



UNITED NATIONS JOINT PROGRAMME ON PREVENTION OF CHILD, EARLY AND FORCED MARRIAGE (CEFM) IN TURKEY - SECOND PHASE

Project Duration: 3 years (1 October 2021 - 30 September 2024)

Project Budget: 1,602,931 USD

Contribution to UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework between the Government of Turkey and the United Nations 2021-2025: Outcome 1.2 - By 2025, women and girls have improved and equal access to resources, opportunities, and rights, and enjoy a life without violence and discrimination

Contribution to UN Women global Strategic Plan 2022-2025: Outcome 3, Outcome 4

Contribution to Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs): Goal 5, Target 5.3

In Turkey, UNICEF, IOM, UNFPA, UNHCR, and UN Women have been working together on the “UN Joint Programme for the Prevention of CEFM” (the Joint Programme) since 2018, with the support of the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA). The First Phase of the Joint Programme has ended in September 2021, resulting in increased national synergies in CEFM prevention through advocacy on the international and national normative framework; data generation and analysis; technical support to national and provincial coordination mechanisms and action plans; and community mobilization with a focus on girls’ empowerment and male engagement.

In the Second Phase, which is to be implemented by UNICEF, UNFPA, and UN Women with consultative support from IOM and UNHCR, the Joint Programme will draw on the experience and lessons learned from the first phase, adapting the programme activities to the context of COVID-19 as needed.

Interventions under the Joint Programme will seek to: change social norms and attitudes towards gender equality; improve institutional capacity to prevent and respond to CEFM; work closely with civil society and other allies to preserve and advance the legislative and policy framework in line with international commitments; provide specialized services to survivors; and support financial stability and economic empowerment of families and children most at risk of CEFM.

With the financing of SIDA, the Joint Programme will identify and address the socio-economic needs of families experiencing multidimensional poverty where girls (and boys) are at risk of CEFM and improve their access to high-quality social services. UN Women will continue to support and consolidate networks and alliances, enabling them to hold the government accountable for its international commitments, and sustain the powerful message that positive gender socialization, investment in girls’ and women’s empowerment, and communication for gender equality are now even more crucial for Turkey.

Project's Expected Results:	
RESULT 1:	<p>Accountability mechanisms regarding CEFM to preserve national and local legislation and policies aligned with international standards will be enhanced through evidence-based advocacy and monitoring.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> UN Women will conduct research on the drivers and results of CEFM among the Roma community in Edirne, Adana, Kocaeli, and Izmir. Through an implementing partner, UN Women will support revision, scaling up and standardization of CEFM Local Action Plans (LAP) in line with international and national commitments, through the integration of indicators, sharing local experiences, and provision of capacity building to local stakeholders using already developed LAP training modules.
RESULT 2:	<p>National and local institutions will have improved capacity to deliver prevention, response, advocacy, and monitoring services in line with international standards, with increased collaboration among civil society organizations, professional associations and private sector for prevention, response, advocacy, and monitoring of CEFM.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> UN Women will train government institutions, including Violence Prevention and Monitoring Centres, Stakeholders Coordination Committees, Ministry of Justice, and local authorities on the engagement of men and boys. UN Women will strengthen the capacity of Roma non-governmental organizations to collaborate across sectors in prevention, response, advocacy, and monitoring of CEFM. UN Women will strengthen the capacity of women-led organizations on response and advocacy for CEFM and provide 3 small grants for women-led organizations for the provision of services to survivors. UN Women will conduct advocacy activities for the preservation and strengthening of national legislation and strategies for gender equality, including the prevention of CEFM and elimination of violence against women.
RESULT 3:	<p>Community members in targeted areas and in Turkey at large including children and youth, especially girls and women, as survivors, parents, and community members will demonstrate increased awareness on CEFM, will be empowered to claim their rights, access support, prevent and seek support concerning gender-based violence, including violence against women and girls and CEFM.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> UN Women will carry out tent chats on CEFM with seasonal agricultural migratory workers in project provinces. UN Women will conduct youth empowerment activities (developing adolescent health and development modules in a CEFM specific approach, peer trainings, online mentorships, etc.) and advocacy campaigns for and with young persons, especially girls, on their rights, life choices, and access to support; as well as increase their agency through employability skills. UN Women will conduct women's empowerment activities to increase awareness of women on their rights, life choices, and how to access support.
RESULT 4:	<p>Men and boys in targeted areas will be demonstrating gender-equitable attitudes and will be mobilized to prevent CEFM.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> UN Women will apply innovative approaches and methods (i.e., virtual reality) to encourage attitudinal and behavioral change among men and boys about CEFM. UN Women will promote involved fatherhood and male engagement in gender equality by developing community-based outreach initiatives, local awareness-raising and advocacy activities ensuring the engagement of men and boys. UN Women will support civil initiatives on the transformation of masculinity, including the provision of training of trainers guidelines based on the male perception of CEFM research findings.

Project Governance:

To facilitate the overall coordination, strategic direction, decision-making and oversight of the Joint Programme, a UN Steering Committee was established in the First Phase of the Joint Programme, which will continue to be the management body. With a view to engage the donor and the key government partner(s), a Stakeholders' Coordination Committee composed of all UN Organizations engaged in the Joint Programme, representatives of the Government of Turkey, and representatives of SIDA was also established in the First Phase of the programme and will also continue to be a strategic component.