



Invitation to a side event to the Council of Europe

Panel Title :Development and Implementation of Social - Science Training Program for Young Refugees

Project Summary

Turkey has hosted around 1.65 million Syrian refugees during the last 3.5 years. 13-14% of these refugees are sheltered in 22 camps (accommodation centers) located in 10 provinces; Şanlıurfa, Gaziantep, Hatay, Kilis, Mardin, Adana, K.Maraş, Adıyaman, Osmaniye and Malatya. The real mass of the at least 1.4 million people are outside the camps, spread across almost everywhere in Turkey.

More than 53% of the Syrians in Turkey are children and youth below 18 years old. There is a serious problem about the education enrollment of Syrian children since their stay was not expected to take so long in the beginning and the medium of instruction is Turkish. Despite better conditions in camps, the general rate of enrollment remains at the low levels of 15-20%. Rest of the young Syrian refugees are out of formal education. However, education for these young refugees is very important since securing these children's education will reduce the risks of early marriage and military recruitment of children by armed groups, stabilize their economic future by increasing their earning potential, and ensure that today's young Syrians will be better equipped to confront uncertain futures.

Our Project's main objective is, as highlighted in the project title, to "Develop and Implement Science Training Program for Young Refugees" and the main target group is young Syrian refugees who are not attending any regular education program.

Participating organizations have experience in research and/or education at academic level. They will combine their experience and expertise to develop science training program for young Syrian refugees.

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