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Refugees and Migrants in Turkey

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- UNHCR Turkey in July 2019 states that 368.400 non-Syrian asylum seekers/refugees are registered as peoples of concern within UNHCR Turkey; with 170.000 Afghans, 142.000 Iraqis, 39.000 Iranians, 5.700 Somalians and 11.700 other nationalities.
- https://www.unhcr.org/tr/en/unhcr-turkeystats

- Caritas in Turkey started to work with refugees in 1991 –
 Gulf War
- Continues the work since then without any break
- From any country, any religion, ethnic group, gender etc.
- Started for Syrian refugees in 2012 both in Istanbul and in Hatay and also in many of the satellite cities
- Mainly social work: need assessment counselling, providing information, referrals, accompaniment
- Support for basic needs, psycho-social empowerment, support for integration, support for medical needs
- Dioceses in Anatolia, Izmir and Istanbul started a year ago a joint project to respond to the basic needs

- The number of Syrians registered 3.666.059 (19 September 2019)
- %46.69 are between 0-18 years old
- %70.19 are 0-18 years old plus all women
- %28.68 is below 10 years old
- In Turkey, average age is 31,7 and for Syrians this number is 22.58.
- Only %1,72 of the total number: in the camps

- 548.926 Syrians registered in Istanbul
- 450.207 Syrians registered in Antep
- 439.032 in Hatay

- In Kilis, 81.40% of the total population is in Kilis
- 4.47% of the registered population in Turkey are consists of Syrians

- 92.280 Syrians were given citizenship until August 2019.
- In the last 8 years 405.521 Syrian babies were born in Turkey
- Only 31.185 of among non-citizen, registered
 Syrians work with work permit.
- 15.159 companies have either a Syrian owner or a Syrian shareholder.

- Unicef' 2019 August figures: around 650 thousand Syrian children are registered to schools
- But around 400 thousand of Syrian children still don't have access to education.
- Registration to school for irregular refugees and migrants without any registration (?)

- Ministry of Internal Affairs has announced that the captured irregular immigrant number has increased by %42 (from 158.00 to 235.000) in the first eight months of 2019 relative to the same period last year. The captures in Edirne during the first eight months has increased %70 relative to the same period last year.
- https://www.goc.gov.tr/duzensiz-goclemucadele-hakkinda-basin-aciklamasi

- On July 18, the General Directorate of Migration Management announced that the Syrians who are involved in crime and who are not registered will be deported
- On 6th of August Istanbul Governorate have announced that 12 474 irregular migrants were transferred to cities with Deportation Centers between 12-31 of July. And that 2 630 Syrians who have not been registered in any city have been transferred to temporary shelters.

- INGEV's report, average monthly income per person is 252 TL. Their greatest satisfaction living in Turkey is "safety" while their greatest concern is the future of their families.
- Their produce is by and large sold to Syrian community and the Arabic speaking countries.
- Also according to the study, the Syrian issue is constituting the most important social tension line that the country faces.
- Only the %44 appreciates Turkey's response but the majority wants the Syrians to return back and only %17 thinks that the country has to work on Syrian integration to Turkey.

- Asylum system in Turkey (?)
- Temporary protection (?)
- Health, education, basic needs, shelter, livelihood, rights, work
- Residence permit, satellite cities
- Durable solutions (?)
- Human trafficking (?)
- Solidarity vs social tensions (?)

- Durable solutions: (resettlement quotas and either permanent residence like safe and sustainable solution)
- UNHCR's role to work for more for durable solutions
- 'Temporary' until when?
- International protection is provided but no durable solution or permanent status (?)
- Revision of process for citizenship for all groups...Geographical limitation (?)
- State and social groups (NGOs etc) should work together more for social cohesion

- For 'integration' to host community empowering refugees (there are important steps forward like Turkish courses, schooling etc but still needs to be done more)
- Economic integration (grants and credits, vocational trainings, housing programs)
- Protection of children (against early marriage, child labor, bullying at schools)
- Work to eliminate social tensions against refugees but mainly against Syrians
- NGO programs all over Turkey not ony in certain cities

- Readmission from Europe to Turkey is not a solution unless better economic and social conditions are created in Turkey
- Turkey or any country can not respond to such a big crisis without a meaningful support.
- Expected Istanbul Earthquake (?)

Thank you

