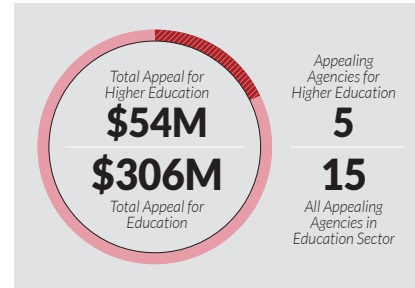
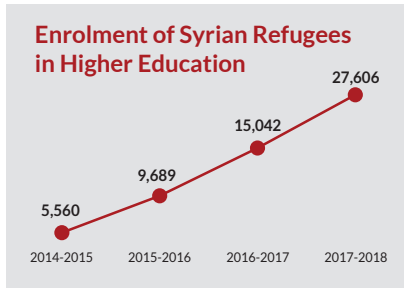




KEY FIGURES ON HIGHER EDUCATION



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RATIONALE FOR INVESTING IN REFUGEES' ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION

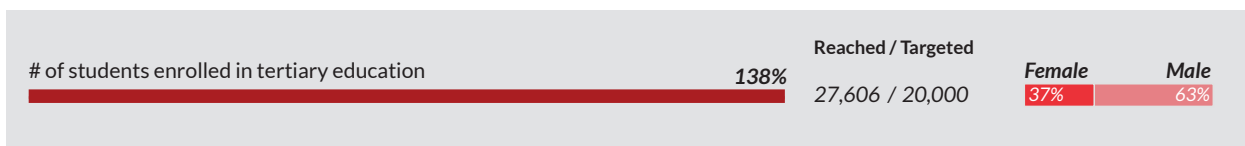
In many refugee situations, higher education remains one of the most under-funded education sub-sectors. The 3RP aims to ensure that it is possible to provide refugee children, youth and adults with access to a continuum of educational opportunities - from early childhood education and schooling, through to tertiary and adult education. The Syria response is one of the first refugee crises where higher education has received significant attention.

Investment in higher education is a long-term investment in the economic and social potential of refugees and refugee communities: studies have shown that the earning potential of someone with post-secondary education (associate and bachelors degrees) is higher than that of someone who holds a school leaving diploma or has only completed part of secondary education. In OECD countries efforts to quantify the long-term advantage of having tertiary education estimates this benefit to be USD 175,067 for men and USD 110,007 for women - after adjusting for the direct and opportunity costs of acquiring the degree. Higher private income does not only benefit the individual and his/her immediate family but also results in social benefits as these individuals will contribute to the economy through higher tax payments and reduced risk of being dependent on social welfare payments (or aid).

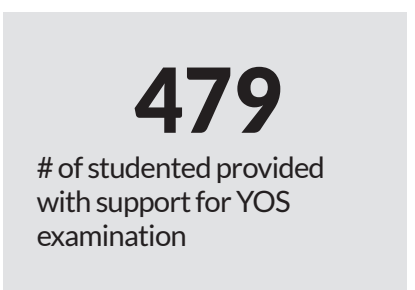
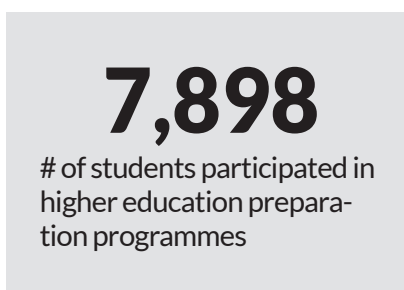
The benefits of higher education investment are not limited only to economic returns, but also include increased levels of community resilience and protection dividends are also realised as youth are productively engaged in study, are supported to avoid negative coping mechanisms (such as risking dangerous onward movement, being recruited to participate in hostilities or being open to economic exploitation).

Higher education also allows refugees to have access to a wider range of professional employment opportunities and, internationally, higher education has been demonstrated to contribute to greater civic engagement. Parents' levels of education have for a long time been identified as a key determinant in the children's academic performance, which can contribute to ensuring that future generations do not suffer educational disadvantages.

3RP OUTPUT 1.6: ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION - PROGRESS AGAINST TARGETS



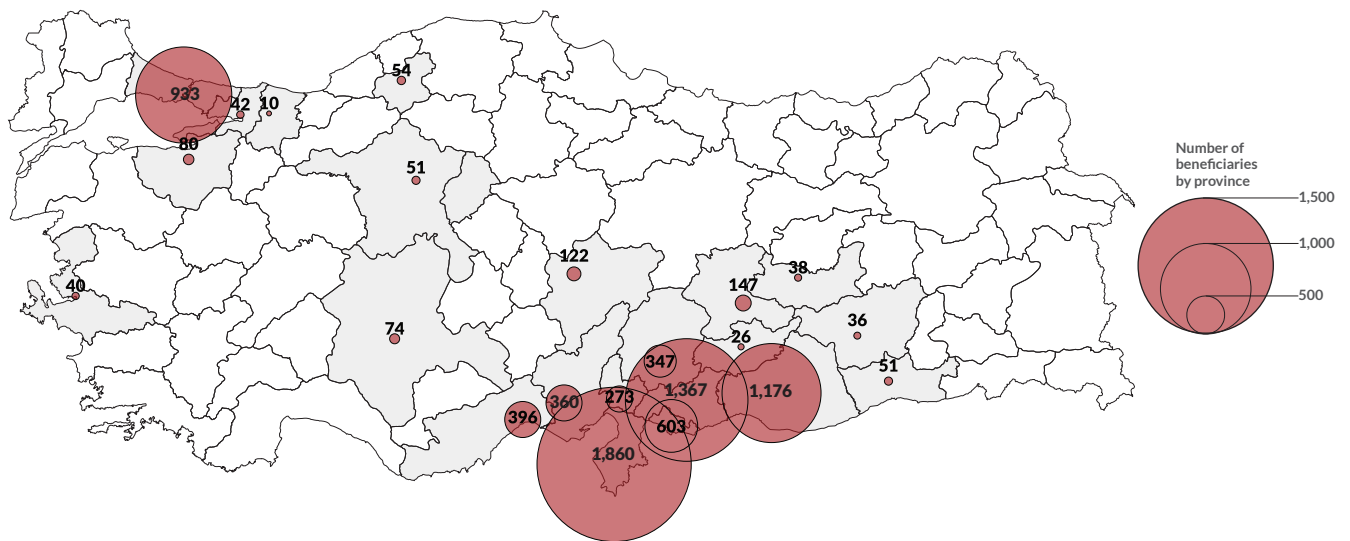
3RP PARTNERS' PERFORMANCE AGAINST TARGETS



PREPARATION PROGRAMME

In spite of the fact that there has been a tuition fee waiver for Syrian students wishing to attend Turkish State universities, the number of students who have actually enrolled in these institutions is relatively low in relation to the number of youth aged 18-24. One of the reasons for this is that all foreign students must demonstrate that they are sufficiently fluent in Turkish in order to be able to pursue advanced academic studies, as the medium of instruction in most universities is Turkish. On application, students should demonstrate that they hold a B2 or C1 proficiency certificate in Turkish in order to meet language proficiency requirements for university admission. In addition for many courses, prospective students must also sit the foreign students' examination (also referred to as the YOS examination) which assesses computational skills, reasoning and comprehension. These two requirements remain as significant barriers to accessing higher education.

3RP partners offer higher education preparation scholarships to help students to meet the language proficiency requirements for admission to Turkish universities and some provide YÖS preparation courses for prospective students. In 2018 a total of 8,377 students were enrolled in language preparation programmes 7,898 and 479 were supported to prepare for YOS examinations.

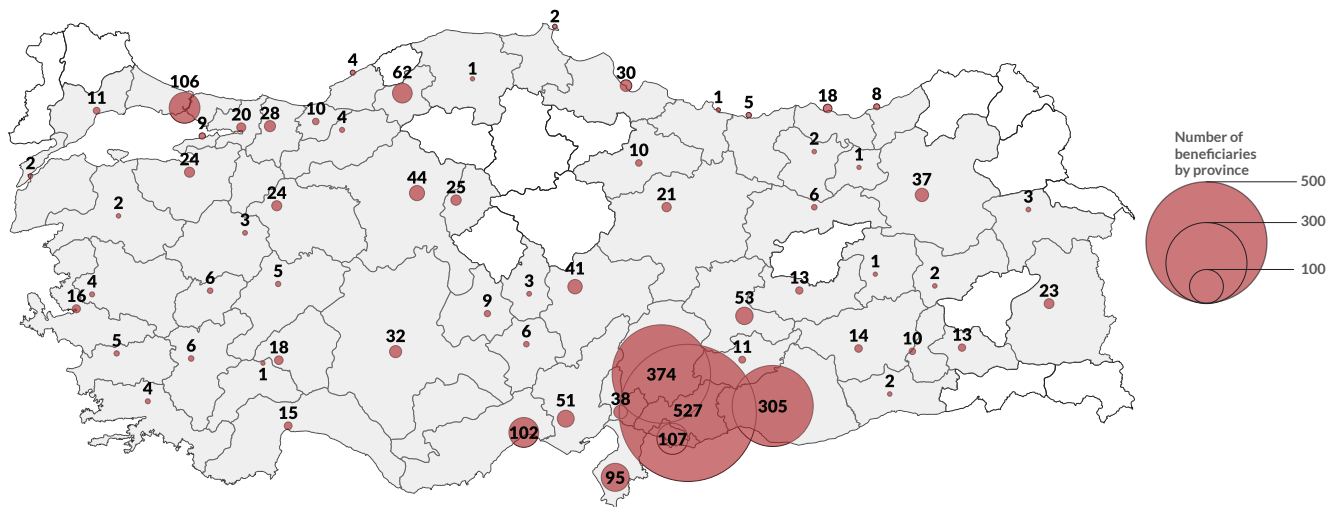


# of students participating in higher education programmes	Reached / Targeted	Female	Male
114%	7,898 / 7,180	4,080	3,818

HIGHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS

3RP partners work in close collaboration with Turkish state institutions (including the Higher Education Council, the Presidency for Turks Abroad and Related Communities, and individual universities) to provide higher education scholarships. These initiatives include a wide range of financial assistance packages from full cycle scholarships for both under-graduate and post-graduate students with monthly allowances to short-term needs-based supports. Student selection is highly competitive and subject to academic performance and adherence with unique scholarship-provider conditions. More than 6,000 students are being supported by agencies' financial assistance. The majority of scholarship holders are enrolled in bachelors degree programmes, with engineering and health sciences being amongst the most popular departments. The number of students in two-year associate degrees is far lower. These patterns mirror the overall distribution of Syrian students enrolled in higher education in Turkey.

Over the course of 2018, 3RP partners worked to coordinate and harmonise the rate of scholarship payments to students in order to ensure that, as far as is possible, beneficiaries receive a standard package of services.



# of students receiving higher education scholarships	77%	Reached / Targeted	
		2,424 / 3,111	
		Female	Male
		1,000	1,424