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On International Migrants Day, IOM Turkey recognizes the challenges and achievements of 272 million migrants all around the world!

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Setting the Scene

- Global estimates indicate 272 million international migrants in the world in 2020, which equates to 3.5% per cent of the global population (UN DESA).
- Migrant workers account for approximately 64 per cent of the world's international migrant population, with 164 million migrant workers globally (ILO, 2017).
- Before the COVID-19 pandemic, migrants contributed nearly 10 per cent to the Global GDP (IMF, 2020).

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IOM Turkey's Public-Private Partnership Project's kickoff meeting is held. The project supports the Ministry of Family, Labour and Social Services, International Labor Force efforts in promoting local labour market integration.

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In cooperation with Gaziantep University, IOM Turkey has implemented the ENTREGRE-TISA Program which supports Syrian and Turkish entrepreneurs in their tech-based business ideas.

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IOM provides crucial assistance such as hygiene kits, masks, hand sanitizers and detergent in northern Syria to reduce the spread of Covid19.
IOM's new campaign tells stories of migrants

IOM is launching a new campaign, #ItTakesACommunity, that aims to promote more balanced narratives on migration, it brings together stories of the positive impact that migration can have on communities. By highlighting how migrants and their fellow community members are working together to make the places where they live and work more productive, innovative, caring, safe, and welcoming, we can challenge misinformation about migration and build more inclusive communities.

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In 2020 IOM Turkey Resettled 5,121 Migrants and Refugees

As part of its global contribution to migration management, IOM fosters refugee integration through comprehensive resettlement services. IOM Turkey handles resettlement programs for the refugees and migrants to more than 20 countries through specific resettlement services such as Case processing, Health Assessments, Pre-departure Orientation, and Movement. In 2020, EU countries followed by Canada and the US were the countries where the majority of migrants and refugees were resettled. According to the statistics, Iraqis and Afghans were the majority of the nationalities resettled after Syrians.

Employee Spotlight: Oya Erbaş

"We organized an exhibition for the artworks of Traditional Marbling activity participants. It was very fulfilling to see that women were proud of their work and they were happy to share these moments with their family members and friends. Women were confident and proud of what they achieved, and we were happy to have a chance to support them in their journey."

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

Migrants passing through Turkish control point in Edirne on their way to Greece border. ©IOM 2020/Emrah Özesen.

STORIES: Every Challenge is an opportunity
“Throughout the journey, I was holding my children in my arms. My little kid fell to the floor and lost her consciousness, I felt terrible, and I chose not to try anymore because I would lose my kids on the road, not in the war” Fatma said, a Syrian refugee waiting to resettle the Netherlands.

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IOM TURKEY IN THE NEWS

Nationals Anadolu Agency, CNN Türk, Haberler.com Hürriyet and locals Tarsus Akdeniz, Kamu 3 covered the memorandum of understanding signed between IOM Turkey and Mersin Metropolitan Municipality for the establishment of Solar Drying Facility planned to support women from migrant and host communities.
National Sabah covered that IOM Turkey supported Eyyübiye municipality in Şanlıurfa by donating two surface disinfectant vehicles.

Nationals Anadolu Agency, Kanal B and TRT Haber referred the data and information provided by IOM for the International Migrants Day coverage.

National Anadolu Agency, Daily Sabah, Milliyet covered the words of IOM Director General Antonio Vitorino on shared responsibility in migration management.

National Sabah covered that Şanlıurfa Siverek Municipality started the distribution of hygiene kits provided by IOM Turkey within the scope of Community Stabilization activities.

National Anadolu Agency covered the story of Emir, a baby who could hear his mother’s voice for the first time with the hearing device provided by Welthungerhife and IOM Turkey.

National Iha and local Gaziantep Pusula covered the closing ceremony of the TISA Enteggre Project conducted in cooperation with IOM Turkey and the University of Gaziantep.

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