



*Clothing and shoes are provided to migrants & refugees rescued at sea*

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## Boost in Aid for Rescued Migrants and Refugees During Summer Months

Warm summer weather typically means a spike in global migratory flows as migrants and refugees try to take advantage of more favourable conditions to try to reach their destinations. Between June and September, the Turkish Coast Guard reported rescuing over 9700 migrants and refugees, a 50 per cent increase from last year during the same period. IOM teams are onsite in Turkey's Çeşme, Küçükuyu and Dikili provinces to provide food, non-food items (NFIs), psychosocial support and interpretation services to migrants and refugees rescued by the Coast Guard. Each month, IOM Turkey assists approximately 1000 migrants and refugees directly following rescue. Over the summer, this assistance also included recreational activities for 429 rescued migrant and refugee children and referral services for 273 migrants with unmet specific needs. IOM also co-chairs monthly inter-sectoral coordination meetings with UNHCR and other UN agencies in Izmir to sustain coordination between various local and international NGOs.

## IOM Mainstreams Migration in Turkey's Labour Policies

The UN Migration Agency (IOM) is continuing our partnership with Turkey's Ministry of Labour and Social Security and the Directorate General of Migration Management to strengthen labour migration management in Turkey. Through two projects funded by the UK, IOM supports Turkey to build upon its existing national employment priorities to improve its labour market inclusion of foreigners, combat irregular labour migration and protect the rights of migrant workers. To complement these initiatives, IOM is cooperating with Ministry of Labour and Social Security and the International Labour Organization (ILO) to develop a joint programme on "Promoting Labour Migration Integration of SUTPs and Host Communities in Turkey for Decent and Inclusive Economic Growth" to strengthen Turkey's international labour policies.

Given the growing global focus on migration and development, IOM's Labour Mobility and Human Development Unit works closely with the Ministry of Development and other UN Agencies to mainstream migration in national development planning and the nationalization of UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in accordance with the 11th National Development Plan.



*Job placement beneficiary at work.*



## Improving Technical Capacity in Removal Centres to Better Protect Migrants Rights

Under two separate projects, IOM has partnered with the Turkish government to enhance technical cooperation at Turkey's removal centres. In July, IOM launched a new two-year project to build capacity at removal centres, conduct a needs assessment and procure items necessary to enhance material conditions in Turkey's removal centres. Under this UK-funded project, heads of removal centres attended an IOM workshop in Gaziantep to raise awareness for vulnerable groups under administrative detention, assisted voluntary return, gender mainstreaming, security measures in removal centres as well as effective communication and management techniques.

Over the summer, IOM also conducted several trainings on establishing a human rights-based system in removal centres under a project funded by the Dutch Embassy. Roughly 240 migration experts in Provincial Directorates of Migration Management, staff of the Turkish Red Crescent and security personnel working in removal centres were trained under this project this summer and more than 450 people have received training certificates to date.

### Our Stories: Marah

"No, it's not my birthday," smiles fourth-grader Marah. Adorned with a tiara and gold jewelry, she explains that her name means happiness. It is obvious that she was appropriately named.

**"Today is not a special day. I wear my tiara because it just makes me feel happy."**

From Hama, Marah's family left Syria after her brother died four years ago. Now, Marah lives in Hatay and is attending a local school. "School makes me happy," she says. With ambitions to become a math teacher, Marah is able to attend school through IOM's transportation programme funded by the EU through its humanitarian aid department (ECHO).



## Capacity Building for Coast Guard as Global Migration Flows Continue

Global migration flows are at an all-time high placing additional strain on national border management agencies and coast guards. With the Turkish Coast Guard reporting over 16,000 rescues so far this year and over 33,000 in 2016, two "Training of Trainers" sessions highlighted individual presentation skills, methods of teaching, judgment and decision making techniques and interpersonal communication methods.

In July, TCG psychologists and social workers were provided training to effectively manage various psychiatric and psychological cases among rescued migrants. IOM also facilitated several International Migration Law trainings on "Counter Migrant Smuggling and Human Trafficking", "Mixed Migration and Protection of Vulnerable Groups" and on "Detection of Forged Documents". This project certified over 150 members of Turkey's Coast Guard, National Police and Gendarmerie Command.

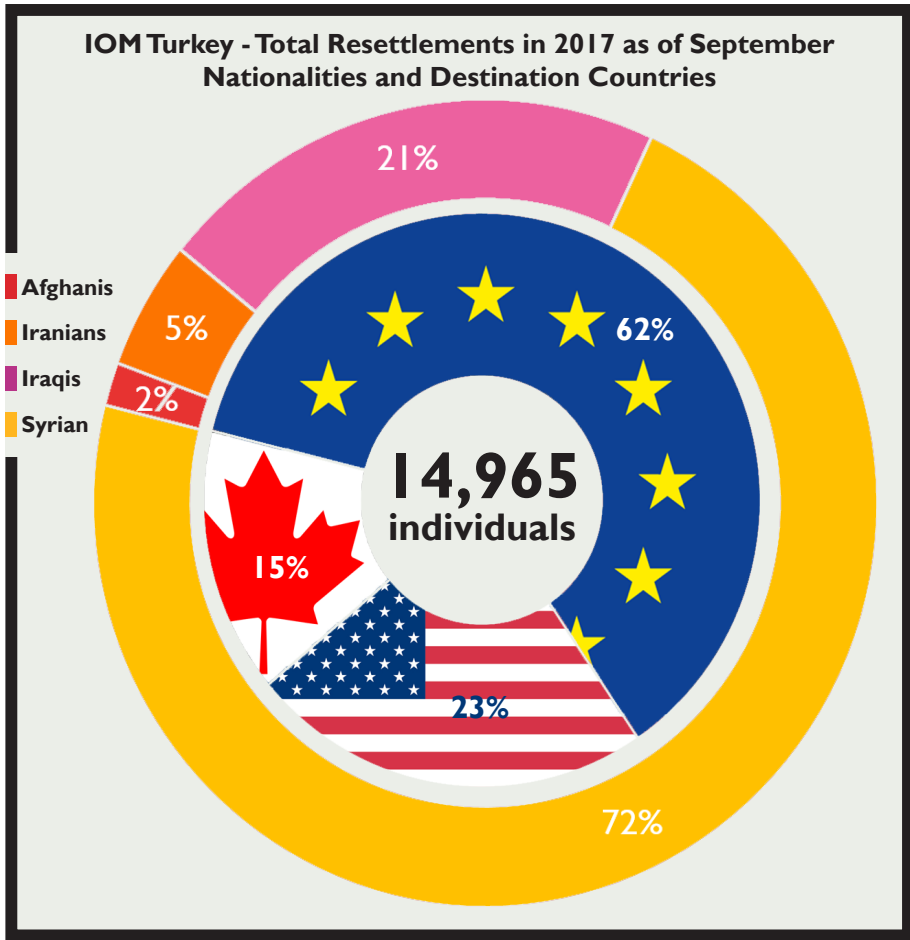
## IOM Builds Capacity for Border Management

Today, the world is experiencing the largest movement of people and goods in history. With this comes the challenge of balancing open and free movement with the security of controlled borders. IOM's EU-funded project, "Regional Co-operation on Border Management with Greece and Bulgaria Phase 2" strives for open and secure borders by developing and strengthening Turkey's institutional capacity.

In September, IOM conducted a 5-day training in Antalya for 44 Turkish sub-governors/deputy governors and airport staff to deepen their knowledge about regulatory and institutional frameworks, procedures, communications and information exchange to better coordinate border management functions. Furthermore, 12 Turkish border management officials joined IOM's team on a study visit to Portugal to observe similarities and differences regarding the legislative framework and the structure as well as the responsibilities and distribution of tasks within the national border and migration authorities. Particular attention was paid to preventing and tackling cross-border crime such as trafficking in human beings and migrant smuggling.



Border management officials during a study visit in Portugal



## IOM Leads to Develop Common Standards for Humanitarians in Northern Syria

Common standards for humanitarian agencies operating in northern Syria will provide clear guidelines to provide quality assistance to vulnerable people. IOM's cross border team based in Gaziantep has been a leader in the field, notably in the prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse (PSEA) and in shelter standards. This September, IOM's recently arrived Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) Coordinator worked closely with UN OCHA to organise a workshop for UN agencies, INGOs and NGOs to develop a standard PSEA community-based complaints mechanism for all humanitarian actors working in northern Syria.

Additionally, IOM's Housing Land and Property (HLP) team held a training for Shelter Cluster members on the operationalisation of common shelter standards. This training is compulsory for any organisation intending to access the Humanitarian Fund and will go a long way towards ensuring that international shelter standards are properly implemented in Syria.



*IOM's implementing partners inside Syria build shelters in line with the HLP standards.*

## Home Sweet Home: AVRRE Programme Helps Migrants Return Home

IOM's Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration (AVRR) programme continues to help stranded migrants voluntarily return to their home country. Since January 2016, IOM Turkey has assisted 3,173 migrants willingly return to their homeland. Of those, 170 of the most vulnerable were provided reintegration assistance to help them rebuild life once they arrive back in their native country.

Over the summer, IOM facilitated a meeting between the Turkey's Head of Department on Protection of Victims of Human Trafficking and representatives of the Afghani and Iraqi embassies. Through this idea exchange, a consensus was reached to strengthen cooperation to better coordinate the process of assisting migrants willingly return. Over the next few years, IOM's AVRR programme in Turkey is planning to assist nearly 5,000 stranded migrants return home, providing reintegration assistance to 1,000 of them. The project which is being funded by the EU and the UK is being implemented together with IOM.



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## 7,000 Students in Summer School with IOM's Transportation Project

This summer, schools were open and busy for many Syrian students living in Turkey. With the support of IOM's school transportation project, approximately 7,000 students were provided with transportation to school and back, over half of those students were girls. Because of IOM's school transportation programme, families are able to overcome geographical distances which is often a barrier to education. By attending summer school, Syrian children who have been out of school have the opportunity to improve their Turkish language proficiency and take catch up classes to be better prepared for the new school year this September.



*IOM provides school transportation for children to attend school in southeastern Turkey.*

## IOM Continues to Reunite Syrian Families in Germany

The Family Assistance Programme (FAP) continues to operate successfully in several locations and has broadened its activities throughout the year with increased case management and escort assistance to unaccompanied minors. FAP facilitates and assists beneficiaries with family reunification to Germany. So far, FAP has reached and assisted over 180,000 beneficiaries.

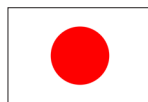
From July to September 2017, a total of 3,394 beneficiaries had access to the walk-in facilities in Turkey, providing a range of services from re-scheduling visa appointments with the consulates, fast-tracking special cases and assisting in form-filling and file organization while IOM's call centre handled over 26,000 calls during the same period. Unaccompanied minors (UAM) and beneficiaries with special needs are provided urgent assistance with immediate referral to the consular visa section. Escort services for UAM, transportation and accommodation services have been facilitated in special cases. The presence of IOM staff at the German Consulates continue to support beneficiaries with the family reunification procedures as well as providing support to and liaise with German Consular staff.



*A mother and her two children visit IOM's FAP Office to reunite with their family members in Germany.*

Additionally, IOM's cultural orientation classes have assisted 280 people to learn more about Germany to better settle in and integrate upon arrival.

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