

UNHCR in Türkiye April 2025

11 provinces covered by the UNHCR Sub Office in Gaziantep.

3 field presence in Şanlıurfa, Adana & Gaziantep operating under the Sub Office.

1.5 million Syrian refugees (approx.) and asylum seekers living in the area of responsibility of the Gaziantep Sub Office.

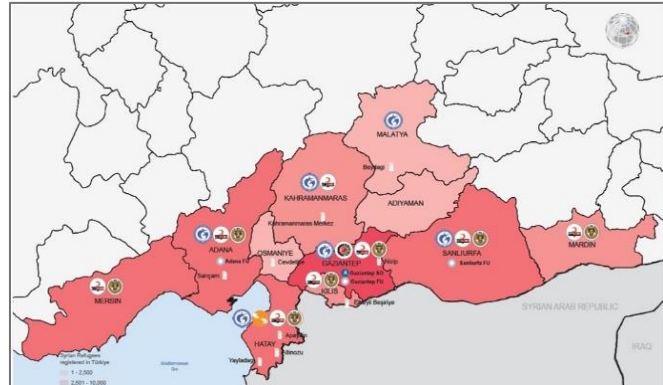
Top 5 provinces with the highest number of refugees in the AoR are Gaziantep, Adana, Hatay, Şanlıurfa, and Mersin.

4 local NGOs are working in partnership.

Context

To facilitate focused and efficient implementation of the refugee response, UNHCR Türkiye operation has delegated the overall operational responsibilities to four field units, serving refugees and host communities across the country. UNHCR in

Southeast Türkiye addresses the needs of over 1.5 million Syrian refugees under temporary protection and other nationalities in need of international protection across 11 provinces (Adana, Hatay, Mersin, Osmaniye, Kahramanmaraş, Kilis, Malatya, Gaziantep, Şanlıurfa, Mardin and Adıyaman). Through the Sub-Office in Gaziantep and three field units in Gaziantep, Adana and Şanlıurfa, UNHCR ensures that the people in need of international protection have **access to quality, fair and efficient procedures** in line with international law and the national legal framework, refugees have **access to essential social services and support systems** available in the country, refugees **participate in social and economic life harmoniously** with the host community and refugees' return to the country of origin is voluntary.



Areas of responsibility of the **Gaziantep** Sub Office and Field Units in **Şanlıurfa**, and **Adana**.

Key Activities

Protection Monitoring and Services: UNHCR conducts regular and systematic analyses of refugees' access to protection, registration, and documentation. UNHCR provides counselling services through legal clinics and enhances bar associations' capacities to provide legal aid and counselling to refugees. Additionally, UNHCR supports regular gender-based violence assessments to prioritise interventions in collaboration with partners. UNHCR also aims to improve access to quality services for refugee children and reduce their risk of harm.

Social Cohesion: UNHCR promotes social cohesion through engagement with communities, authorities, universities, and civil society. UNHCR engages with refugees and the host community through community structures, which are often first responders during humanitarian emergencies. UNHCR also supports the Provincial Directorates of Migration Management (PDMMs) and municipalities with consultations, capacity-building, and local projects.

Coordination and Partnerships: As the lead agency in the Inter-Agency Shelter and Non-food Items Sector, UNHCR supports earthquake-affected populations, focusing on temporary settlements and severely affected areas. UNHCR is also working with four NGOs through partnership agreements.

Voluntary Repatriation Monitoring: UNHCR monitors voluntary returns of Syrian refugees through presence in four border crossing points and five PDMM offices to confirm the voluntary character of returns and address any protection concerns of returnees.

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