Refugee Crisis and Social Protection In Turkey

Social Protection and Forced Displacement

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Rationale & Context

**Issue:** Since 2011 refugee influx due to conflict in Syria

**As of 02/08/2018:**
- 3,505,532 Syrian people under temporary protection in Turkey.
- 4.33% of Turkey’s total population.
- 228,222 reside in camps.
- 3,278,310 live in cities.
- 1,583,910 children.
Rationale & Context

• Multiple government agencies, NGOs and civil society responding to crisis

• Ministry of Family and Social Policies developed cash programs with the financial support of European Union for the basic needs of refugees.
  – Collaboration with UNICEF, WFP and Turkish Red Crescent
  – Scale-up of existing social assistance system
Design & Implementation

Programs developed for Syrians:

- **Emergency Social Safety Net (ESSN):**
  - Cash transfer (started in December 2017)
  - Support of basic needs of refugees
  - Demographic targeting
  - Monthly $30 payment per person
  - Current Beneficiary Number: 1,186,358 (201,000 HH)
Design & Implementation

Programs for Syrian Refugees

**Conditional Cash Transfers for Refugees**

- Cash transfer (since December 2017).
- Modified CCT for refugee children
- Current Beneficiaries: **320,539** children
- Children in school age from kindergarten through 12th grade are entitled to a payment if they are not absent for **more than 4 days** a month.

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<td>Additional $26 per beneficiary within semi-annual periods (January - September).</td>
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Why we are implementing this programs

- Large refugee population in poor conditions
- EU and International Community support
- Cash transfers effective to support people’s basic needs
- National Systems are built with the flexibility to adapt shocks
- In future cash transfers can be used as incentives for broader social protection measures
Strength of Adaptive Response

What has enabled a fast response:
Strong and adaptive delivery Infrastructure

– Strong and adaptive delivery infrastructure
– The programmes, which has been operating through Integrated Social Assistance Service Information System (ISAS) ensures automation, transparency, full control, accountability and simultaneous automatic registration
– No printed documents are requested from applicants and beneficiaries.
– Online data are obtained from relevant institutions.
Strength of Adaptive Response

• Geographical Coverage
  – Applications can be done in all provinces and subprovinces of Turkey throughout local offices (1001) and TRC Service Centers (18>9)

• Preparedness to shocks and capability to respond quickly

• Experience with responding to large Refugee influxes
Key Challenges and Solutions

- Additional burden on public services
- Language barrier
- Continuity of EU funds
- Registration Problems
### Some Key Statistics

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<td>201,989</td>
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<td>1,186,358</td>
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<td>Total Payment Amounts</td>
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