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## The PLURAL+ Youth Video Festival 2019 was Promoted All Around Turkey!

The United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC) and the International Organization for Migration (IOM) announced the launch of the PLURAL+ Youth Video Festival 2019 edition inviting young people around the world to submit original and creative videos focusing on the pressing social issues of migration, diversity, social inclusion, and the prevention of xenophobia.

Over the years the competition has received over 370 entries from over 100 countries but very few from Turkey. As Turkey is a country heavily affected by migration issues, IOM Turkey took the lead to spread the message to youth around the country to participate in the competition, so their voices are heard.

The invitation for entries was published in three languages (English, Turkish and Arabic) through local networks and social media channels of IOM Turkey and UN Agencies such as UNFPA, FAO, WFP and UNIC. Universities, colleges and educational institutions also encouraged students to participate.

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The final game of the IOM-supported football tournament was held in Gaziantep. The tournament brought 16 teams consisting of Turkish and Syrian players. The winner received the tournament cup from Gazişehir Gaziantep's players Moussa Sow and Cihat Çelik.

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United Nations Resident Coordinator in Turkey Irena Vojackova-Sollorano visited the IOM Gaziantep office and Burç Warehouse.

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## Safe and Secure Approaches in Field Environments

Since April 2017, IOM in collaboration with UNDSS, has been carrying out Safe and Secure Approaches in Field Environments (SSAFE) Training in Gaziantep. The OCHA-funded programme provides essential security and safety awareness training to all UN and associated personnel operating in areas of high risk. A total of 689 humanitarian staff took part in the trainings to date. During 2019-2020, new improvements included training in Turkish language and using more practical scenarios. Additionally, negotiations with the Turkish Gendarmerie are ongoing and their selected Units are expected to participate in SSAFE training.

## Photo of the Month

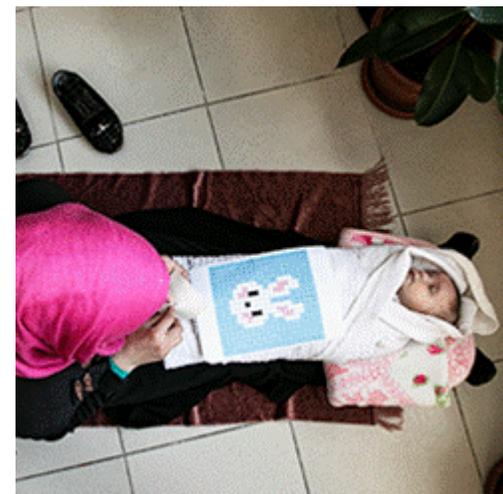


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IOM teams in Adana organized a breakfast event for host and migrant communities before Ramadan. After sharing their meal, they enjoyed the games and activities all day long.

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## Our Stories



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**AMINA:**

"I love the art sessions. I am having fun with the other women. There is a wonderful atmosphere and I was



A teenager from Syria, with special needs, enjoying a group activity -one of the many activities provided by IOM's Mobile Psychosocial Support team- at Insan Community Centre's Court in Şanlıurfa. © IOM April 2019 (Photo: Emrah Özesen).

## IOM Turkey in the News

- An article by Baroness Philippa Stroud titled 'Turkey's Strategy for Dealing with the Syrian Refugee Crisis is an Example to Europe' published on [The Times](#) and Anadolu Agency aired the editorial piece online both in [English](#) and [Turkish](#). In her piece Philippa Stroud stated IOM Turkey as the leading organisation for the distribution of the international aid. National outlets, [Sabah](#), [Akşam](#), [Takvim](#), [Güneş](#) and [Star](#) carried the article to their pages.
- National outlets [HaberTürk](#) and [Yeni Akit](#) covered 18th of the Harmonization Meetings in Van Province mentioning IOM Turkey as the partner organization.
- News agency [IHA](#), national outlets [Habertürk](#), [Yeni Akit](#) and local [Artı49](#) published the final phase of the Harmonization Meetings held in Erzurum, mentioning IOM Turkey as the partner organization of the meetings with DGMM.
- Local papers [Pusulula](#), [YeniHaber](#), [ŞanlıurfaOlay](#), [Konhaber](#), [Memleket](#) used Anadolu Agency's coverage in their pages about the football tournament

able to get out of a depressed mood after my divorce”.

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## Publications



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- [Case Study: Turkey 2017-2018 / Syria Crisis](#)
- [Refugee Response Operations FEB-APR 2019](#)
- [Migrant Governance Profile: The Republic of Turkey 2018](#)

organized by IOM Turkey's Mobile Psycho-Social Support Teams in Gaziantep. [BeyazGazete](#) included the video of the event in their web.

- Local news website, [Nizip Radyo Televizyon](#) posted about the Psychosocial Fast-Breaking Event in Nizip, Gaziantep.

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