



IOM Turkey Newsletter



A quick drink of water before attending summer classes in Sanliurfa.

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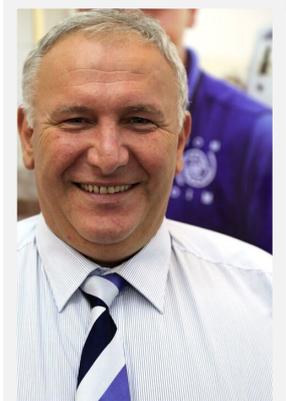
IOM Buses Syrian Children to Schools in Turkey

While most children were on summer holiday, IOM Turkey provided buses and other transportation for Syrian children to attend school in south-eastern Turkey. In August, over 3,000 Syrian students attended summer classes in five schools across Adana and two in Sanliurfa. These catch-up classes – including Turkish language courses – were instrumental in preparing the children for the new school year in September. Many of these students have not been able to attend school for years because of the ongoing conflict. This program is one way that IOM supports the Ministry of National Education and UNICEF to ensure future generations of Syrians have the skills needed to succeed.

Sitting for Exams: In July, IOM transported over 2,300 Syrian high school students living in refugees camps to city centres across south-eastern Turkey to take the university entrance exams with the support of UNHCR.

Meet the New Chief of Mission

In August, IOM Turkey welcomed Lado Gvilava as the new Chief of Mission. With 22 years of experience implementing and administering IOM's large-scale emergency and post-crisis projects, Lado has proven success strategically planning migration management programs. His innovative approach to the field of operations, such as supply chain management, promotes evidence-based programming. Most recently, Lado was Head of IOM Iraq Regional Hub. He has also served in Georgia, Kosovo, Macedonia, Cyprus and Jordan with emergency assignments to Sudan, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Indonesia, Myanmar and Lebanon.



Chief of Mission, Lado Gvilava



Did you know? In 2000, globally 90 million people were economic migrants. Today – just 15 years later – that number skyrocketed to 323 million – that's a 258 percent increase.

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Our Stories: Semira

Semira is like most other four year olds. She likes to play dress up and gets annoyed with her two-year old sister for borrowing her clothes. What sets Semira apart is her ability to keep on smiling. Two years ago, Semira and her family fled the violence in Syria for Turkey. An unfortunate accident left the little girl with burns all over her body and in urgent need of a special garment to prevent scarring and reduce discomfort.

IOM Turkey quickly responded to provide Semira with the doctor-prescribed silicon pressure garment. Four months later, IOM recently visited Semira's family who already noticed its benefits, both physically and mentally. Semira was the first case for IOM Turkey's Emergency Case Management team who provides one-off, immediate assistance for some of the most vulnerable people. Funds for Semira's treatment were provided by the U.S. Department of State Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration.

Mixed Migration Flows Topping Agenda in Face of Crisis

The number of global migrants and refugees is at a historic high. Not since the end of World War 2 have so many people been on the move at one time. Globally, the reasons for migration are often varied. In order to develop more effective and inclusive migration management policies, we must understand the trends and needs around mixed migration.

In September, "Implementation of the Strategy Document and National Action Plan on Irregular Migration with a Focus on Mixed Migration Flows" project launched. Funded by the British Embassy, this project aims to increase the capacity of Turkey's Coast Guard Command and the Directorate General of Migration Management to respond to mixed migration flows and to effectively address protection needs of vulnerable migrants.

The project introduces a pilot program providing emergency assistance to migrants rescued at sea and will develop working models for screening, referrals and assistance mechanisms for vulnerable migrants. A needs assessment at selected border areas will facilitate a cooperative platform for ongoing trainings, workshops and consultations among related agencies. This comprehensive project will work towards implementing Turkey's Strategy Document and National Action Plan on Irregular Migration by July 2016.

Syria Border Crossings Have Humanitarian Refurbishment

Almost five years into the conflict, 6.5 million people are displaced inside of Syria. Getting humanitarian aid to those in need within Syria is a challenge for all actors in the field. With only two official crossing points from Turkey into Syria (Bab al-Salam and Bab al-Hawa), infrastructure and adverse weather conditions can hamper relief efforts. In partnership with the United Kingdom Department for International Development (DFID), IOM completed the "Rehabilitation of the Humanitarian Transshipment Zone at Cilvegozu/Bab Al Hawa" in September 2015. This project rehabilitated the facilities and structures at the Bab al-Hawa border crossing to lessen the impact of adverse weather conditions on moving urgent humanitarian supplies into Syria. The project also donated technical equipment and a vehicle to the Turkish authorities at the Cilvegozu border.

International Cooperation and Forgery Detection Training Combat Irregular Migration

Increasing regional cooperation and capacity to detect forged travel documents is critical to combatting new trends in irregular migration. On 1-2 September, IOM Turkey held a "Regional Workshop on Forgery in Travel Documents" in Athens to enhance Turkish and Greek cross border cooperation and information sharing. By reinforcing regional cooperation, migration management systems are strengthened. Greek and Turkish authorities analyzed both the changing trends of travel document forgery methods and regional irregular migration patterns. This training, under the framework of "Fighting of Irregular Migration through Increasing Capacity and Cooperation on Detection of Forged Documents" reaffirmed the close cooperation between IOM and the General Directorate of Security, Border Gates Department and was funded by the British government.



i am a migrant

[i am a migrant](#) campaign is about humanizing migrants' stories of migration and providing a platform to present their narratives in their own words. This project can help change the lens through which people view migrants and migration.

Border Cooperation Identifies Risks to Vulnerable Children

STA	ETA	FLIGHT NO.	ORIGIN	BELT	REMARK
0905		TK 1043	ISTANBUL	01	
0935		OS 789	VIENNA	01	
0950	1040	LY 573	TEL AVIV	03	
1100		FB 1803	SOFIA	02	Delayed
1105		W6 3160	VENICE TSF	02	
1110		AF 1688	PARIS CDG	03	
1130		W6 3142	ROME CIA	01	
1135		W6 3132	MILAN BGY	02	
1135		RO 212	BELGRADE	03	
1145		PGT 761	SABHA GOKCEN	01	
1145		FR 1005	LONDON STN	03	
1145		RO 342	VIENNA	02	
1150		LH 1652	MUNICH	03	

Flight timetable in Romania. IOM Turkey works to support international border cooperation

Regional partnerships are critical in combating irregular migration and identifying risk factors for vulnerable migrants at both countries of origin and destination. Istanbul's two airports are both regional and international hubs for the Middle East and Africa. Because of the volume of travelers from these regions, the airports were identified as risky for irregular migration of vulnerable children.

As a way to combat irregular migration from Istanbul through countries like Romania, IOM Turkey participated in an observation mission at Romania's Otopeni Airport in September. IOM Turkey's immigration and border management (IBM) team partnered with Frontex, EU member state experts and local Romanian border agencies to strengthen border controls and to identify risky behavior under the framework of the Frontex-Vega Children Initiative. This Frontex-funded regional mission strove to raise awareness in airport and further regional partnerships.

Working in Turkey: Combatting Irregular Migration and Identifying Where Foreigners Can Help

The world is now experiencing one of the most complex migration situations in history, and Turkey is at its epicenter as a country of origin, transit and destination for many migrants. The number of foreigners in Turkey is at an all-time high. This autumn, in partnership with the British Embassy, IOM launched a project on Supporting Labour Migration in Turkey which aims to strengthen institutional capacity to combat irregular migration, labour exploitation, the informal economy and human trafficking.

This project will support how labour migration is managed in Turkey through a three-pronged approach. Firstly, through technical and policy development. Secondly, to build capacity of those directly involved in labour migration management and to promote registered employment of foreigners living in Turkey. Lastly, the project will raise awareness of the risks and dangers of irregular labour migration, through outreach and information campaigns and by working directly with labour unions, NGOs and private sector partners.

Computer Training for Istanbul's Largest Syrian Neighborhood



Arabic language computer courses offer educational opportunities

Kanarya, a neighborhood of Kucukcekmece, has one of the largest populations of Syrian refugees in Istanbul. According to some estimates, there are more than 2,500 Syrians living there. As a way to provide life skills and to improve access to information and legal advice, IOM Turkey is supporting the local municipality by providing 15 computers with internet access for the sole use of the neighborhood's Syrian population. Arabic language computer courses in the İyilik Merkezi Social Center provide training for 180 Syrians living in the neighborhood. This project, funded by the Dutch Consulate under the name "Supporting and Enhancing Access to Information and Computer Literacy for Syrian Refugees Living in Kucukcekmece District, Istanbul", will increase access to education and technology for Syrians living in this Istanbul neighborhood.

IOM's Personalized Approach to Humanitarian Assistance

This autumn, IOM Turkey launched the Emergency Case Management (ECM) program. This initiative builds on existing IOM Turkey field operations to provide a tailored and immediate response to some of the most vulnerable cases. With individualized ad hoc funding, the ECM program supports both individuals and families with specific, complex or multiple assistance needs which are not addressed through existing services or programs. The program's guidelines were established in July which enable IOM to deliver medical supplies, transportation, accommodation or rent support, food, non-food items and other tailored needs. Cases are identified through referrals directly by IOM staff or other organizations and NGOs and is funded by the U.S. Department of State Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration. Since the program's implementation in August, 29 separate cases were assisted, reaching a total of 152 individuals. So far under this program, IOM Turkey delivered pressure garments, rent payments, bus tickets, hearing aids, and other accommodation assistance.



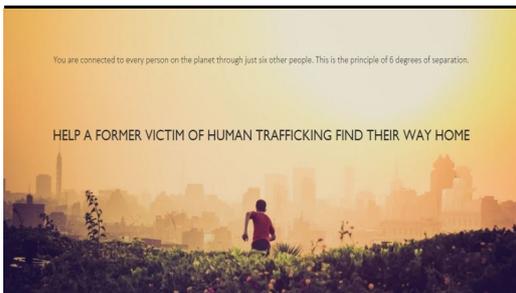
IOM Partners with Turkish Coast Guard

This summer, Turkey witnessed one of the largest migration flows in its history. IOM continues to partner with the Turkish Coast Guard to provide technical assistance to promote life-saving activities, assist vulnerable migrants and to distribute humanitarian items to rescued persons.

From July to September, the Turkish Coast Guard rescued **44,153 migrants** and apprehended **49 migrant smugglers**.

Logistics Team Making Emergency Response Even Faster

Advance planning and streamlining procurement is one way IOM Turkey is working to ensure an even quicker and more efficient response to emergency situations. In September, IOM Turkey's team in Gaziantep opened public bids for long-term contracts for vendors to provide emergency response materials. Following bid evaluation, IOM will establish an even more efficient system to monitor volume, price and delivery to increase IOM's capacity to delivery emergency relief and provide sustainable efficiencies for all of IOM's donors.



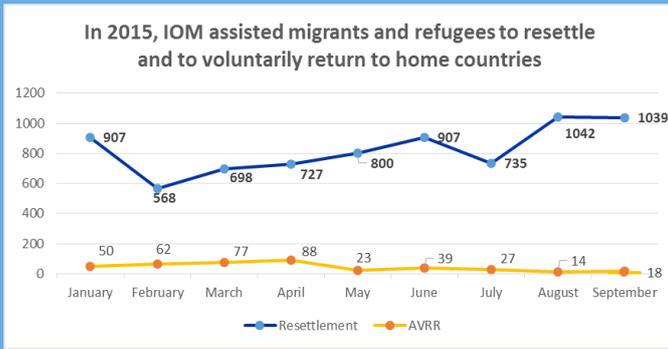
World Day Against Trafficking in Persons

On July 30, IOM partnered with the Directorate General of Migration Management (DGMM) to hold a conference commemorating the United Nations World Day Against Trafficking in Persons. The event brought together counter-trafficking experts across all agencies to raise awareness and to promote coordination and cooperation to combat trafficking in persons. The conference provided training to both deputy governors and provincial directors of the DGMM.

Did you know?

IOM Turkey identifies legal migration channels for vulnerable migrants. Assisted voluntary return and reintegration (AVRR) and the resettlement are two ways that IOM supports vulnerable migrants.

So far in 2015, IOM Turkey supported 7423 refugees resettle in a new country.



Facilitating Human Rights Trainings in Removal Centers

All migrants and refugees deserve to have their human rights and dignity fully respected, independently of their legal status. In August, IOM facilitated two capacity-building trainings in Istanbul for the Directorate General of Migration Management (DGMM) to continue to protect migrants' human rights in removal centers. Participants included staff from removal and irregular migration units of Migration Management Provincial Directorates in Aydın, Çanakkale, Edirne, İstanbul, İzmir, Kırklareli and Van. This training by provincial experts, sociologists and psychologists on international standards for human rights is one way that IOM supports the government of Turkey to move towards implementing the EU-Turkey Readmission Agreement. The trainings - titled "Implementation of EU-Turkey Readmission Agreement to Stateless persons and Third Country Nationals with consideration of Human Rights" - were completed under the framework of IOM's "Supporting Turkey in the Establishment of Human Rights based Framework for the Implementation of the EU-Turkey Readmission Agreement" project and in cooperation with the DGMM. This training was funded by the government of the Netherlands.

