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## HIGHLIGHTS



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IOM rehabilitated and opened a new library where youth from both host and refugee communities in Kilis, Şanlıurfa, can come together and access a range of resources and activities.



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IOM in collaboration with Viranşehir Sub-governorship, started a solar drying project for women seasonal agricultural workers from host and refugee communities.



In August, U.S. Ambassador to Turkey David Satterfield visited IOM's field team working along the northwest Turkey-EU border in the province of Edirne. PRM supports IOM's humanitarian assistance programme which provides assistance to vulnerable migrants along the 212 km border with Greece.



Every year on World Humanitarian Day (August 19th), the world recognizes humanitarian workers who dedicate their lives to serve others. Many aid workers put their lives at risk in order to provide life-saving support and protection to people most in need. This year WHD came at a time when countries continue to be faced with the challenges brought by the COVID-19 pandemic. Aid workers are overcoming unprecedented hurdles in order to provide assistance -- including our very own IOM Turkey warehouse workers in Gaziantep. They are working around the clock to prepare shipments of aid to the most vulnerable refugees and migrants in northwest Syria.

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## LISTEN NOW! 'Birlikteyiz' Employee Spotlight: Mehmet Kozan launched

Mehmet was born in 1988 in Kurtbagi Village of Hatay Arsuz. The son of a farming family, he worked as a teacher, ITC staff, graphic designer, and software developer at various institutions and organizations. He completed his Master's studies in CETI from Elazig Firat University and has been working at the IOM Hatay Office as an ITC & IM Assistant since 2019. Produced by IOM Turkey's Public Information Team.

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## PHOTO OF THE MONTH

*Staff's Choice - Selected by IOM Turkey staff on a voting basis.*



*Turkish and Syrian women work together to prepare capsicums for the solar dryer. The solar dryer is one of IOM's agriculture projects in the southeastern province of Şanlıurfa that provides vulnerable families with an income and brings host and refugee communities together. © IOM 2020/Nadine Al Lahham*

**STORIES: A New Library: Where Syrian and Turkish Families Read and Grow Together**



In the southeastern city of Kilis, an old abandoned building stood in the city center unoccupied and inhabitable for years. IOM in partnership with Kilis Municipality put the building to good use by renovating and converting it into a public library for many communities in the area to enjoy.

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## IOM TURKEY IN THE NEWS

National outlets [Beyaz Gazete](#) and [HaberTürk](#) covered the hot meal distribution by Kilis Municipality which was funded by WFP, GIZ and IOM.

Local outlets [Kent](#), [Kars](#), [Manşet](#), [Haber](#), [Alanya](#), national outlets [Haber Türk](#) and [IHA](#) announced the opening of the IOM-funded Nihat Ferah Culture and Art Center in Kilis.

Local outlets [Urfanatik](#), [İlkha](#) and [Doğru Haber](#) covered the visit of IOM representatives to Viranşehir Governorate.

## PUBLICATIONS





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