



Tackling a new wave of  
Ukrainian and Afghan  
refugees to Turkey by  
providing employment  
opportunities in the food  
and agriculture sector



**PROJECT CODE**  
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**RESOURCE PARTNER**  
Japan

**CONTRIBUTION**  
USD 475 000



**IMPLEMENTATION**  
22/03/2023–21/03/2024



**TARGET AREAS**  
Adana, Diyarbakı and Elazığ provinces



**BENEFICIARIES**  
129 refugees, asylum-seekers and host  
community members, 90 of whom were  
women



**KEY PARTNERS**  
Elazığ Provincial Directorate of  
Agriculture and Forestry (PDoAF), Seyhan  
municipality, Diyarbakır Chamber of  
Commerce and Industry and  
non-governmental organizations



## Objective

Improve the livelihoods and social recognition of Ukrainian and Afghan refugees in Türkiye by providing them and their host community members with employment and livelihood opportunities.

## Activities implemented

- Organized a training of trainers workshop for eight PDoAF staff who trained the project beneficiaries enrolled in the Agricultural Skills Development Programme (ASDP) and Business Development and Entrepreneurship Programme (BDEP).
- Trained 98 beneficiaries through the ASDP on apricot and grape production and aquaculture.
- Provided the ASDP participants with complementary training on safety in the workplace, life skills, women empowerment and refugee rights.
- Engaged 48 ASDP participants in on-the-job training for two months, focusing on the production of juvenile fish and processing aquaculture products.
- Organized a job fair and collaborated with the private sector to facilitate the employment of ASDP graduates.
- Disbursed USD 109 928 (TRY 3 497 709) worth of stipends to all ASDP beneficiaries (USD 22/day each) to facilitate their participation.
- Trained 31 beneficiaries enrolled in the basic and advanced BDEP on topics including business development, strategic thinking, decision making, marketing, financial management and gender mainstreaming to enable them to establish and run their women-led cooperatives.



- Distributed 20 pieces of equipment and machinery to the 31 BDEP beneficiaries to improve their production and marketing capacities.
- Produced a handbook on non-violent communication in English, Turkish and Persian which was distributed to the BDEP beneficiaries.
- Launched a photo contest, produced three stories and ten social media posts to highlight the economic and social contribution of refugees to their host community.

## Results

- Strengthened the technical capacity of PDoAF staff who delivered the ASDP and BDEP training sessions to the project beneficiaries, enabling them to organize similar training and entrepreneurship support programmes.
- Improved the agricultural skills and knowledge of 98 Afghan and Ukrainian refugees as well as host community members to facilitate their labour market integration.
- Enabled 48 participants of the ASDP to find short term employment during the programme, 22 of whom found long term employment after graduation.
- Strengthened the entrepreneurial skills of 31 BDEP beneficiaries, enabling 26 of them to be employed by women-led cooperatives.
- Enabled the BDEP beneficiaries to establish two income-generating initiatives through their respective cooperatives, one of which was a confectionery production enterprise run by Afghan refugee women.
- Garnered 144 803 interactions on social media posts highlighting the project's achievements as well as the contribution of refugees to their host community.
- Contributed to promoting gender equality in the agrifood business sector through women-led cooperatives, empowering female entrepreneurs and linking them to markets.
- Contributed to enhancing the livelihoods and employment prospects of project beneficiaries.
- Contributed to improving the social recognition of the Afghan and Ukrainian refugees in Türkiye and strengthening social cohesion between them and their host community.

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