



STRENGTHENING THE RESILIENCE OF SYRIAN AND HOST COMMUNITY WOMEN BY EVIDENCE-BASED DATA AND GENDER-RESPONSIVE SUPPORT PROJECT



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Project Duration: 12 months (1 July 2021- 1 July 2022)

Project Budget: 1,908,011 Norwegian NOK

Project Provinces: Gender-Responsive Service Delivery in Gaziantep and Izmir

Evidence-Based Needs Assessment: Nationwide

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

Contribution to UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework between the Government of Turkey and the United Nations 2021-2025:

Outcome 1.2 - Refugee women and girls from Syrian and other community groups and host community women and girls residing in project provinces in Izmir and Gaziantep affected by multiple and/or intersecting forms of vulnerabilities.

Outcome 1.3 - 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, Outcome 5

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

The 'Strengthening the Resilience of Syrian and Host Community Women by Evidence-Based Data and Gender Responsive Support' project aims to provide gender-sensitive evidence to be gathered through a nationwide survey targeting policy and decision makers and other interlocutors operating in refugee response field. The new evidence-based needs assessment project contributes to update findings and recommendations of previously held needs assessment of Syrian women and girls under temporary protection status (SuTP) in Turkey in 2018. Through revealing the increasing need to respond to existing and newly emerging needs of the most vulnerable and most-at-risk women and girls both from the refugee and host communities, the research project is to recommend more tailor-made policies and programme practices in Turkey particularly in the context of COVID-19 pandemic.

Financed by the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, UN Women Turkey, under the project, will partner with experienced civil society organizations (CSOs) in the field of refugee response as well as UN agencies, women's organizations, academic institutions, and governmental institutions for the facilitation of the data collection process for the needs assessment.

UN Women Turkey will provide technical assistance to respond to the immediate humanitarian needs of Syrian and refugee women and girls from other communities through service delivery, promote gender equality, women's empowerment, and leadership as central elements of the humanitarian-development-peace nexus and in promoting transformative change, resilience, and social cohesion to ensure that women are key transformative agents at individual and community levels. Given the changing dynamics and the overall gaps in the availability of gender-responsive data in Turkey, UN Women Turkey will give attention to update the evidence, also addressing the impact of COVID-19 pandemic on Syrian women and girls.



PROJECT'S EXPECTED RESULTS:

RESULT 1:

Needs Assessment of Syrian women and girls under temporary protection will provide up-to-date information on the longer-term impact of the protracted crisis on Syrian women and girls in Turkey through qualitative and quantitative research methodologies to inform gender-responsive programming, advocacy, and service delivery.

- The assessment will generate data and analysis to inform gender-responsive programming, policy making, advocacy and service delivery through a second round of the comprehensive Needs Assessment of SuTP women in Turkey, taking into account the impact of COVID-19 pandemic, through surveys and focus group discussions to be carried out among a representative sample of the Syrian women and girls under temporary protection in Turkey.

RESULT 2:

The project will provide **gender-responsive protection** service to meet the urgent and imminent needs of most-at-risk women, identified based on vulnerability assessments conducted by UN Women Turkey's civil society partners and **livelihood support** to increase employability of vulnerable women through women's safe spaces in Izmir and Gaziantep."

- Minimum of 1,000 Syrian and host community women will be reached to provide gender-responsive protection including referrals, psycho-social support, legal assistance, emergency cash assistance and similar services.
- Minimum of 200 Syrian and host community women will be reached to provide livelihood support, including but not limited to financial and digital literacy, Turkish language trainings and garment production sessions to increase their employability at the women's safe spaces.

PROJECT GOVERNANCE:

The Advisory Board will provide high-level strategic guidance for the implementation of project, expected achievements and for overall project efficiency, effectiveness, and coherence.

Representatives from CSOs, UN Women's implementing partners, UN agencies, relevant public and academic institutions will comprise an Advisory Board. The Advisory Board will contribute to project implementation by sharing knowledge, expertise, and experiences. The Advisory Board will be instrumental in facilitating contacts between different groups in multi-stakeholder communication, in strengthening dialogue between the government and CSOs and in facilitating joint learning and experience exchanges during the different stages of the Needs Assessment such as research design, data collection, and data processing, analysis, and interpretation.