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STRENGTHENING THE SOCIO-ECONOMIC STABILIZATION OF REFUGEE AND HOST COMMUNITY WOMEN AND GIRLS THROUGH WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP IN GAZIANTEP, ISTANBUL AND IZMIR (TURKEY) PROJECT

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Project Duration: 12 months (1 April 2021-31 March 2022)

Project Provinces: Gaziantep, Istanbul and Izmir (Turkey)

Project Partners:

- Association for Solidarity with Asylum Seekers and Migrants (SGDD-ASAM)
- Refugee Support Center (MUDEM-RSC)
- Foundation for the Support of Women's Work (KEDV)
- Reach Alternatives (REALS)
- Gaziantep Metropolitan Municipality and other local authorities in Izmir and Istanbul.

Target Groups: Refugee women and girls from Syrian and other community groups and host community women and girls residing in project provinces affected by multiple and/or intersecting forms of vulnerabilities.

Project Budget: 1,861,277 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.

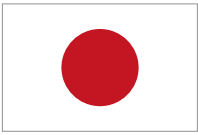
Outcome 1.3 - By 2025, Persons under the Law on Foreigners and International Protection are supported towards self-reliance.

Contribution to UN Women Global Strategic Plan 2022-2025: Outcome 3, Outcome 4, Outcome 5

Contribution to Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs): 1, 4, 5, 16

'Strengthening the Socio-Economic Stabilization of Refugee and Host Community Women and Girls through Women's Leadership in Gaziantep, Istanbul and Izmir (Turkey)' project aims to contribute to the social and economic stabilization of Syrian women, refugee women from other community groups and host community women and girls in Turkey. The project is to enhance women's leadership and self-reliance through the provision of gender-responsive protection and livelihood support and by solidifying women's and women's organizations' capacities to lead recovery and resilience efforts at community and local levels within the context of the Syrian crisis and COVID-19 pandemic.

The project is financed by the Government of Japan under the Regional Refugee Resilience Plan (3RP). Within the scope of the project, UN Women Turkey will partner with experienced civil society organizations (CSOs) in the field of refugee response and women's empowerment as well as local authorities including Gaziantep Metropolitan Municipality. UN Women Turkey will provide technical assistance in order to respond to the immediate humanitarian needs of women and girls through service delivery, promote women's economic empowerment and foster women's leadership, combining interventions on community resilience, self-reliance, humanitarian assistance and peace building. Given the disproportionate social and economic impacts that the COVID-19 pandemic has had on women and girls, UN Women Turkey will give attention to addressing its challenges.



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PROJECT'S MAIN RESULT:

Strengthened socio-economic stabilization of refugee and host community women and girls in Turkey through women's leadership for resilience and peacebuilding in the context of COVID-19.

The project will achieve this main result through achievements under two outputs.

ACHIEVEMENTS UNDER OUTPUT 1:

Refugee women and girls will have improved access to referral, psycho-social support, and counselling mechanisms as well as livelihood opportunities, responding to the urgent needs amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

Minimum of 1,500 Syrian women, and girls from other refugee and host communities will have access to gender-responsive protection support via SADA Women Empowerment and Solidarity Center in Gaziantep and Women Solidarity Center in Izmir. In complementarity with the protection support, hygiene/dignity kits and similar forms of in-kind support will be offered to women most-at-risk, based on vulnerability assessments. Minimum 300 hygiene/dignity kits will be provided to women most-at-risk.

Minimum of 300 women and girls from refugee and host communities will benefit from trainings and learning pathways such as Turkish language skills, digital skills, literacy/numeracy, entrepreneurial skills, and community peace building trainings will be available to strengthen social cohesion and co-existence among communities in the context of COVID-19.

Child-friendly spaces will be made available at the centers in Izmir and Gaziantep to support the women's access to the counselling sessions, psycho-social support, and training courses.

ACHIEVEMENTS UNDER OUTPUT 2:

Women's organizations will be supported to enhance stability, resilience, and peaceful co-existence in their communities through women's leadership in the context of COVID-19 pandemic.

Two women's solidarity platforms will be created and supported through women's leadership and women-led referrals for better recovery and resilience in the context of COVID-19 pandemic in Gaziantep and Istanbul where a minimum of 500 refugee and host community women will join and benefit from the community-based solidarity programme. Within the scope of solidarity programmes, 30 community leader women will receive trainings and one-on-one support to lead the programmes in designated neighbourhoods in the context of the project.

Minimum of 10 women-led organizations and women's CSOs in gender sensitive refugee response area will be supported to create capacity development support platforms in the fields of protection, prevention of and response to violence against women and girls and peacebuilding; a minimum of 10 women-led organizations, women's CSOs and CSOs working with women refugees will be provided with capacity development trainings.