social Services Centers. Additionally, the protection sphere has been enhanced as to cover refugees living in the peripheral areas of provinces (particularly in the İstanbul area) through etablishment of social protection desks within municipalities.

The Istanbul Child Protection sub-working group developed a guidance note on response to and prevention of child marriages to ensure standard and holistic individual case response across agencies (based on referrals to specialized public institutions). During the preparation process, feedback from I/NGOs as well as public institutions, including PDo-FLSS, PDoH and PDMM were actively sought. Furthermore, consultations were held with refugee groups including women, men, youth, boys and girls to ensure effectiveness of the established preventive framework. As of publication of this dashboard, the note was endorsed by the protection sector in Istanbul and roll-out modalities were agreed upon. Next steps include preparing a concise version for dissemination to refugee community members (with the purpose of ensuring their engagement and mobilization towards identification and referral) and rolling out the note at national and provincial level.



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