Well-managed labour migration has far-reaching potential for migrants, their communities, employers, and countries of origin and destination. In our increasingly mobile world, IOM’s work on Labour Migration and Human Development (LHD) is more crucial than ever.

IOM supports Turkey’s governmental institutions and has worked closely with the Directorate General of International Labour Force (DGIL) operating under the Ministry of Family, Labour and Social Services since its inception to foster a strong partnership, build capacity, and develop programmes to regulate labour migration for the benefit of migrants with diverse status and the Turkish people. IOM’s cooperation with DGIL specifically focuses on the following key areas, namely: to assess the foreign labour needs of Turkey’s labour market, to support its institutional partners on execution of international labour force policy, to counter irregular labour migration, and to advocate for the rights of migrant workers.
Looking ahead, building on their successes and lessons learned, IOM and DGIL aim to:

- a) Continue labour migration management capacity building to DGIL;
- b) Generate employment opportunities and increase exportation by supporting both Turkish and Syrian businesses;
- c) Contribute to generating decent employment pathways for migrants in line with the emerging sectorial needs of the country.

HUMAN INTEREST STORY

Through IOM’s Pre-Employment Support Programme, 60 participants attended orientation and on-the-job training at Kipas Textile Companies in Kahramanmaras prior to being employed by the company.

Board Member of the firm Hikmet Gümüşer extended his thanks: “As per the situation of our region, the issue of Syrian workers under temporary protection joining the workforce is gaining significance for our company each and every day. The Pre-Employment Support Program, by contributing to the adaptation and adjustment process of both Syrian workers under temporary protection and Turkish workers, has strengthened communication between the two groups and has increased the productivity of our company. We would like to give thanks to all the shareholders of this program on behalf of our company, and we wish for this project to continue and reach new beneficiaries.”

ACHIEVEMENTS

13 Trainings in Konya and Bursa on Public Employment Services

- IOM held a “Let’s Grow this Business” competition and selected 50 top-ranking Syrian and Turkish SMEs (Small & Medium-sized Enterprises) as recipients of microgrants worth 50,000TL accompanied by mentoring from local business advisors. This SMEs will use these grants to upscale their capacity in international trade.
- IOM implemented a Pre-Employment Support Programme consisting of an orientation training coupled with up to six months of on-the-job training and vocational certification for 60 participants (30 Syrians under Temporary Protection & 30 Turkish host community members).
- In coordination with respective governmental authorities, IOM prepared Turkey’s Migration Governance Profile and Migration Governance Indicator Report.

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164 million migrant workers account for the vast majority of the world’s international migrants.