Turkey’s geographical position makes it a first reception and transit country for many refugees and migrants. As the result of an unprecedented influx of people seeking refuge, the country currently hosts over 4 million refugees (out of which 3.6 million are Syrians) and is making commendable efforts to provide them with humanitarian aid and development support. The EU is committed to assisting Turkey in dealing with this challenge.

EU assistance is aimed at supporting refugees who have fled violence in their country, in particular those living outside of camps and in vulnerable situations, while supporting also their host communities in providing access to quality education, health, protection and livelihoods, as well as other local services.

To ensure the coordination, complementarity and efficiency of the assistance, the Facility Steering Committee provides strategic guidance on the type of actions to be financed, with what amount, and through which financing instruments. The Steering Committee is chaired by the European Commission and composed of EU Member State representatives, with Turkey sitting in an advisory capacity. Decisions are taken on the basis of an assessment of needs and following the procedure of the financing instruments mobilised.
CHILDREN benefiting from psychosocial and social cohesion programmes

HUMANITARIAN SUPPORT UNDER THE EU FACILITY

Almost 1,7 million Syrians receiving support for basic daily needs

More than 500,000 refugee children supported to attend school

Over 1,5 million ante-natal consultations delivered

* Source: ECHO factsheet https://ec.europa.eu/echo/where/europe/turkey_en

Over 3.5 million registered Syrian refugees in Turkey

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EDUCATION, HEALTH AND SOCIO-ECONOMIC SUPPORT UNDER THE EU FACILITY

Education Sector

- 4,500 Turkish language teachers employed to give language training to over 250,000 children
- 180 new schools being constructed to respond to education needs
- Over 52,000 students benefitting from catch-up and back-up classes
- Almost 40,000 children benefitting from school transportation

Breakdown of funds per priority area:
- Education: 28%
- Health: 15%
- Humanitarian Assistance: 8%
- Migration Management: 3%
- Socio-economic Support: 46%

Health Sector

- Over 8 million primary healthcare consultations delivered
- 650,000 refugee infants vaccinated
- Provision of 179 migrant health centres under way with over 2,900 staff employed

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