

Background

- Turkey continues to host the largest number of refugees in the World. Nearly 3.6 million Syrians are under temporary protection across the country – 1,6 million (44%) of whom are children.
- In addition to over 360,000 refugees mainly from Afghanistan, Iraq and Iran of whom approximately 116,000 (32%) are children.
- Despite the significant gains made by the Government of Turkey, the scale of the crisis has put an enormous strain on the country's infrastructure and basic services, particularly in host communities. The needs are particularly acute in the areas of education and child protection.
- According to the Ministry of National Education, over 645,000 Syrian and other refugee children are enrolled in schools across the country as of November 2018. Nevertheless, it is estimated that more than 350,000 Syrian children remain out of school.

CCTE Cash Component

- Conditional Cash Transfer for Education is being implemented by Ministry of Family Labour and Social Services since 2003 and it was always open to applications from foreigners in Turkey.
- Families need to meet the eligibility criteria listed below and the conditionality of the programme which is regular school attendance, in order to receive the payments.
 - o Eligibility criterion are;
 - All members of the family must be registered in Turkey with a valid ID card starting with 99
 - No one in the family must be formally employed at the time of the application and the family must not have any high value or income-generating assets,
 - No member of the family must have social security,
 - The family must have at least one school-going children at the time of application.
- Starting from May 2017, CCTE payments for Syrians and refugees from other nationalities in Turkey are made through Kızılaykart, thanks to the strong partnership of MoFLSS, MoNE, UNICEF and TRC.
- The primary aim of the program is to improve regular school attendance by supporting families with cash assistance and child protection services.
- CCTE for Foreigners in Turkey is funded by ECHO, the Government of Norway and USBPRM.
- CCTE Payments are 35 TL for boys in primary schools, 40 TL for girls in primary schools, 50 TL for boys in high schools, 60 TL for girls in high schools. Also, families receive 100 TL additional payments for each CCTE beneficiary children in September and January to cover their school needs for upcoming school semester.
- The payment amounts are in line with the national CCTE programme. CCTE for Refugees beneficiaries receive the same amounts as Turkish children receive.

CCTE Child Protection Component

The program includes a strategic child protection component through targeted outreach ensuring that the vulnerable refugee children and their families are able to maintain their participation in the cash transfer program and are identified, assessed and, in case of need, referred to complementary child protection services.

Child protection component;

- first identify the children who are registered to CCTE program but missed school more than 4 days in a month thus whose payments are frozen.
- Following the identification process, outreach teams conduct household visit to the families of those children and assess the child protection need behind the absenteeism,
- Depending upon the child protection need and risk level assessed, necessary and complementary internal/external referrals to specialized services are made by child protection outreach teams.

The child protection component aims at;

- increasing access to education and supporting the integration of refugee children and ensuring their protective environment
- to contribute to positive child protection outcomes (reduce the damaging exposure of children to violence, exploitation, abuse and neglect, and family separation)
- to mitigate those child protection risks and violations which are closely inter-wined with economic vulnerabilities, such as child labor, early marriage, physical and emotional violence (caused and exacerbated by excessive parental stress) and family separation

Within the scope of the program, 16 child protection outreach teams located in 15 provinces (each comprised of 3 case workers, 3 interpreters, and 1 case manager, in total 112 outreach team members) actively take part in the field.

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