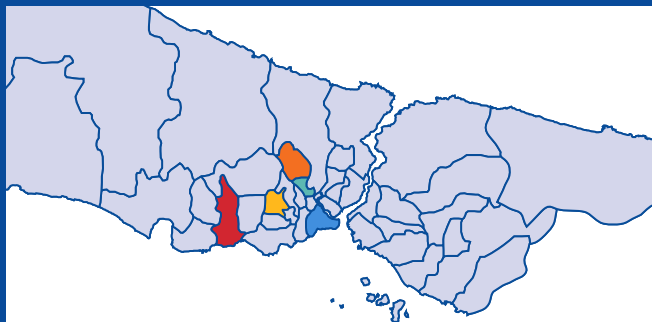


GENERAL INFORMATION

The International Organization for Migration (IOM) assists migrants, refugees, and local communities in Istanbul Province in coordination with local authorities. Under the Refugee Response Programme, the Protection and Resilience Unit, through Psychosocial Mobile Teams (PMTs), offers community-based Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) activities tailored to the psychosocial and protection needs of the migrant and local community members. Emergency Case Management (ECM) assists migrants, refugees, and local communities in Türkiye to mitigate their protection needs through individual interventions.

Recovery and Stabilization Programme promote a resilience-based approach and complement humanitarian assistance. The main objective of the Programme is to enhance the self-reliance of Syrian refugees and host communities through community stabilization, social cohesion, and strengthening institutional capacities of local and national partners to be able to respond to the increase in demand for public services.

AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITIES



- BAĞCILAR
- AVCILAR
- FATİH
- SULTANGAZİ
- GAZİOSMANPAŞA

OPERATIONAL PROJECTS AND UNITS

Protection and Resilience Unit

The Istanbul based Psychosocial Mobile Team (PMT) carries out a Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) Programme located in Sultangazi and Gaziosmanpaşa districts, which is frequently supported by other fields of expertise such as arts, sports, livelihood, education, health, and others. It aims to enhance psychosocial well-being of individuals and communities by strengthening the existing support mechanisms and encouraging adaptation of effective coping strategies. In the first half of 2022, the PMT reached 735 individuals from migrant and refugee communities, and 113 from the host community. Services provided by the PMT include participatory assessments, focused and non-focused MHPSS activities, socio-relational and cultural activities, and information dissemination sessions. Sessions on self-care, music, sports, games, storytelling, and cultural site visits were among the standout activities that were conducted in accordance with the mental health and psychosocial needs of the communities. Additionally, in coordination with district municipalities, awareness-raising activities on topics like delayed speech in children and access to services, including higher education, were developed in response to the individual needs identified by the PMT.



Children participate in an IOM-organized session on oral and dental health in Istanbul.



IOM organized a visit to the Istanbul's Sea Life Museum for children to learn about the underwater life and discuss the importance of sea ecology.

In addition, through PRU's Emergency Case Management (ECM) interventions assistance was provided to individuals living in Sultangazi and periphery districts, identified either directly in Sultangazi Municipality or through referrals by solution partners. ECM assisted 896 individuals with medical items, accommodation, transportation, and documentation translation.



Migrant and refugee children participate in an IOM-organized rhythm and music workshop in Istanbul.

Recovery and Stabilization Unit

In İstanbul Province in coordination with local authorities. The Recovery and Stabilization Unit (RSU) assists migrants and refugees through Community Stabilization projects, and COVID-19 response.

Community Stabilization Projects:

Seven schools were rehabilitated and upgraded in Avcılar and Bağcılar districts to provide a better environment for students, in collaboration with the Provincial Directorate of Migration Management. These seven schools have the highest number of Syrian refugee children in İstanbul. Total student number is 10,090.



After a Speaking Club activity, an IOM team conducts an evaluation session to assess the activity's impact on the daily life of women participants.

With the support of the Governorate of İstanbul and District Governorate of Esenyurt, selected Women's Association established a Family Support Center where both Turkish citizens and Syrian refugee women receive vocational trainings together. Syrian women participants, after successfully completing the Turkish language course approved by the Ministry of National Education, continue with vocational courses according to their interest in the same center. IOM's support included the provision of 20 desktop computers to establish accounting classes in this center. In addition, basic school supplies for 300 students were donated to the same center.



A Recovery and Stabilization Team distributes hygiene boxes to families.

The mother-child room and breastfeeding room in the Provincial Directorate of Migration Management building was upgraded by IOM which had a very valuable impact in terms of enabling individual's access to services. In addition, the paint, electrical and air conditioning system of the building was rehabilitated to provide better services and improve the building condition.



Children and their mothers participate in a thematic activity on well-being organized by IOM Türkiye teams in the Sultangazi urban forest on World Mental Health Day.

COVID-19 RESPONSE

IOM took swift action to help the host and refugee communities most affected by COVID-19 by reaching them through municipalities. Between July 2021 and June 2022 8,530 hygiene and 901 food parcels were provided to vulnerable families in İstanbul in different districts. In addition, necessary disinfection materials and tools were provided to the municipalities to enhance the hygienic conditions of public areas. Moreover, 3373 Syrian Households were supported with unconditional and unrestricted cash assistance through debit cards to cope with difficult economic situations caused from Covid-19 outbreak.



901
BOXES OF FOOD BASKETS



3,373
HHs PROVIDED WITH CASH SUPPORT



8,530 HYGIENE KITS FOR **51,180** INDIVIDUALS

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