Social Cohesion in Promotion of Economic Prospects Programme

Learning from Social Cohesion Innovators: Promising Practices for Operations and Programming

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Population: Türkiye hosts the world’s largest refugee population for the eighth consecutive year, with just over 4 million refugees and asylum-seekers under temporary and international protection.

POPULATION OF CONCERN as of end 2021*

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>Syrians under temporary protection</td>
<td>3.7 million</td>
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<td>Refugees and asylum-seekers</td>
<td>327,418</td>
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TOP THREE COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN*

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<tr>
<th>Country</th>
<th>Refugees</th>
<th>Asylum-seekers</th>
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<tr>
<td>Syrian Arab Republic</td>
<td>3,737,369</td>
<td>144,376</td>
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<td>Iraq</td>
<td>9,258</td>
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<td>Afghanistan</td>
<td>7,647</td>
<td>133,082</td>
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<td>Iran (Islamic Republic of)</td>
<td>18,933</td>
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*Source: UNHCR 2021 Global Trends Report and UNHCR data finder platform
Projectization and the Failure of SC Activities

Projectization:
- Professional trainees/students (daily fee)
- Concentration in certain regions
- Careless approach to designing Social mixing activities
**Table 32:** To what extent do you agree with the following statements regarding Syrians? (%)

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Statement</th>
<th>Completely disagree</th>
<th>Disagree</th>
<th>Combined disagree</th>
<th>Neither agree nor disagree</th>
<th>Agree</th>
<th>Combined agree</th>
<th>No idea/No response</th>
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<tr>
<td>I am worried that Syrians will become citizens</td>
<td>8.2</td>
<td>7.5</td>
<td>15.8</td>
<td>8.3</td>
<td>37.1</td>
<td>37.2</td>
<td>74.2</td>
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<tr>
<td>I think that Syrians will harm our country’s economy</td>
<td>7.9</td>
<td>8.8</td>
<td>16.7</td>
<td>9.1</td>
<td>43.8</td>
<td>28.5</td>
<td>72.3</td>
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<td>I think that Syrians will harm Turkey’s socio-cultural structure</td>
<td>9.5</td>
<td>9.6</td>
<td>19.0</td>
<td>9.9</td>
<td>43.0</td>
<td>25.1</td>
<td>68.1</td>
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<td>I think that there will be reduction or deterioration in the public services provided by the state because of Syrians</td>
<td>8.1</td>
<td>10.0</td>
<td>18.1</td>
<td>10.9</td>
<td>42.5</td>
<td>25.5</td>
<td>67.9</td>
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<td>I think that Syrians will corrupt Turkish society’s identity</td>
<td>10.4</td>
<td>11.6</td>
<td>22.0</td>
<td>10.2</td>
<td>40.2</td>
<td>25.4</td>
<td>65.6</td>
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<td>I think that Syrians disturb social peace and morality by engaging in violence, theft, smuggling, and prostitution</td>
<td>8.9</td>
<td>10.1</td>
<td>19.1</td>
<td>14.3</td>
<td>38.5</td>
<td>25.1</td>
<td>63.6</td>
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<tr>
<td>I think that Syrians will strip us of our jobs</td>
<td>12.6</td>
<td>12.0</td>
<td>24.7</td>
<td>11.0</td>
<td>39.2</td>
<td>23.4</td>
<td>62.6</td>
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<td>I think that Syrians will harm our society</td>
<td>11.4</td>
<td>11.6</td>
<td>23.1</td>
<td>12.9</td>
<td>40.1</td>
<td>22.3</td>
<td>62.4</td>
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<tr>
<td>I think that Syrians will harm me, my family, my children</td>
<td>21.5</td>
<td>16.7</td>
<td>38.2</td>
<td>14.0</td>
<td>30.8</td>
<td>15.1</td>
<td>45.8</td>
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**Table 43:** Where should Syrians in Turkey live?

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<th>Option</th>
<th>2017</th>
<th>2019</th>
<th>2020</th>
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<tr>
<td>They should definitely be sent back</td>
<td>240</td>
<td>11.5</td>
<td>568</td>
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<tr>
<td>They should be sent to safe zones to be established in Syria to live there</td>
<td>781</td>
<td>37.4</td>
<td>1017</td>
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<td>They should be able to live in any city they want</td>
<td>166</td>
<td>7.9</td>
<td>120</td>
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<td>They should be distributed around Turkey in a balanced way</td>
<td>161</td>
<td>7.7</td>
<td>126</td>
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<tr>
<td>They should only live in camps</td>
<td>587</td>
<td>28.1</td>
<td>341</td>
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<tr>
<td>Special cities should be established for them in Turkey</td>
<td>100</td>
<td>4.8</td>
<td>54</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Other</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>12</td>
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<tr>
<td>Total</td>
<td>2089</td>
<td>100.0</td>
<td>2271</td>
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No idea/No response: 54, 2.6, 45, 2.0, 44, 1.9
Suriyeli Politikası

Türkiye'deki geçici koruma altındaki kayıtlı Suriyeli sayısı 23 Haziran 2021 tarihinde itibarıyla toplam 3 milyon 684 bin 412 kişi oldu.

Cumhurbaşkanı siz olsaydınız Suriyelilerle ilgili aşağıdaki kilerden hangisini yapmayı tercih ederdiniz?

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<tr>
<th>Türkiye Geneli</th>
<th>34,3</th>
<th>58,4</th>
<th>7,3</th>
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<tr>
<td>AK Parti</td>
<td>27,6</td>
<td>64,2</td>
<td>8,2</td>
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<tr>
<td>CHP</td>
<td>50,0</td>
<td>49,0</td>
<td>1,0</td>
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<tr>
<td>HDP</td>
<td>35,2</td>
<td>53,7</td>
<td>11,1</td>
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<td>MHP</td>
<td>29,4</td>
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<td>İYİ Parti</td>
<td>42,4</td>
<td>54,3</td>
<td>3,3</td>
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- **Zorla da olsa ülkesine geri gönderdim.**
- **Suriye ile gerekli temasları sağlamayı ülkelere dönecek koşullarını oluşturmayı sağladım.**
- **Hayatlarını bunandan sonra Türkiye'de geçirmeleri için entegrasyon politikasına ağırlık verirdim.**
1. CONCEPTUALIZATION
   a. Fit the concept into the context and sector
   b. Make SC relevant!

2. A HOLISTIC APPROACH
   1. Multi-component
   2. Step-by-step / gradational

3. A RIGHTS BASED APPROACH
   1. E.g. Decent work
   2. Diversity and Inclusion
“A cohesive society has close social relations, a strong feeling of connectedness/focus on the common good as well as positive state-society relations (core dimensions). These can be strengthened directly by fostering enabling elements, which are positive living conditions for all, equality and human-rights-oriented values, such as tolerance and non-discrimination.”

Reflects consensus on 2 dimensions:

- **Social capital dimension**: vertical and horizontal
- **Equality and human rights dimension**: reducing disparities and divisions within a society, including eradicating social exclusion
PEP Area of Influence

Employment & Skills Development
Access to short- and medium-term skills development and employment measures is enhanced for Syrian refugees and residents of host community.

Entrepreneurship and Start-up Support
Small-scale entrepreneurship and self-employment among Syrian refugees and residents of the host community are enhanced.

Strengthening the Business Environment
Service providers, chambers of industry and commerce and skilled trades and business associations offer market-oriented services for MSMEs.
PEP DEFINITION OF SC

- Individuals and groups from different backgrounds
- are able to earn their living in dignity,
- coming together around and benefiting from inclusive working, learning and business environments
- that promote resilience, respect for diversity and equal access to opportunities
Syrian export experts for TR firms; and Turkish export experts for Syrian owned businesses:

**B2B:**

GTO, DÜNYA GIDA SEKTÖRÜNÜ ÜYELERİYLE BULUŞTURDU

"Kent ekonomisine önemli katkılar sağlayan faaliyetlerine hız kesmeden devam eden Gaziantep Ticaret Odası (GTO), düzenlenen "Food B2B Turkey-Gaziantep" organizasyonu ile 13 ülkeden 37 gıda ithalatçısı firmayı üyeleriyyle buluştu."
**Cooperatives:**  
- Jointly-owned and democratically-controlled enterprises  
- Capacity building and mentorship  
- Language training  
- Soft skills development (teamwork, communication, etc)

**Reverse Mentorship:**  
- Students become mentors!  
- Critical for diversity and inclusion

**+ Business Turkish:**  
Unit 1: Socializing and Networking / İş Dünyasında İletişim  
Unit 2: Important Sectors in Turkey: Türkiye’de Öne Çıkan İş Sektörleri  
Unit 3: Entrepreneurship / Girişimcilik  
Unit 4: Marketing / Pazarlama  
Unit 5: Commerce / Ticaret  
Unit 6: Work Ethics / İş Etği  
Unit 7: Innovation and Change / İnovasyon ve Değişim  
Unit 8: Leadership/ Liderlik
Week 1: Introduction and Rules
Week 2: Communication
Week 3: Experience sharing
Week 4: Discrimination WS
Week 5: WS on emotional regulation
Week 6: Health WS
Week 7: Legal rights WS
Week 8: Entrepreneurship WS
Week 9: Solidarity WS
Week 10: University campus visit
Week 11: Closing and evaluation

“I feel safe here, there is no racism and we are all women. It is important to feel comfortable because we may speak of private issues”

“It was great seeing women standing up for themselves and not keeping silent”

“This program gave me strength and courage!”

“I never had friends before. I learned what friendship was”
Child Marriage and Turkish Law

Objectives:

- To inform participants on
- Children’s rights
- Child marriage as a crime of exploitation
- Effects of child marriage on the emotional and physical state of children
- Institutions and organizations providing support and aid
- 95% report that their awareness on the topic has increased

“I was married off to my cousin when I was 16. We all so this as normal but when I heard about the consequences of early marriage I saw that it was not at all normal. I will never let my daughters live through this”
THANK YOU!