

**Izmir ISWG Meeting**  
Meeting Minutes – 1 February 2019

<b>Participants</b>	<b>IOM, UNFPA, WFP, UNHCR, UNWomen, MUDEM, ASAM, TOG, TRC, Mülteci-Der, Habitat Association, Dünya Doktorlari Dernegi (DDD), Izmir PDMM</b>
<b>Agenda item</b>	<b>Summary of discussions</b>
<b>Welcome and overview of meeting agenda</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Review of action points from previous meeting</li> <li>2. Sector Updates</li> <li>3. Updates on onward movement trends</li> <li>4. Update on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- DGMM verification project</li> <li>- Continuous registration support project</li> <li>- UNHCR registration and RSD activities</li> </ul> </li> <li>5. AOB</li> </ol>
<b>Review of action points from previous meeting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <u>FAQs</u> on (i) work permits for Syrians under TP and IP applicants/status holders as well as (ii) a general one for Syrian refugees are still available. Also, the <u>guide to employment</u> (for Syrians under TP and IP applicants/status holders) is available for orders. Interested agencies are reminded to place their orders.</li> <li>▪ Labor Market Research findings (conducted by MoFLSS and ISKUR) have been stored in the shared Dropbox folder.</li> <li>▪ Report on municipal services and referrals in the Aegean region pending clearance for dissemination.</li> </ul>
<b>Sector updates</b>	<p><b>Protection</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ So far, 6 trainings on international protection were organized through UNHCR for Izmir PDoFLSS personnel. Training focused on protection of refugee children and women. Similar training will be conducted for Antalya PDoFLSS in mid-February.</li> <li>▪ Farsi interpreter needed for Tavas Social Service Center in Denizli; currently one Arabic interpreter supports the center.</li> <li>▪ IOM's newly established mobile PSS team (composed of 4 persons) continues to conduct outreach and PSS</li> </ul>

	<p>activities in Izmir and conducts emergency case management (ECM) and referrals for identified persons with specific needs. In addition, field teams in Dikili, Cesme and Kucukkuyu continue to support persons intercepted by the Turkish Coast Guard through counselling, interpretation and distribution of core relief items. IOM also continues to provide capacity building trainings to the TCG, police and Gendarmerie on different topics such as counter trafficking.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Turkish language and literacy courses to start at ASAM MSC from Monday to Wednesday. Currently, language learning opportunities are provided at TRC’s Community Center in Izmir. IOM-supported evening and weekend classes are available twice a week targeting working men and women.</li> <li>▪ Multeci-Der plans to open a branch office in Manisa. Capacity development and awareness raising for refugees and FGDs are planned in different provinces including Izmir.</li> <li>▪ <u>Major challenges observed in the field:</u> Child labor, early marriages and out-of-school children. Also, unemployed men tend not to approach NGOs for their services.</li> </ul> <p><b>Livelihoods</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Entrepreneurship skills trainings and startup grants will continue in Izmir in 2019 through UNHCR-Habitat joint Imece program.</li> </ul> <p><b>Health</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Additional support centers targeting sex workers and LGBTI are planned to open across Turkey including Denizli with the support of UNFPA. Services include legal counselling and PSS with the help of Arabic, Farsi and English interpreters. Phone counselling is also provided through the following number: 0850880539.</li> <li>▪ Men friendly spaces are planned to open through UNFPA in 2019. Locations note yet known.</li> <li>▪ Initial health screening and referrals to relevant health institutions are ongoing in Torbali through Dunya Doktorlari Dernegi (DDD) in cooperation with the Izmir Provincial Directorate of Health. Visits to makeshift settlements in Torbali are conducted 4 times per week. Migrant Health Center in Torbali is supported by DDD.</li> <li>▪ Persons with disabilities continue to be identified in Manisa through MUDEM’s outreach team. DDD can reimburse the prescribed psychiatric medicines up to 100 TRY per person.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Updates on onward movement trends</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Apprehension/Interceptions:</b> 1,092 persons were intercepted by the Turkish Coast Guard (TCG) along the Western sea border in January 2019, which indicates a drop of 33 per cent compared to the same period last year. Izmir accounted for the majority of interceptions by the TCG. Most of the incidents were recorded off the coasts of Dikili and Cesme. Top nationalities of origin include Afghans (32%) and are followed by Syrians (26%), Congolese (10%), Iraqis (10%), and Palestinians (6%). Main motivations for the irregular crossings are attributed to the financial difficulties and lack of job opportunities in Turkey. Majority of intercepted Syrians are registered</li> </ul>

	<p>in Turkey while most persons from African countries are unregistered. Men comprise the majority among Africans.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Returns:</b> 1,825 people (Syrians and persons of other nationalities) were returned from Greece to Turkey within the scope of the EU-Turkey Statement as of January 2018.</li> <li>▪ <b>Arrivals by sea to Greece from Turkey</b> reached 1,637 as of 27 January 2019. The figure is roughly in line with those of 2018 when 1,633 persons arrived on the Greek islands. Most sea arrivals originated from Afghanistan (28%), Syria (24%) and Iraq (18%).</li> </ul>
<p><b>Update on: DGMM verification project; Continuous registration support project; UNHCR registration and RSD activities</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Continuous registration project is an extension of the UNHCR-DGMM Verification project which aims to ease and accelerate registration/processing and updating of (biometric and personal) information of Syrians under TP and IP applicants and status holders. The project will be implemented in 67 cities with the support of 500 newly recruited personnel. Apart from recruitment of personnel, PDMMs will be supported with technical and material resources as well as capacity development activities for recruited personnel. Also, awareness raising sessions will be organized for refugees. Through this project, identification and referral of persons with specific needs will be a priority with the help of trained staff and protection desks.</li> <li>▪ As of 10 September, 2018 DGMM is the sole authority responsible for registering and processing IP applications. UNHCR no longer conducts RSD interviews. IP applicants need to approach PDMM – IP applications are received by PDMMs across 81 provinces including Izmir. UNHCR will process vulnerable IP applicants for resettlement purposes upon referral from DGMM. Also, UNHCR will continue its protection activities including delivery of counselling services to refugees and asylum-seekers.</li> </ul>
<p><b>AOB</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Need to discuss child protection related challenges (child labor and child marriage) and propose solutions in preparation for next ISWG meeting.</li> <li>▪ Arrange ad-hoc meetings to discuss thematic priorities.</li> <li>▪ Need for more action and solution-based discussions.</li> <li>▪ Next ISWG to be themed on child protection with a focus on child labor and child marriage, and linkages with access to education.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Next meeting</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Next meeting will take place on <b>Friday, 5 April 2019</b>.</li> </ul>

### **ACTION POINTS SUMMARY**

No.	Action	Responsible
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1.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Share presentations from the meeting with ISWG members.</li> </ul>	UNHCR coordinator
2.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Set up a meeting to further discuss and agree on the thematic priorities for 2019 and prep for next child-protection themed ISWG meeting.</li> </ul>	UNHCR coordinator
3.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Share poster on new UNFPA centers (targeting LGBTIs and sex workers).</li> </ul>	UNFPA coordinator
4.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Share DDD's survey results from outreach activities next meeting.</li> </ul>	Dunya Doktorlari Dernegi
5.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Share training needs table with ISWG members.</li> </ul>	UNHCR coordinator
6.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Assign focal points for special events such as WRD and 16 days of activism campaign.</li> </ul>	ISWG member agencies
7.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Western and eastern border update.</li> </ul>	UNHCR coordinator

### Attachments

<b>Document</b>
<u>Presentations:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- UNHCR support to PDMMs</li> </ul>