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COMMUNITY-BASED LOCAL
INITIATIVES PROJECT

ABOUT THE PROJECT





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Community-Based Local Initiatives Project (CLIP 2)

Community-based local initiatives in Turkey provide multi-sectoral social services for refugees and vulnerable residents of the host communities and strengthen their resilience.

General context

Türkiye hosts the largest refugee population in the world (around 3,7 million Syrians under temporary protection, 330,000 international protection holders from other nationalities). The situation poses significant challenges to the government in ensuring refugees' access to quality social services as well as guaranteeing their livelihood and protection. Despite the enormous efforts and successes of the government of Türkiye in providing social services to all those in need, poverty, precarious living situations, and psychological stress persist. Access to social support services is particularly limited for vulnerable groups. The situation has deteriorated by the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic. Furthermore, the language barrier is a significant obstacle to social integration and the labour market access. Rising living costs and unemployment also have negative consequences on vulnerable Turkish citizens (i.e., women-led households, persons with disabilities) and restrict social cohesion. Negative coping mechanisms (i.e., domestic or sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV), child labour, and early marriage) may partly be considered as consequences of psychological stress induced by insecure living situations. Civil Society

Organisations (CSOs) that are actively involved in the social and economic integration of refugees for years have the potential to fill those gaps in service delivery. However, particularly in underserved areas, they lack the capacity and expertise to provide needs-based and integrated social services in coordination with relevant state institutions.

Project objective	Improving the personal and socioeconomic resilience of refugees and vulnerable residents of the host community
Implemented by	Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)
Commissioned by	European Union Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (ECHO) German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)
Project area	Turkey wide with a focus on underserved regions
Most relevant partners	Vice-President's Office of the Republic of Türkiye (Lead executing agency), Ministry of Family and Social Services (MoFSS), Presidency of Migration Management (PMM), Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs), Community-Based Organisations (CBOs), Municipalities
Target group	Refugees and vulnerable members of the Turkish host community
Overall term	January 2021 - December 2024
Total budget	EUR 14,000,000 by ECHO and EUR 11,500,000 by BMZ





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Our Approach

The Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit GmbH (GIZ) has been supporting the work of NGOs in the refugee response in Türkiye since 2015. CLIP 2 is a multi-donor financed project that supports community-based local initiatives in underserved regions of Türkiye to provide integrated and needs-differentiated services to disadvantaged refugees and vulnerable residents of the Turkish host community. The project builds upon the experiences of the Community Centres and Local Initiatives Project (CLIP 1). It is co-financed by the Germany Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and the European Union through its Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (ECHO).



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The CLIP 2 project works in four action fields:

1. Improving protection and specialised support services

GIZ supports local initiatives in improving support services, i.e. legal and social counselling, mental health and psycho-social support (PSS), specialised services for those with specific needs, in particular persons with disabilities and survivors of SGBV. The services are provided for refugees and vulnerable residents of the host community, including single-headed households, unaccompanied minors, LGBTIQ+ persons, seasonal migrants, and child labourers. The target group is empowered to cope with challenges in their living environment, which strengthens their personal resilience.

2. Access to non-formal education

The CLIP 2 implementing partners are strengthened in terms of providing non-formal education such as language courses or courses to improve the target groups' life and work skills. Given the importance of Turkish language skills for access to the labour market and interaction with the local population, and against the backdrop of the precarious economic situation, this provision serves as a basis for improving the personal, economic and social prospects of refugees and members of the host communities. .

3. Intercultural understanding and social cohesion

The project supports activities that promote intercultural exchange and social cohesion at the local level such as dialogue events, and cultural and social activities. Through such regular exchange, social tensions can be decreased and mutual understanding between refugees and the host community can be improved.



4. Capacity development and cooperation

The project implements measures at the individual and organisational levels to strengthen technical, management and institutional skills and capacities of local initiatives in Turkey's underserved regions. Moreover, CLIP 2 seeks to reinforce cooperation and coordination mechanisms among NGOs as well as with state partners at all levels. This helps to provide high-quality, integrated, and complementary social services. A peer support network (ADA Türkiye) is established to ensure institutional sustainability.



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Peer Support Network for Sustainability and Localisation

CLIP 2 Peer Support Network (ADA Türkiye) facilitates successful cooperation between experienced NGOs and local initiatives in underserved areas of Turkey to reach out to the most vulnerable refugees and host communities. It fosters the provision of needs-based and high-quality services linked to existing service structures of the state.

The project employs a mentoring perspective with a particular focus on knowledge and experience sharing among project partners on various levels. Large-scale, well-established NGOs that GIZ has worked with within the framework of CLIP 1 receive specialised capacity development support from GIZ to become equipped in supporting and empowering small-scale NGOs in underserved regions. Together with the smaller NGOs, they form a "bundle".

Within the bundle, the capacities of smaller scale organisations are increased in the fields of management, finance, and organisational development as well within thematic areas depending on the organisation's expertise. On the other hand, CLIP 2 also trains and strengthens larger NGOs in their supportive (mentoring) role for a larger impact. Thus, the network creates an enabling environment for mutual learning and exchange. Local authorities are also involved from the start of the projects in each bundle.

ADA Türkiye aims at providing opportunities for civil society organisations of different sizes and capacities to optimise the services they provide and increase their chances to absorb future funding as an entire network.

ADA Türkiye, as an innovative approach, connects implementing partners with varying capacities to each other and promotes peer support, cooperation, and collaboration. This also empowers civil society actors and serves the institutional sustainability of the organisations overall.

Intervention area

CLIP 2 implementing partners were selected from provinces with a low level of international donor support, a high proportion of particularly vulnerable refugees (including those from Afghanistan, Iraq, and Iran) and host community residents, and limited social service infrastructure. As a result, CLIP 2 implementing partners operate in the following cities: Adana, Afyon, Ağrı, Aksaray, Amasya, Ankara, Bursa, Elazığ, Erzurum, Gaziantep, Iğdır, İstanbul, Kayseri, Kilis, Kırşehir, Konya, Kütahya, Nevşehir, Niğde, Sakarya, Sivas, Trabzon, Van and Zonguldak.



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The Benefits

CLIP 2 promotes the provision of multi-sectoral services to strengthen the personal and socio-economic resilience of refugees and vulnerable members of the host community. Resilience refers to the ability and capacity of individuals or communities to develop/use their emotional strength to cope with and recover from shocks and stresses resulting from the impact of forced displacement (e.g. trauma from the past, challenges related to a new environment) as well as current challenges in Türkiye (e.g. economic deterioration, Covid-19) and in this process, deal constructively with requirements of the new living environment (e.g. political, social and cultural rules/norms, educational and employment requirements, demographic changes due to the reception of refugees) without losing their identity and transform their local environment by reforming the existing structures in such a way that stress, change and uncertainty can be managed and integration, participation and cohesion can be ensured in the longer term.

As part of the supported activities, CLIP 2 gives explicit consideration to the provision and facilitation of access to social and protection services. These include advisory and information services, awareness-raising, advocacy and empowerment activities, psychosocial support, and counselling.

In addition, education and skills development activities are supported. Both refugees and Turkish beneficiaries develop skills required to lead a healthy life, successfully organise their everyday life, secure their livelihoods and gain access to the labour market. Combined with measures in protection and social support, this strengthens the self-help capacities of the target groups and paves the way to better social and economic participation.

Social cohesion is a cross-cutting issue. To promote positive relations, the project implements activities at three relationship levels: 1) connecting refugees and vulnerable members of the host communities to state institutions by promoting equal access to social services, 2) providing a safe space for interaction and exchange between refugees and host community members, 3) strengthening the relationship within specific target groups in comparable living situations (e.g. persons with disabilities, women, youth). The social cohesion measures aim to create a safe and supportive environment where the rights and dignity of individuals and groups are respected. This ultimately facilitates participation and positive interactions with others and improves the target groups' self-help capacities and self-esteem as well as their feeling of connectedness to their living environment and access to needs-based social services.

CLIP 2 combines humanitarian approaches with strategies to improve socio-economic prospects and intercultural learning. The project's holistic approach makes it possible to respond to emerging needs, build structures and contribute to social cohesion, making the project an example for the **Humanitarian-Development-Peace (HDP) Nexus**.

Moreover, strengthening cooperation structures between state and non-state actors serves the sustainable integration of the provided services into the Turkish social system. This also secures fulfilment of the target groups' needs in the long term.





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Highlights

By August 2023, the project aims at reaching:



A total of **38,000** individuals benefitted from social support services provided by CLIP 2 partner organisations



31,000 persons benefitted from protection services



1,600 participants benefitted from measures to prevent or respond to sexualised and gender-based violence



10,000 persons benefitted from intercultural exchange and social cohesion measures



280 employees of partner organisations who participated in capacity development measures provided by CLIP 2



2,300 individuals benefitted from non-formal education services (language courses, life skills and employment-related courses)

As of June 2022, the project achieved:



Around **2,500** individuals enrolled in the non-formal education courses



Over **2,800** people took part in information and awareness raising measures to prevent or respond to sexualised and gender-based violence



Over **29,000** people have benefitted from legal and social advice (including referral to other services) and psychosocial support (PSS) services



Over **15,000** individuals took part in intercultural activities



Over **1,500** measures to promote social cohesion between refugees and residents of host communities were implemented



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THE MENTORING CONCEPT



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PEER SUPPORT NETWORK FOR SUSTAINABILITY AND LOCALISATION

Background

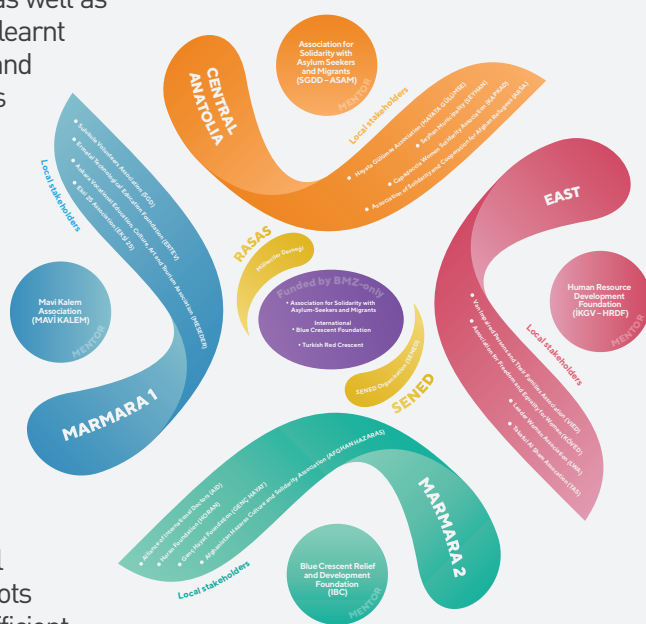
CLIP 2 is a multi-donor project that supports community-based local initiatives in underserved regions of Türkiye with the aim of providing integrated and needs-differentiated services for disadvantaged refugees and vulnerable members of the host community. The project builds upon the experiences of the Community Centres and Local Initiatives Project (CLIP 1) and is co-financed by the European Union, through its Humanitarian Aid Operations department (ECHO) and the Germany Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and implemented by Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH.

The project promotes the provision of multi-sectoral services with the aim of strengthening the personal and socioeconomic resilience of vulnerable individuals, considering the provision and facilitation of access to social and protection services. While doing so, it supports local initiatives and links them to strong and well-established NGOs in the field by improving networking structures, organisational capacities, and coordination mechanisms among CSOs and with state institutions at all levels, through capacity building measures and an NGO mentoring system that is embedded in a larger partner CSO Network.

Objectives of the Peer Support Network

CLIP 2 is a multi-donor project that supports community-based local initiatives in The project has established a peer support network to strengthen capacities of small local organisations, improve their relations with other organisations including public authorities, and create an enabling environment for mutual learning and exchange as well as social cohesion on a local and regional level based on the lessons-learnt from the first phase (CLIP 1) for strengthening civil society actors and improving the resilience of vulnerable communities. The network has the objective to facilitate a successful cooperation between local initiatives and well-established NGOs in underserved areas of Turkey. It will capacitate smaller organisations in their organizational structure as well as their technical expertise for high-quality and integrated service delivery, while also training and strengthening larger NGOs in their supportive ('menting') role for larger impact. It will provide opportunities for civil society organisations of different size and capacities to optimise services they provide and increase their chances to absorb future funding as an entire network.

The network centres around an approach that takes peer learning and peer exchange as a basis for capacity development, networking and cooperation for the empowerment and sustainability of civil society actors, with special reference to supporting grassroots organisations and local initiatives. It provides a framework for efficient collaboration amongst CLIP 2 partners of different size and capacities and constitutes a sustainable mechanism through which NGOs can work together, get capacitated, establish referral pathways, increase their credibility, and are enabled to receive (national and international) funding in future. The network is planned to be scaled up in future in such a way that it becomes interesting for other actors to buy-in or to take over completely so that it can run independently.



Benefits of the Network for its Members

For the mentor organisations, the network provides great benefits such as;

- A series of capacity development measures to improve organisational and technical capacities for increased quality in service provision, organisational sustainability, and support to other organisations,
- Increased ability of community outreach via the enabling role of smaller-scale NGOs in underserved regions of Turkey,
- Extended external network with possible referrals to the grassroots organisations in the network, which constitutes an advantage in funding applications,
- Increased ability to design, operate, collaborate, implement projects with local authorities and other organisations,
- Increased outreach to NGOs that are not embedded in the nationwide coordination structures Contribution to the localisation workstream as defined in the Grand Bargain,
- Increasing funding opportunities with a new mentoring role.

For the local initiatives, the network provides great benefits such as;

- A series of capacity development measures to improve organisational and technical capacities for increased quality in service provision and organisational sustainability to be provided by GIZ and their mentors,
- Improved and increased cooperation with local authorities with reflections in complementary service provision, strengthened referral pathways, improved recognition as actors of the local response,
- Close (on the job) support of peers in the network (other CSOs) in technical and organizational matters,
- Involvement in local and regional coordination structures with the support/initiatives of their mentors and of the network,
- Greater visibility in the province and region as part of a network Increased funding opportunities and chances for sustainability.



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We work together to build a strong and resilient future for everyone.

The Civil Society Network for Peer Support and Localisation (ADA Türkiye) was established by Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) initiative in 2021. The network was launched by the Community-Based Local Initiatives Project (CLIP 2) implementation partners to bring together non-governmental organisations that provide holistic and need-based social services to refugees and vulnerable members of the host society in Türkiye and ensure long-term collaboration for dependability.

We provide needs-based and integrated social services in coordination with relevant public institutions and agencies.

Aimed at strengthening the psychological and socioeconomic resilience of refugees and of the vulnerable members of the host community, ADA Türkiye partner NGOs offer improved and specialised protection, skills development, non-formal education, social cohesion, and capacity development services across Türkiye.

Co-financed by the EU Humanitarian Aid and the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), ADA Türkiye supports its partners under four components:

1. improving protection and specialised support services for refugees and vulnerable members of the host community,
2. increasing access to non-formal education (NFE),
3. promoting social cohesion,
4. building institutional and individual capacity as well as interagency cooperation.





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The mentoring system contributes to localisation efforts.

ADA Türkiye employs a “mentoring” approach, with a focus on knowledge and experience sharing on various levels between implementing partners. Large-scale NGOs are given specialised support for capacity development so they can be prepared to support and empower small-scale local initiatives. Together, they join to form a “bundle.” Depending on the expertise of the organisation, the bundle increases the capacity of local initiatives in the areas of management, finance, and organisational development as well as within thematic areas. Moreover, ADA Türkiye also supports and strengthens larger NGOs in their mentoring and supporting roles in order to have a greater impact.

ADA Türkiye also fosters the provision of high-quality needs- and rights-based services linked to the existing service structures of the state. It promotes peer support, collaboration, and cooperation while also linking implementing partners with different capacities to one another as an innovative approach. Additionally, it empowers civil society actors and strengthens the organisations' overall institutional sustainability.

We provide a trustworthy partnership for social impact.

Partners of ADA Türkiye target refugees and vulnerable members of the host community. In addition to registered Syrian refugees under temporary protection, the projects' target groups include refugees from Afghanistan, Iraq, and Iran. The projects specifically target disadvantaged and vulnerable groups such as female-headed households, single parents, disabled people, victims of gender-based violence, and people in need of psychosocial support.

While promoting services that address the needs of different age groups, as well as women and men, activities to reduce the medium and long-term impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the target group are also considered. All activities take into account the needs of the host community members and follow the “do no harm” principle.





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ADA Türkiye facilitates successful cooperation between experienced NGOs and local initiatives in underserved areas of Turkey to reach out to the most vulnerable refugees and host communities. In this way, it fosters the provision of needs-based and high-quality services linked to existing service structures of the state.

By acting in partnership as a civil society network, we become stronger and foster lasting change.

In the scope of ADA Türkiye until today:

29,000+

people have benefitted from legal and social advice and psychosocial support services

15,000+

individuals took part in intercultural activities

4,000+

individuals have participated in exchange formats to strengthen solidarity in society

2.500

individuals have benefitted from non-formal education



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PARTNER PROFILES



MENTOR

Refugees Association (RASAS) – *Thematic Mentor*

Project Name: Providing integrated social services to refugees and the host community through community centre structure

Location: Istanbul

Sectors: Protection, social cohesion, non-formal education

Target audience: Syrian and non-Syrian refugees

About the organisation

RASAS has been offering services to Syrians and refugees in Sultanbeyli district of Istanbul since 2014 and is one of the strongest organisations providing comprehensive and integrated services for refugees. Since its establishment, the centre provides multiple services for refugees and asylum seekers in areas of protection, non-formal education and social cohesion through trainings, awareness raising activities, counselling and MHPSS services as well as shelter support and refugee committees.

About the project

The primary goal of the project is to support vulnerable refugees and members of the host community to access existing social services and to provide needs-based protection programmes that improve people's living conditions, well-being and to promote social cohesion.

Activities

- Social Cohesion; activities promoting the positive interaction opportunities, improving cultural dialogue between local community and refugees in Sultanbeyli.
- Non-Formal Education; Facilitating social cohesion, access to labour market and increasing resilience capacity through Turkish language courses.
- Advisory and information / PSS, e.g. individual or group counselling, MHPSS, case management, legal consultation, referral to state services / registration support.
- Referrals; transportation, translation, and accompaniment activities. The referral should be to an external government or non-governmental organization.
- Awareness Raising, Advocacy & Empowerment; seminars, refugee committees, advocacy campaigns, information meetings on different topics.



MENTOR

Mavi Kalem Association

Project Name: Women Consultation Centre

Location: Istanbul

Sectors: Protection, social cohesion, non-formal education

Target audience: Syrian and non-Syrian refugees

About the organisation

Mavi Kalem works for the empowerment of women and children, their access to fundamental rights and services, rights-oriented support for the population affected by disasters and emergencies, and the implementation of international humanitarian aid principles. For 20 years, it has been carrying out activities in the light of the principles of child safety, gender sensitivity and gender equality. It ensures the quality of work by bringing together different disciplines and expertise. It carries out community-based awareness-raising and empowerment activities in different fields, through a participatory approach, by involving target groups in the development of activities.

Mavi Kalem is active in Istanbul and Kocaeli provinces. Through its free hotline, it provides counselling services to beneficiaries from all over Türkiye in line with their needs within the scope of the work of the organisation.

About the project

The aim of the project is to increase the social and economic resilience of 8,400 women and men from refugees and local communities in Istanbul, especially in Esenyurt district, by supporting their access to protection services, non-formal education service and social cohesion response.

The main objectives that the project aims to achieve/reach are as follows.

- Promoting gender equality
- Disseminating women's perspective
- Protection of vulnerable groups
- Field-oriented work
- Coordination and cooperation

Activities

Social cohesion

- Together we are strong! activities
- Art and sports activities
- Community based intervention activities

Advocacy and information

- Exchange meetings
- Information meetings
- Creating a community volunteers' network
- Community volunteer empowerment activities
- Workshops for increasing Turkish speaking skills
- Skill development workshops
- Staff care and supervision

Non-formal education:

- Structured language acquisition sessions through Public Education Centres

Protection:

- Case management
- General consultancy
- Individual psychological support
- Group psycho-social support activities
- SGBV response
- SGBV prevention

LOCAL INITIATIVES – *Mentored by Mavi Kalem*

Ermetal Technological Education Foundation (ERTEV)

Project Name: Productive Children

Location: Bursa

Sectors: Protection, social cohesion, non-formal education

Target audience: Syrian and non-Syrian refugees

About the organisation

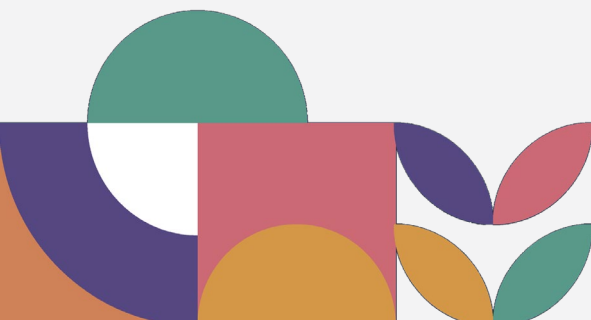
The Ermetal Technological Education Foundation (ERTEV) seeks to develop individuals' professional and technical skills in order for them to make effective use of new technologies emerging from digital transformation and automation processes. It seeks to address the skill mismatch in the labour market through a STEAM approach and a Maker perspective. In line with this goal, it creates and implements educational projects. ERTEV is an education technologies platform powered by Ermetal Group of Companies' 47 years of experience. It was launched to develop trainings and capacities for the 4th Industrial Revolution, domestic production, and entrepreneurship ecosystems.

About the project

The project aims to improve the social cohesion and school motivation of children aged 7 to 13, who feel like failures for a variety of social reasons, are unaware of their abilities due to a social adaptation problem and are at risk of being excluded from school, by increasing their communication through STEAM-based education.

Activities

- Implementation of STEAM education programmes
- Joint STEAM events
- Life skills seminars
- Role model seminars
- Group counselling sessions
- Referral activities
- Parent awareness seminars
- Cooperation and coordination with public authorities



LOCAL INITIATIVES - *Mentored by Mavi Kalem*

MINUS 25 Association

Project Name: All Together Children's Village

Location: Kütahya

Sectors: Protection, social cohesion, non-formal education

Target audience: Syrian and non-Syrian refugees

About the organisation

Established in Eskişehir in 2015, Eksi 25 Association aims to ensure that every individual up to the age of 25 lives, develops, participates, and is protected against neglect, abuse and all kinds of violence, by considering the best interests of each individual. It carries out activities within the scope of six programmes: Child Neglect and Abuse Prevention, Rights of the Child, Situation Determination, Case Monitoring, Awareness Studies and Youth Programme.

About the project

Minus 25 Association conducts a variety of activities for all children, families, and society at large. Throughout the project, they will provide protection support to children and adults who support children's social cohesion, have experienced trauma, are at risk, or require assistance, and studies will be conducted to prevent discrimination against children.

They will also provide support to both community families throughout the process on topics such as child development, communication and psychological resilience, gender-based violence and its prevention. The association's children's rights module programme will also be implemented for the children. In this regard, the objective is to provide psychosocial support to children from both communities, as well as to improve their communication with other children and social cohesion.

Activities

Social Cohesion:

- Empowerment of volunteer workshop facilitator
- Volunteering meetings
- Communication activities
- Monitoring and evaluation activities
- Reporting activities (book)

Protection:

- Information and consultancy
- Protection activities
- Case management services
- GBV prevention services

Referral to public institutions



LOCAL INITIATIVES - *Mentored by Mavi Kalem*

Association for Solidarity with Refugees (MULTECI-DER)

Project Name: For Better for All

Location: İzmir

Sectors: Protection, social cohesion, non-formal education

Target audience: Syrian and non-Syrian refugees

About the organisation

The Association for Solidarity with Refugees provides individual legal and protection counselling and support to refugees/asylum seekers and migrants in the field of asylum-migration. It is an organization specialized in information, awareness building and capacity building activities and advocacy. Multeci-Der has been working on asylum-migration law and refugee protection throughout Türkiye since 2008. During this period, on access to rights and information, social and legal integration for refugees/asylum seekers and migrants from various countries of origin, Multeci-Der has carried out many projects and advocacy activities for capacity building for local communities, awareness-raising, social and legal integration and the fight against discrimination, development of policies and practices that value human rights and human dignity in the field of asylum and migration. As an NGO with specialised knowledge and human rights-based perspective to provide case-specific legal and protection counselling and support in the field of asylum-migration and human rights, Multeci-Der has been carrying out its activities by maintaining its position in the field for many years despite being a small non-governmental organisation.

About the project

The Project has three specific objectives;

- To enhance refugee protection through empowering refugees/asylum seekers/migrants in Izmir through protection activities including the provision of legal & protection counselling & case management for vulnerable and underserved individuals and through referrals for access to rights, entitlements and justice.
- To improve social integration & reduce social tension between refugees and the host community
- To facilitate a pilot activity for intercultural exchanges and transmission of cultural rituals to younger generations and archiving them for future.

Activities

- Legal and protection counselling, referrals
- Case management
- Focus group discussions targeting social cohesion
- Special day event (World Refugee Day)
- Intercultural exchanges, a documentary and visual social media shots



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Malat Ya-Şam Association

Project Name: Protection, non-formal education, and social cohesion support for refugees, disadvantaged, and vulnerable members of the host community in Malatya

Location: Malatya

Sectors: Protection, social cohesion, non-formal education

Target audience: Syrian and non-Syrian refugees

About the organisation

Since 2015, Malatya Şam Association has specialised in providing humanitarian aid assistance to refugees in Malatya. It seeks a dignified life and coexistence for refugees, as well as the establishment of a community environment of dignity, safety, and prosperity. Malatya Şam has been working to improve refugees' access to all of their rights in Türkiye, as well as their economic and social well-being, by providing protection, education, and social services.

Malatya Şam's work focuses on reaching the most vulnerable refugees in Malatya and throughout the district. The programme team carried out numerous activities in Malatya province's remote districts, towns, and villages.

They develop and strengthen the system and programme sections and staff in collaboration, beginning with the staff: MEAL, finance, logistics, and field workers, in order to provide high-quality services throughout the projects.

About the project

The project aims at enhancing the capacities of the most vulnerable refugees and host community in Malatya through psychosocial support, social cohesion and non-formal education activities for resilience building and harmonious living.

Activities

- Social cohesion activities such as visits to the city museums, historical places, sports competitions,
- Community-based engagement activities in cooperation with mukhtars (e.g., cleaning, gardening)
- Turkish and English language courses
- Psychosocial support for children
- Caregiver engagement



MENTOR

SENED Association

Project Name: Makany 2

Location: Adana, Gaziantep and Şanlıurfa (only mobile protection services)

Sectors: Protection, social cohesion, non-formal education

Target audience: Persons with disabilities, their caregivers, and other vulnerable groups

About the organisation

SENED Association is a non-profit civil society organisation established in Türkiye in 2013 to support people with disabilities (PwD) and their families/caregivers. It has the objective to strengthen vulnerable people by offering capacity building trainings, psychosocial support and life skills sessions besides vocational rehabilitation activities and supportive equipment. SENED engages in advocacy activities for the rights of PwDs and aims at their reintegration into the society.

About the project

With social cohesion meetings and activities, SENED will strengthen the communication skills of refugee people with disabilities, thereby increasing social cohesion by reducing or eliminating barriers that prevent them from communicating with host communities. SENED will also provide protection, non-formal education, and social cohesion services for people with and without disabilities, such as psychological social support (PSS), parenting sessions, mobile protection services in Anlurfa, Turkish languages, social cohesion activities, disability awareness raising sessions, and Case Management and referral for children with disabilities and their families. SENED will also cover additional needs of those NGOs in line with the inclusion of PwDs in project activities, such as coaching and on-the-job support, and will share its experiences in how to involve PwDs in project design, fieldwork-activity planning, and implementation.

Activities

- Case management
- Mobile protection services
- Psychosocial support (PSS)
- Awareness raising activities
- Caregivers / Parenting sessions
- Special need support
- Individual information counselling
- Social cohesion activities
- Turkish languages courses
- GBV interventions and women's empowerment activities
- Advocacy and inclusion for people with disabilities.
- English speaking clubs
- Community-based small interventions
- Empowering adolescent girls and boys
- Capacity building trainings for ADA Türkiye members
- Disability inclusion events
- Mentoring activities for ADA Türkiye



LOCAL INITIATIVES - *Mentored by SENED*

Gökkuşağı Association

Project Name: Providing access to non-formal education for persons with disabilities and caregivers in Adiyaman and increasing well-being by reducing protection risks and contributing to their social cohesion

Location: Adiyaman

Sectors: Protection, social cohesion, non-formal education

Target audience: Syrian and non-Syrian refugees, persons with disabilities and their caregivers

About the organisation

With its field studies on refugees, Gökkuşağı Association aims to meet the needs of refugees in Adiyaman, ensuring their access to rights and services, and improving their welfare and socioeconomic lives. The Organisation's mission entails increasing the adaptation and participation of disabled refugees and refugee individuals who care for these individuals, activating the relevant institutions, conducting more specific studies to raise awareness in the local and refugee community about the disabled individuals, and ensuring equality of opportunity in Adiyaman's districts.

About the project

The project's objectives are to identify refugees with disabilities and their caregivers in Adiyaman, assess protection risks, protect refugees with disabilities from gender-based violence, increase their awareness and access to other protection services, and contribute to social cohesion.

Activities

- **Protection;** Case management, counselling, awareness-raising sessions, needs assessments, accommodation in emergencies and psychosocial support activities for disabled refugees and caregivers
- **Non-Formal Education;** Vocational education courses, life skills courses, language courses for persons with disabilities and/or their caregivers
- **Social Cohesion;** Speech and youth club activities, cultural trips, city trips, special day activities, sports events, workshops/events for intercultural learning
- **Awareness Raising;** Activities for service unit personnel, public and non-governmental organisations, and mukhtars in Adiyaman and its districts who provide services to refugees and caregivers. Establishment of disability committees and solidarity groups to provide feedback to the project's services and meet the needs of the activities



LOCAL INITIATIVES - *Mentored by SENED*

Van Hearing-Impaired Persons and Their Families Association (VIED)

Project Name: Social Cohesion and Counselling Centre" for Asylum Seekers

Location: Van

Sectors: Protection, social cohesion, non-formal education

Target audience: Disabled Afghan and Iranian refugee and members of the host community members

About the organisation

VIED has worked in the field of improving the access of people with disabilities (PWD) to rights and services since 2007. VIED's areas of work include fighting against the discrimination against PwDs, promoting respect towards PwDs' rights, facilitating PwDs' access to equal opportunities. VIED also aims to strengthen the NGOs' network to promote coordination and knowledge sharing.

About the project

The project aims to improve disabled refugees' and host community members' access to existing services in Van's city centre through a series of integrated interventions that include protection, non-formal education, and social cohesion activities. The project's objective is to reach out to Afghan and Iranian refugees, as well as host community members with disabilities and their families.

Activities

- Turkish language courses
- Reproductive and sexual health training and counselling services
- Social cohesion and life training
- Fundamental and legal rights training related to refugees
- Gender equality trainings
- Social cohesion activities



LOCAL INITIATIVES - *Mentored by SENED*

Independent Doctors Association (IDA)

Project Name: Constructing a sustainable and complementary engagement tool for connecting highly vulnerable refugees and relatively stronger community members in Kilis, mainly PWDs (People with Disabilities), through protection activities

Location: Kilis

Sectors: Protection, social cohesion

Target audience: People with disabilities, elderly people at risk, children at risk and other vulnerable refugees in Kilis

About the organisation

Independent Doctors Association has been working in the health, nutrition, WASH, and protection sectors for nearly 10 years. Their work involves ensuring that refugees have easy access to protection, livelihood, and phytotherapy services. Their efforts are focused on communities in Northwest Syria, as well as a refugee programme in Türkiye (Kilis and Gaziantep). IDA is a UNHCR 3RP partner, a member of the DITF (Disability and Inclusion Task Force), and co-chairs the SET Health SubWorking Group. IDA collaborates closely with the Syria Task Force in Kilis, the PDMM, the Provincial Directorate of Health, the Municipalities of Kilis and İş-Kur, and the Governorate.

About the project

The project's objective is to empower people with disabilities while also encouraging social cohesion among the host community and refugees under temporary protection. Through meaningful activities, the project aims to provide a safe space for individuals in Kilis province from various social backgrounds;

- Improve the social cohesion within society; PWDs, refugees, host community, elders, and youth
- Develop the capacity of individuals participating from different ages and fields, information sharing, life skills, empowerment of individuals with rightful guidance and referrals
- Enhance the awareness level of people, specifically the youth as they are the future of the community, sharing correct information, encouraging voluntarism among the youth for the benefit of the whole society, and awareness raising on environmental perspectives.

Activities

- Protection (PSS sessions regarding SGBV mitigation, child protection and counselling, case management services, referral, follow-up, and awareness sessions for vulnerable groups such as survivors of SGBV)
- Social cohesion activities



MENTOR

Human Resources Development Foundation (HRDF)

Project Name: Social cohesion and protection services at HRDF Esenler Multi-service Support Centre

Location: Esenler, İstanbul

Sectors: Protection, social cohesion

Target audience: Refugees and members of the host community

About the organisation

HRDF aims to contribute to solutions of problems related to health, education, and employment for human resources. The organization has been implementing various projects in the field of migration since 1989. These projects include services of legal, psychological, and social services. Supported by UNHCR, HRDF provides refugees with services in eight provinces. HRDF's Esenler Multi-services Centre targets Syrian refugees since 2014 as the other seven project offices target non-Syrian refugees.

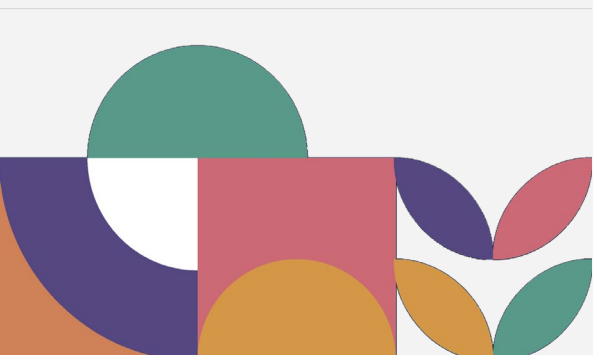
About the project

The primary goal of the project is to facilitate social cohesion among host and Syrian communities by improving the well-being of Syrian refugees through various protection services and by creating social interaction possibilities for the members of the host community.

Esenler Centre activities aim to provide Syrian refugees with the necessary information and support to integrate current social life by accessing available basic services, by learning more about İstanbul and its culture, its administration, and social features. By the end of the project, HRDF targets refugees and the host community further develop mutual understanding, respect, solidarity and trust, building on self-reliance and active participation in İstanbul.

Activities

- Social cohesion activities
- PSS and advisory services to vulnerable individuals
- Referrals to external services
- Awareness raising and informative activities
- Strengthening relations with public authorities



LOCAL INITIATIVES - *Mentored by HRDF*

Alliance of International Doctors (AID)

Project Name: Social cohesion and empowerment activities through community-based protection in Istanbul

Location: Fatih/Istanbul

Sectors: Protection, social cohesion, non-formal education

Target audience: Refugees from Syria and other nationalities, and vulnerable members from the host community living in Istanbul/Fatih

About the organisation

Alliance of International Doctors (AID) is an international organisation aiming at reaching people in need of medical help. Established in Istanbul in 2011, AID carries out health education, health assistance, preventive health services, treatment, and rehabilitation services in many parts of the world through volunteer healthcare professionals. Current projects include Prosthesis-Orthotics Project, Cataract Project, Syria Studies, Pregnancy Support Project, and School for Pregnant Women projects.

About the project

Objectives of the project include empowering women with thematic trainings and protection activities, performing social cohesion activities for members of refugee and host communities, and providing Early Childhood Care and Education for children.

The project aims to empower women with sessions to be presented on different topics such as women's health, access to healthcare services, exercises of the right to health, group psychosocial support activities, case management activities, SGBV prevention activities, awareness raising sessions on domestic violence and women's rights. Through the project, beneficiary women will acquire basic knowledge by participating in trainings and information sessions, while children will benefit from the child-friendly area.

In addition to the trainings, activities will be carried out for individuals in need of protection on the exercise of social rights, and people will be referred to relevant public institutions. Finally, social cohesion activities will be carried out for host and refugee communities.

Activities

- Social cohesion activities
- Information sessions for women on women's health, access to healthcare services and the exercise of the right to health
- Case management services for individuals in need of health support, legal support or social support, and their referral to relevant institutions
- SGBV prevention activities
- Group and individual psychosocial support
- Advocacy activities
- A session on «Domestic Violence and Women's Rights» for women



LOCAL INITIATIVES - *Mentored by HRDF*

Charity and Solidarity Foundation (SEVKAR)

Project Name: Better Together

Location: Istanbul (Arnavutköy and Esenyurt)

Sectors: Protection, social Cohesion, non-formal education

Target audience: Refugees and members of the host community

About the organisation

Sevgi ve Kardeşlik Vakfı (SEVKAR) is a humanitarian organisation specialised in providing services to refugees and asylum seekers. SEVKAR works with the goal of supporting disadvantaged social groups as well as victims of natural disasters, wars, and other social disasters and shows solidarity against poverty and social challenges. While the foundation strives to help all those in need of assistance without discrimination, its efforts are currently primarily focused on refugees. SEVKAR provides counselling and legal support services on health, education, vocational education, social and economic support as well as access to these services. SEVKAR works to mitigate poverty, to create safe and secure living spaces in line with its social development, improvement, peace, progress, and sustainable development approach, and to contribute to the improvement of the quality of life of the disadvantaged groups.

About the project

The objective of this project is to support refugees' and the members of the host community access to protection, basic rights, and basic services in Türkiye and to strengthen their well-being and sense of self-reliance with a community-based approach by providing direct services to vulnerable groups.

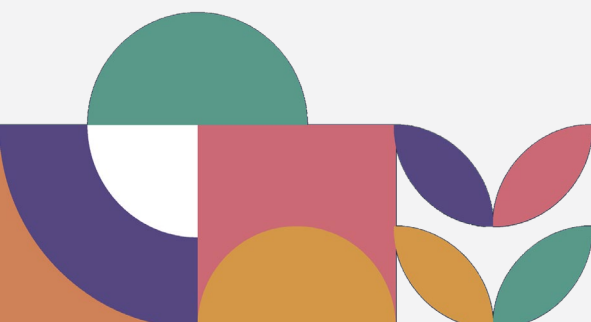
Within the protection activities, refugees and members of the host community with protection concerns will be empowered by information dissemination via case management and seminars so they will be more self-reliant and feel more secure due to having access to their rights in Türkiye.

Social cohesion activities will support refugees and the members of the host community productively interact and share the responsibility of the districts they live in. Hence, they will have an increased sense of belonging to their communities. Fighting discrimination, social exclusion and inequalities with social cohesion activities will be reinforced and awareness as a community will increase.

Activities in the non-formal education sector will improve the life skills of refugees and members of the host community, enabling them to feel more independent on the social and economic aspects.

Activities

- Case management,
- Community service activities
- Information dissemination
- Referrals
- Informative seminars
- Life-skill trainings



MENTOR

International Blue Crescent Relief and Development Foundation (IBC)

Project Name: Improved protection, education, and social cohesion services for refugees and host community in Kilis and Konya

Location: Kilis, Konya

Sectors: Protection, social cohesion, non-formal education

Target audience: Refugees under Temporary and International Protection and members of the host community

About the organisation

International Blue Crescent Relief and Development Foundation (IBC) has been providing support to all people living in disadvantaged regions of the world and experiencing problems in access to emergency aid, health, education, and rehabilitation without any discrimination based on nationality, religion, language, political opinion, gender, age, sexual orientation, genetic or physical characteristics for over 20 years. Since its establishment, IBC has engaged in activities in a variety of fields ranging from humanitarian support to livelihood and social cohesion programs with a gender equality perspective.

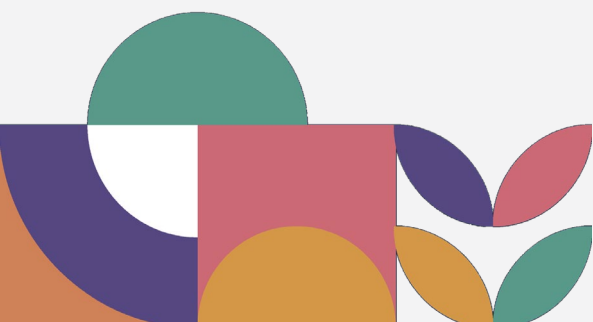
About the project

The project's overall objective is to improve protection services and life skills of vulnerable refugees and members of the host community for their empowerment and better access to services.

The project covering Kilis and Konya aims to improve protection services for disadvantaged communities, besides improving language skills of beneficiaries through language courses, and increasing children's access to education through EBA support activities. It has the objective to increase the well-being and socio-economic status of refugees and members of host community in the urban and rural areas of both provinces, to strengthen knowledge and awareness levels, and to ensure their access to services, as well as contributing to social cohesion. The main activities are to ensure that beneficiaries have access to the right information, service, and guidance, to strengthen their psychosocial well-being, to provide transportation and translation services, and to support social activities and cohesion processes by improving their life skills.

Activities

- Protection interventions such as legal counselling, case management, translation, transportation, psychological counselling, GBV prevention, child protection
- Social cohesion activities
- Educational activities such as language courses, vocational courses
- Mentoring activities for ADA Türkiye



LOCAL INITIATIVES - *Mentored by IBC*

Afghanistan Hazaras Culture and Solidarity Association (AHCSA)

Project Name: One More Step for Humanity

Location: Erzincan, Giresun, Gümüşhane, Trabzon

Sectors: Protection, social cohesion, non-formal education

Target audience: Vulnerable refugees from Afghanistan, Syria, Iraq, Iran and other countries

About the organisation

The Afghanistan Hazaras Culture and Solidarity Association (AHCSA) was founded in Trabzon in 2012. The organisation advocates for refugee rights, as well as issues affecting refugee children, women, and the elderly, who are at risk. It provides consultancy, referral, case management, and interpreting services in this context. AHCSA has previously organised numerous courses in the fields of non-formal education and social cohesion in collaboration with local governments.

About the project

The project's overall objective is to improve the socioeconomic situation of Afghan refugees and contribute to social cohesion efforts through protection services, information seminars, institution coordination, language courses, and intercultural communication activities.

As part of the project, refugees in Erzincan, Giresun, Gümüşhane and Trabzon will receive counselling, referral, interpreting, and case management services. Seminars will be held to inform Afghans about their rights and responsibilities, as well as about child neglect and abuse. Social and cultural activities (special days and trips to the mountains) will be organised to promote social and cultural cohesion with the goal of breaking down barriers, overcoming prejudices, and getting to know each other, as well as improving the psychological well-being of both communities.

Activities

- Protection (counselling, information, referral, interpreting, case management)
- Non-formal Education (Turkish and English language courses)
- Social Cohesion (National Sovereignty and Children's Day on April 23rd, Immigrants Day on December 18th, Workshops for Refugees and host community members' children and families, Sports Tournament, Excursions)
- Seminars (Refugees Rights and Responsibilities, Child Neglect and Abuse Prevention seminar, Women Rights and Violence Against Women)
- Training for volunteers
- Advocacy and research



LOCAL INITIATIVES - *Mentored by IBC*

(Exploration Fund)

Afghan Refugees Solidarity and Cooperation Association (ARSA)

Project Name: Increasing the resilience of refugee groups in Kayseri

Location: Kayseri

Sectors: Protection, social cohesion, non-formal education

Target audience: Refugees and members of the host community

About the organisation

The ARSA Association was founded in 2014 by journalists, doctors, academics, architects, and humanitarian workers as an independent right based civil society organisation. ARSA is active in fields of social assistance, non-formal education (vocational and language courses for adults and children) and social cohesion activities as well as psychosocial support, protection, translation, counselling, and advocacy to support refugees and asylum seekers for basic needs as well as access to rights and services.

About the project

The project's objective is to raise awareness among refugee communities about the lack of information in the field and to increase their access to basic rights and existing services. It also aims to promote intercultural exchange and closer communication between host communities and refugees in Kayseri. Within the scope of the project, vulnerable individuals will receive consulting and information services. Case and social workers will conduct individual interviews, as well as provide consultation and information on social and legal issues. Referrals to relevant local service providers will be made based on the status and vulnerability of the cases.

Activities

- Social and legal rights information and counselling
- Case management services
- Psychosocial support for individuals
- Informational meetings
- Access to and referral to public services and non-governmental organisations
- Social cohesion activities (Children's kite festival, Soğanlı valley tour, International Women's Day event on March 8th, and speaking clubs)



LOCAL INITIATIVES - *Mentored by IBC*

Genç Hayat Foundation (Genç Hayat)

Project Name: Everyone Included

Location: Sakarya

Sectors: Protection, social cohesion, non-formal education

Target audience: Children from refugee and host community and their parents

About the organisation

Genç Hayat Foundation was founded in 2008 to develop and implement models to provide education to children and young people aged 11 to 18 so that they can grow up as individuals with self-confidence and self-esteem who can express themselves, are aware of their rights, have a culture and awareness of living together with differences, human rights and democracy, use nonviolent communication and are environmentally conscious. It promotes children and youth education through projects and scholarships aimed at preventing child labour in seasonal agriculture, acquiring 21st century skills for youth and children, fostering social cohesion and empowering girls.

About the project

The project aims at keeping children in school and combating child labour, strengthening social cohesion in Sakarya and assisting women as well as individuals with international and/or temporary protection status.

Within this scope, protection of children and women under international and/or temporary protection, their access to services, identification of working or at-risk children, promotion of education for children, awareness raising for families and related actors will be at the core of project implementations.

Activities

- Awareness raising and capacity building for volunteers
- Social cohesion
- Non-formal education activities for children
- Case management and PSS
- Information and counselling services for refugees
- Referrals to governmental and non-governmental services
- Awareness raising seminars
- Experience sharing meeting with local stakeholders



LOCAL INITIATIVES - *Mentored by IBC*

Hayata Gülümse Association

Project Name: Enhancing the resilience of the refugee communities

Location: Aksaray

Sectors: Protection, social cohesion, non-formal education

Target audience: Refugees and host community living in Aksaray

About the organisation

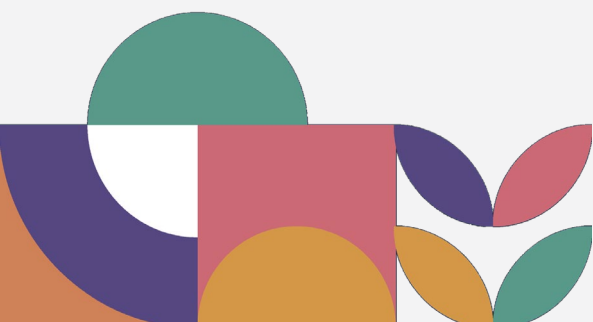
Hayata Gülümse Association was founded in Diyarbakır in 2018. Its objective is to monitor disadvantaged groups' access to their rights and benefits, to actively work to integrate them into economic and social life, and to develop solution-oriented models based on a rights-based approach.

About the project

The project's overall objective is to ensure the integration of Afghan refugees in Aksaray and its districts into social life as well as to improve their living conditions. The project aims to improve the resilience of Aksaray's refugees by ensuring their integration into social life through protection, social cohesion, and non-formal education activities. As a result, it seeks to accelerate Afghans' social integration in order to promote political, cultural, and social peace. This project and its outcomes will make significant contributions to raising awareness about the problems that refugees face, such as prejudice, discrimination, social exclusion, and language barriers.

Activities

- Social cohesion activities
- Non-formal education (Turkish language courses)
- Case management services
- Group and individual psychosocial support services
- Access and referral services to public services
- Awareness raising activities and seminars
- Advocacy & empowerment activities
- Public-NGO coordination meetings
- "Refugee Perception" Workshop



LOCAL INITIATIVES - *Mentored by IBC*

Local Educational Active Partnerships in Development (LEAP)

Project Name: Increasing resilience of refugees and vulnerable members of the host community and fostering peaceful co-existence in Çorum

Location: Çorum

Sectors: Protection, social cohesion, non-formal education

Target audience: Syrian and non-Syrian refugees and asylum seekers and vulnerable members of the host community

About the organisation

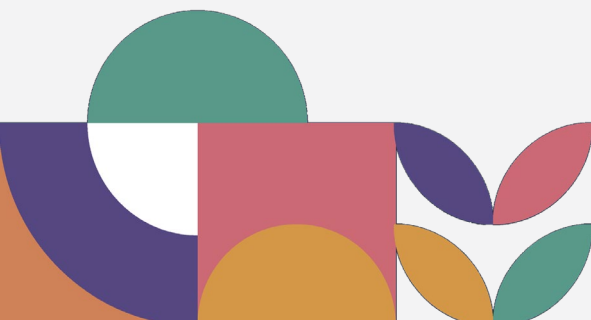
Local Educational Active Partnerships in Development (LEAP) is an organisation which specialises in protection (gender-based violence, child protection, social cohesion), education, livelihood (women's socio-economic empowerment), food security and agriculture. LEAP considers building capacities as the key to increase resilience of refugees and vulnerable host community members and promote peaceful co-existence. LEAP has been working on protection in Çorum, Samsun, Ankara, Mardin, Şanlıurfa, Kilis, Adana, Adıyaman, Denizli, Diyarbakır, Gaziantep, Hatay, İstanbul, Kilis, Konya, Mersin and Tekirdağ for 5 years. LEAP has so far reached more than 300,000 (host, refugee) direct beneficiaries, 77% of whom are women, and indirectly served to around three million participants through 33 projects. LEAP's specific knowledge of the local context of Çorum and its skills in protection and building local ownership makes its interventions more effective.

About the project

The project aims to increase the resilience of refugees and vulnerable members of the host community and to promote peaceful co-existence in Çorum through a series of social cohesion, non-formal education and protection interventions by employing a community-based approach.

Activities

- Social cohesion
- Non-formal education (Turkish language course)
- Information meetings
- Referral services
- Advocacy
- Exchange meetings



MENTOR

Association for Solidarity with Asylum Seekers and Migrants (ASAM)

Project Name: Empowering refugees and promoting social cohesion in Ankara

Location: Ankara

Sectors: Protection, social cohesion, non-formal education

Target audience: Syrian and non-Syrian refugees

About the organisation

SGDD-ASAM, which is actively involved in the field of migration as a non-profit civil society organisation, has been operational in Türkiye since 1995 with the aim of supporting asylum seekers and migrants in their access to rights and services, psycho-social well-being and adaptation to social life in more than 30 provinces. SGDD-ASAM engages in activities to generate solutions for the problems experienced by refugees and migrants, to help them respond to basic needs and to support them for access to fundamental rights and services in coordination with public institutions, municipalities and civil society organisations through cooperation protocols.

About the project

Ankara Community Centre aims to promote social cohesion between refugees and the host community, eliminate the language barrier and contribute to refugees' self-reliance through Turkish language courses, improve the protection conditions and well-being of refugees through advisory-information and PSS services by increasing their access to services and through awareness-raising and empowerment activities. Individual interviews, including counselling and information services on social and legal issues are conducted by social workers and case workers. Cases are referred to relevant professional staff such as psychologists and health counsellors within the centre depending on the sensitivity level of the cases. Cases with high sensitivity and risk are followed up by case professionals and a social worker in a multidisciplinary manner and referred to relevant local institutions. Moreover, psycho-social support activities and awareness-raising sessions are conducted, refugee committees and solidarity groups are established.

The overall objective of the project is to improve the protection conditions particularly for vulnerable refugees, including increasing access to services, to strengthen the self-reliance capacities of beneficiaries through community empowerment, and to promote social cohesion between refugees and host communities.

Activities

- Social cohesion activities
- Non-formal education courses
- Consultancy and information / PSS activities and referrals
- Case management
- Awareness-raising, advocacy and empowerment activities
- Mentoring services for ADA Türkiye



LOCAL INITIATIVES - *Mentored by ASAM*

(Exploration Fund)

Cappadocia Women's Solidarity Association (KAPKAD)

Project Name: Strong Parent Strong Child

Location: Nevşehir

Sectors: Protection, social cohesion

Target audience: Parents of local and refugee children between the ages of 0-17 living in Nevşehir and its districts

About the organisation

Cappadocia Women's Solidarity Association (KAPKAD) has been the representative of Nevşehir Governorship Provincial Women's Rights Coordination Board and Equality Unit for 13 years. Also, the association is representative of the Nevşehir Hacı Bektaş Veli University Women's Studies Unit Advisory Board and Violence Prevention Monitoring Unit. KAPKAD conducts joint studies with Nevşehir Women's Association, Turkish Women's Union Nevşehir Branch, Acıgöl Women's Solidarity Association, TRC, Association of Mukhtars etc. Activities in the scope of the Nevşehir Governorship Provincial Women's Rights Coordination Board and Equality Unit 2018-2023 Action Plan and Strategic Plans are carried out by the organisation.

About the project

The aim of the project is to contribute to the strengthening of the existing parent-child relationship by providing supportive services and informative trainings on parenting issues to local/refugee parents living in Nevşehir and its districts. Project also aims to reduce the difficulties experienced by children of growing age due to migration. With the informative trainings for male and female parents, it is aimed to provide improvement in their relationships with children and to raise awareness towards more sensitive parenting. At the same time, it is aimed to make this relationship more sustainable with social cohesion activities and psycho-social supports.

In addition to the project's primary objectives, the Speech Club activity, which is part of social cohesion activities, aims to improve the participants' Turkish speaking skills. As a result, people's ability to express themselves in Turkish will improve, and they will be able to communicate and meet both their own and their children's needs to the relevant authorities more easily. People who can comfortably speak the language of a foreign country will feel more confident in themselves, and their sense of competence will grow.

Activities

- Social cohesion activities
- Information sessions
- Counselling and guidance
- Psycho-Social Support
- Awareness Raising Trainings
- Capacity Development



LOCAL INITIATIVES - *Mentored by ASAM*

Ankara Vocational Training, Education, Culture, Art and Tourism Association (MESEDER)

Project Name: Strengthening women's and youth's not in Education, Employment, or Training (NEET) economic prospects through education and awareness raising

Location: Ankara (Çankaya, Altındağ, Keçiören, Mamak, Gölbaşı and Yenimahalle districts)

Sectors: Protection, social cohesion

Target audience: Refugees and members of the host community

About the organisation

Ankara Vocational Training, Education, Culture, Art, and Tourism Association is a vocational training and employment organisation. MESEDER has been working on vocational education and job placement in Ankara for 13 years, with the belief that diversity and equal participation of all communities are the keys to improving equal access. During that time, they were able to expand capacity for a variety of Turkish and foreigner people, including Syrians. Their specific knowledge of vocational education, employability, networking skills, expertise in accessing job industries, and problem analysis enables them to work and contribute to the correct field. MESEDER's work focuses on disadvantaged groups in various locations including Kırıkkale, Bursa and Mersin.

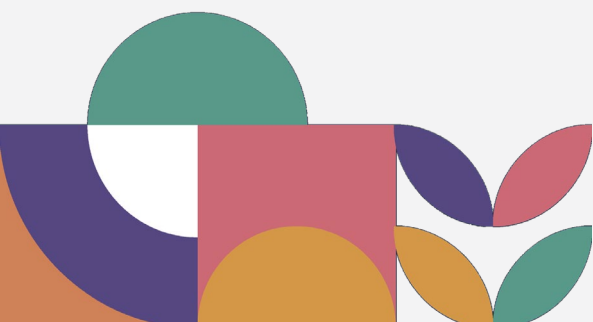
About the project

The overall aim of the project is to ensure the social integration of vulnerable members of the host community and refugee women and youth to increase social inclusion and cohesion in the region, address protection needs, and increase the employability of women and youth by acquiring basic language and vocational skills. The project was created with the idea that resilience can be strengthened when women and youth can better improve their employment conditions, gain awareness about their rights, develop capacity for their well-being and continue development efforts.

The project also aims to increase employment opportunities for refugees and vulnerable host community members between the ages of 18 and 29 through vocational education and Vocational Qualification Certificate.

Activities

- Kitchen and soap-making workshops
- Vocational competence certification orientation and certification
- Turkish language courses
- Legal counselling and referrals
- Information seminars
- Registering beneficiaries with Vocational Qualification Certificates to İŞKUR system and employment of beneficiaries
- Interview techniques and CV preparation training



LOCAL INITIATIVES - *Mentored by ASAM*

Yenimahalle Tennis Club Association (YTCA)

Project Name: Act of Solidarity

Location: Altındağ/Ankara

Sectors: Protection, social cohesion, non-formal education

Target audience: Children and youth living in Altındağ district and their surrounding populations

About the organisation

Yenimahalle Tennis Club Association was founded in 2016 and specialises in refugee social cohesion. YTCA has provided sports courses, implemented youth programmes, strengthened social cohesion between refugees and host community members, used the refugee protection mechanism, and carried out projects for persons with disabilities since its establishment. YTCA has formed an effective collaboration and partnerships with local NGOs, authorities, and public schools. YTCA has previously implemented two social cohesion projects, the BILSY and Exchange projects, in partnership with GIZ..

About the project

The project's objective is to promote social cohesion and non-formal education among force-displaced children and youth, as well as host community children and youth, in the Altındağ district. Through non-formal education, social cohesion activities, and participation in the protection mechanism, the project will improve the protection of force-displaced children and young people.

The project will support and/or develop resilience among displaced youth and children, increase social cohesion between refugee children and children from the host community, and contribute to their physical and psychosocial well-being through non-formal education programmes. The project will also be environmentally friendly, and information on environmental awareness will be provided to the beneficiaries.

Activities

- Sport courses
- Social cohesion activities
- Protection Support
- Awareness raising activities
- Training of Trainers for teachers
- Counselling services (Legal and PSS)





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IMPLEMENTATION MAP



Community-Based Local Initiatives Project (CLIP 2)

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