

# Türkiye

September 2022

**Population:** Türkiye hosts the **world's largest refugee population** for the eighth consecutive year, with just over 4 million refugees and asylum-seekers under temporary and international protection.

**Legal Framework:** Türkiye's refugee response is based on a comprehensive legal framework; particularly, the Law on Foreigners and International Protection (2013) and the Temporary Protection Regulation (2014).

UNHCR co-leads the **Regional Refugee and Resilience Plan (3RP)** with UNDP, coordinating partner support to the refugee response. UNHCR chairs the UNSDCF Migration, International Protection and Harmonization Results Group.

## POPULATION OF CONCERN as of end 2021\*

Syrians under temporary protection	<b>3.7 million</b>
Refugees and asylum-seekers under international protection	<b>327,418</b>

## TOP THREE COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN\*

Refugees		Asylum-seekers	
Syrian Arab Republic	<b>3,737,369</b>	Iraq	<b>144,376</b>
Iraq	<b>9,258</b>	Afghanistan	<b>133,062</b>
Afghanistan	<b>7,647</b>	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	<b>18,933</b>

\*Source: UNHCR 2021 Global Trends Report and UNHCR data finder platform

## UKRAINE REFUGEE SITUATION RESPONSE

**As of 30 September, 145,000** refugees from Ukraine are currently present in Türkiye.

**5,116** refugees from Ukraine have applied for international protection in Türkiye according to the Presidency of Migration Management (PMM).

**Essential resources**, such as equipment, materials, and personnel, mainly interpreters, were provided by UNHCR to PMM to support newly arrived refugees from Ukraine in their accommodation areas.

**Support to over 1,000 children:** UNHCR is working with the Ministry of Family and Social Services and UNICEF to assist children and their caregivers who came from Ukraine to Türkiye through an agreement between the two countries.

**Coordination:** Ukrainian refugees were included in the latest round of the inter-agency protection needs assessment led by UNHCR and in line with the inclusive one-refugee approach. The assessment is used to help inform the Government and organizations on how to address needs of the refugee population as a whole.

## HIGHLIGHTS

### 11,803 refugees

were submitted for resettlement consideration to 13 countries in 2022 as of 30 September and 5,927 refugees departed to 12 countries. UNHCR Türkiye has invested in upscaling resettlement activities resulting in a submission of over 50 per cent of total quota in the first half of 2022.

### 33 bar associations

supported by UNHCR in cooperation with the Union of Turkish Bar Associations providing legal assistance to refugees and asylum-seekers.

## Communication with Communities

UNHCR provides regular information in multiple languages to refugees, diversifying communication strategies through its counselling line, social media platforms, the Help site, Services Advisor, and direct engagement.

## LIFE THROUGH MY EYES



270 Turkish, Iraqi, and Syrian children, aged 7-17 years, were trained on fundamental technical analogue photography in workshops held in 5 villages for 6 months. The workshops were part of a 'Mobile Darkroom Photography' project carried out by UNHCR and **Sirxhane Darkroom**, through the **Art Anywhere Association**. The children chose a selection of photos to be displayed at the 'Life Through My Eyes' exhibition which was held in Istanbul for World Refugee Day.

## Key Priorities

- **Comprehensive Response:** UNHCR is engaged in a comprehensive response in support of refugees, their inclusion in national systems, access to solutions, and fostering of social cohesion.
- **Protection:** UNHCR is advocating for access to fair and efficient national protection procedures for persons in need of international protection, and for procedural standards and safeguards by working with its main counterpart, the Presidency for Migration Management (PMM) under the Ministry of Interior.
- **Strengthening access to protection services:** UNHCR focuses on child protection, prevention of and response to GBV, and supporting services, including counselling and rehabilitation for people with specific needs, in cooperation with the Ministry of Family and Social Services. UNHCR supports various partners in identification, referral, and response to vulnerable refugees; and provides cash-for-protection assistance.
- **Voluntary Returns:** UNHCR works with PMM to enhance safeguards for voluntary returns to Syria, coordinating with provincial directorates to maintain a presence in the southeast region where more than 90% of the interviews observed by UNHCR are undertaken.
- **Promoting social cohesion and harmonization:** PMM and UNHCR cooperate on interventions in line with the National Strategy on Harmonization and the National Plan of Action to strengthen engagement between the refugees, host community, opinion leaders service providers; and promote harmonious relations between the communities. Initiatives include dialogues with mukhtars, engaged conversations with public officials, conflict resolution and inter-cultural trainings.
- **Self-Reliance:** UNHCR cooperates with national authorities, municipalities, chambers of commerce, partners, and the private sector to identify needs, facilitate access to employment and develop refugees' skills. UNHCR supports İŞKUR, the Turkish

Employment Agency, and the Vocational Qualifications Authority, to strengthen refugee self-reliance.

## Working with Partners

- UNHCR works with ministries and public institutions, municipalities, NGOs, UN Agencies, the private sector, refugees, and the host community. For 2022, UNHCR signed 14 partnership agreements.
- The **Regional Refugee and Resilience Plan (3RP)** is the main strategy, coordination, and fundraising platform for international support to the refugee response. The **2022 Turkey Country Chapter Update**, was launched on 11 February 2022 with an appeal of USD 1.17 billion with 11 UN and 64 NGO partners.
- **External engagement:** Building on the legal framework, in line with the 3RP and Global Compact on Refugees (GCR), UNHCR works through a multi-stakeholder approach enabling greater protection of refugees. UNHCR has registered 68 good practices from 215, organizations, public institutions, and stakeholders on its [data portal](#).

## Statelessness

- Türkiye pledged at the Global Refugee Forum to accede to the 1961 Convention and implement it within five years. In 2020, UNHCR and PMM developed SOPs on statelessness determination, the first guidance material on statelessness in the national system.

## UNHCR Presence in Türkiye

### Staff:

366 National Staff

54 International Staff

### Offices:

1 Branch Office in Ankara

5 Field Offices in Ankara, Istanbul, Edirne, Izmir and Van

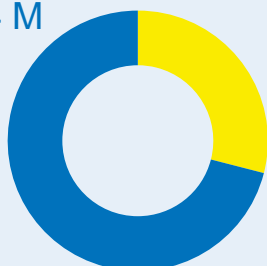
1 Sub Office covering Gaziantep, Hatay and Şanlıurfa

## Financial information (September 2022)

### Financial requirements

USD 349.4 M

**Funding gap**  
71%  
247.3 M



**Funded**  
29%  
102.1M

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