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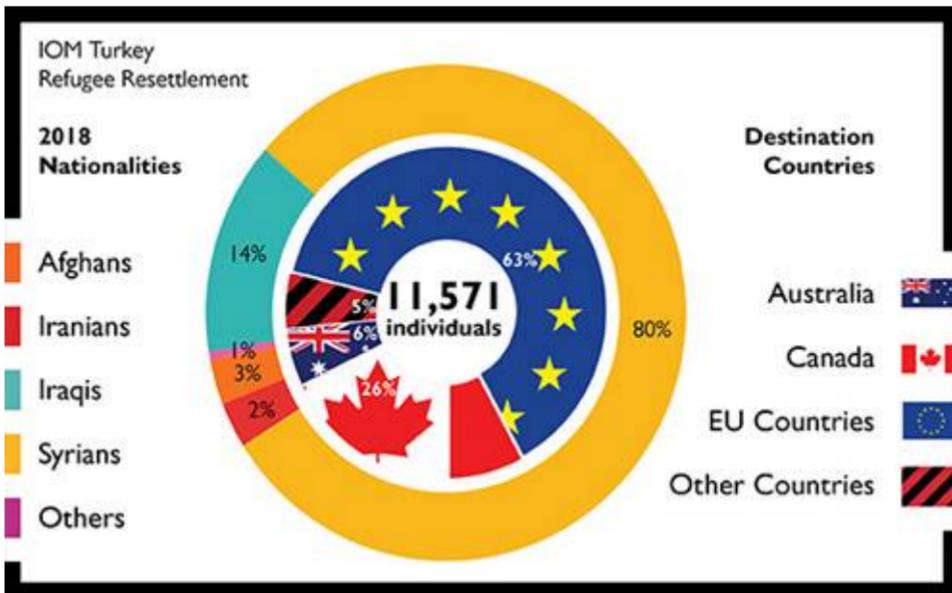
On 14th December in Ankara, IOM hosted a photo exhibition, film screening and panel discussion at the French Institute. ©IOM 2018/Emrah OZESEN

Global Migration Film Festival Events Across Turkey

The Global Migration Film Festival organized globally by IOM, features films and documentaries that capture the promise and challenge of migration and the unique contributions that migrants make to their host communities. IOM Turkey brought films and debate to over 500 people across seven cities in the country. In Ankara, a special photo exhibit, 'Migration with Dignity' and an engaging panel discussion was held at the French Institute. Events were also conducted across the southeastern provinces of Sanliurfa, Hatay and Adana in partnership with cultural, municipal and community centres.

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Resettlement 2018 Year-End Review



Hurriyet Primary School is one of six schools rehabilitated by IOM's Community Stabilization team in 2018.

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Swiss Confederation-funded Adana Metropolitan Municipality Migrant Coordination Centre opened in November to improve migrants' lives and strengthen community ties.

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IOM Turkey hosted a visit by a representative from the Department of State: Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration in Gaziantep in November.

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A group of young Syrian students attending a consultancy session to support their entrepreneurship project at Gaziantep University, ©/Nadine ALLAHAM

UN Agencies Join Up to Provide Opportunities in Turkey

Our Stories

“Opportunities for Lives” was launched on the 19th of November in Istanbul, aiming to provide greater entrepreneurship opportunities for Syrians under temporary protection and Turkish citizens in nine Turkish provinces. IOM will work closely as an implementing partner on this two-year project, led by the International Labour Organization (ILO) under the general coordination of the Turkish Directorate-General for International Labour Force.

Funded by the European Union, “Opportunities for Lives” includes activities to increase economic and social resilience of both groups by strengthening opportunities for labour market integration. IOM will play a main role in delivering vocational, entrepreneurship and awareness trainings and provide business start-up grants and competitions. The nine target provinces include Ankara, Istanbul, Bursa, Konya, Gaziantep, Şanlıurfa, Adana, Mersin and Hatay. With a particular focus on youth and women, the project will partner with public agencies at the central and provincial level, municipalities, workers’ and employers’ organizations.

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Abdelkader:

“Nationalities shouldn’t really matter, all that matters is how we treat each other as humans.”

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SSAFE training helps humanitarian workers increase their personal security awareness and understand measures that can be taken to mitigate risks in hostile environment © IOM

Safe and Secure Approaches in Field Environments (SSAFE)

SSAFE training workshops continued into the final quarter of the year in Gaziantep, combining theoretical sessions, demonstrations, group-work, practical exercises and field simulations to humanitarian staff from organizations working in the region. The training workshop is run by SSAFE Trainers certified by UNDSS and UNSSC that regularly run SSAFE courses across the world.

Training covers eight modules, including United Nations Security Management System (UNSMS); History, Background and Culture of Host Country; Radio Communications; Personal Security; Weapons Awareness; Travel, Convoy and Vehicle Security; Hostage Survival and Incident Management and Basic Life Support. A total of 548 humanitarian staff took part in the training from different United Nations Agencies, Funds, and Programmes by the end of 2018.

Photo of the Month



Film screening of the documentary ‘On the Same Boat’ by director Stefania Muresu in Kirkayak Arts and Culture Centre, Gaziantep - part of the Global Migration Film Festival © IOM 2018/Kelly O’DONOVAN

Featured Videos



Over 500 people attended IOM Turkey’s film festival events across seven cities at cultural, municipal and community centres.

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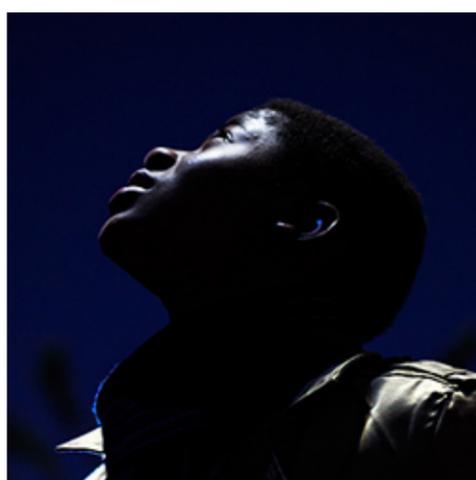


Fatmah:

“The counsellors gave me the information I needed and informed me of my rights, so I knew how to help my granddaughter.”

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ILO and IOM partner to bring greater entrepreneurship opportunities to Syrians across nine provinces in Turkey over two years through the “Opportunities for Lives” project funded by the European Union.

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IOM Turkey in the News

- [Star](#) , [Aksam](#) and [Milliyet](#) quoted Lado Gvilava, IOM Turkey Chief of Mission as saying “The world is witnessing the hospitality of Turkey to Syrians,” during Global Migration Film Festival Events in Ankara.
- [Syria TV](#) interview with IOM Turkey’s Spokesperson Lanna Walsh about the Global Migration Film Festival, migrant stories and using art to talk about migration.
- [NPR](#) reported that in Turkey and across the Middle East and Europe, evangelical Christians are converting Muslim refugees eager to emigrate to the West. The report quoted IOM’s Lanna Walsh.
- [Bianet](#) published IOM announcement that over 1,500 people died or disappeared attempting to cross Mediterranean in 2018.
- [Milliyet](#), [Habertürk](#) and [Konhaber](#) reported on IOM cash cards, distributed as part of winterization efforts in the Hassa district of Hatay.
- [Milliyet](#), [Hurriyet](#) and [Bloomberg HT](#) reported on IOM’s ‘Opportunity for Lives’ project, quoting Lado Gvilava, IOM Turkey Chief of Mission as saying ‘these projects are specifically designed to ensure Syrian participation in the Turkish Labour Market’.
- [Hurriyet](#) and seven other agencies reported on the reopening of Modernevler Primary School in Iskenderun by IOM, attended by Iskenderun Governor İskender Yönden, Mayor Seyfi Dingil and District Director of Education Kemal Köseoğlu.
- [Milliyet](#) and four other news agencies reported on IOM Livelihoods In-Kind Grants activity in the Hassa District of Hatay, quoting IOM officer Pelin Turkalp.

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