

Urfa Community Center | Stregthening Survival Skills Of the Displaced People in Şanlıurfa



NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES AT THE URFA COMMUNITY CENTER

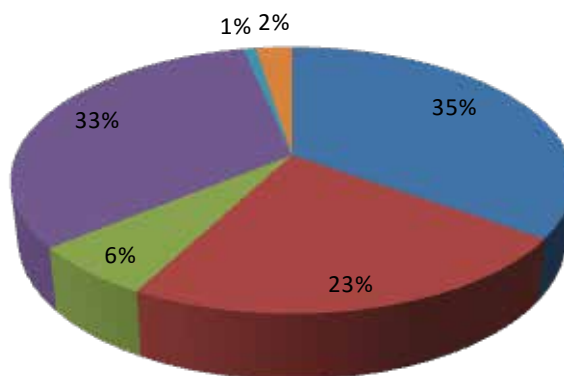
Age Group	Male		Female		Total	
	in numbers	in %	in numbers	in %	in numbers	in %
.0-4	2925	17,43874	2711	18,01449	5475	17,20508
.5-17	5118	30,51332	4650	30,89906	9768	30,69575
.18-59	7800	46,50331	6673	44,34182	14473	45,48111
60 and >	640	3,815656	862	5,727955	1502	4,720005
N.A.	290	1,728969	153	1,016679	443	1,392119
Total	16773	52,70882	15049	47,29118	31822	100%

The main objectives of the IMPR’s Community Center in Urfa to promote the survival skills of the war effected community through improving their livelihood, social integration, reducing the effects of the crisis and ensuring full access of the basic rights and raise awareness among displaced and host communities.

Therefore, IMPR aims to establish a community center to provide quality psychosocial, information & counseling services and improve cohesion of host-refugee relations through outreach and Community Center activities such case management, strong referral mechanism, awareness raising (reproductive health, child labor, basic rights, computing, interview techniques, communication skills, CV), information counseling, mobile information protection points including educational registration, document translation and outreach activities.

At the Urfa Community Center, IMPR has been supporting the refugee community to establish their self-sufficiency by conducting income generating activities, such as production of Syrian handcrafts and/or other services, which may be marketable in Turkey. Also IMPR has created a refugee friendly atmosphere, which can assist refugee children to integrate in the Turkish community easier, such as creative drama, folkloric dance and chess games, etc. In this context 42,538 Syrians has been benefitting from outreach and Community Center activities since September 2013. Recreational and other activities, which has been conducted since October 2014 sector by sector, has stated the following table:

- Psychosocial
- Awareness Raising
- Lifeskills
- Special Event
- Group Counselling
- Intercultural



IMPR also provide mental health/individual psychosocial support to the victims of domestic and sexual violence and guide the victims to receive effective protection from locally available structures. In this context, 137 people has benefitted from Community Center’s individual psychosocial support service.

During the June 2015, 180 Syrians has attended community center’s lifeskills activities. IMPR’s lifeskills activities in Urfa Community Center include Turkish/English language courses, computer and hardware courses as well as hairdresser and sewing courses for Syrian women.



### After Iftar Activities at the Urfa Community Center During to Ramadan

It was honor to welcome the Ramadan in IMPR Urfa CC. As usual, this year IMPR planned after iftar activities during Ramadan. For this reason, before Ramadan started, IMPR conducted Ramadan activity questionnaire to understand what kind of activities the Syrians would like to see after iftar during Ramadan.

The most requested ones, music activities, light contests and religious classes.

Through these activities we found the opportunity to present brotherhood and friendship between people and to give chance the beneficiaries who want to come but they are unable to come CC activities due to fasting to attend night activities with their family members. Everyday, nearly 50 Syrians attended after Iftar activities.

### Refferal and Individual Legal/Social Counselling

IMPR has been providing strong refferal mechanism to 787 individual beneficiaries according to their needs since September 2013. Also IMPR has been conducting individual legal/social counselling to 438 beneficiaries since September 2014 till to end of June 2015.

### Special Needs Fund

IMPR has been supporting the critical needs of highly vulnerable Syrians and host community members through in-kind assistance using the 'Special Needs Fund.' Since January 2014 till to end of June 2015, 1264 individuals has been supported through Special Needs Fund.

### Community Initiative Projects

IMPR has created social value and leave visible influence on the communities through conduct 'Community Initiative Projects' IMPR has been implementing 13 different CIP's since January 2014.

### Child Friendly Space at the Community Center

At the Community Center's child friendly space, IMPR determines weekly subjects according to observations of facilitators and social workers. At the CFS of Community Center, Non-formal education services, psychosocial&recreational activities has been facilitating for Syrian children.



### Awareness Raising Sessions

During the June, IMPR has conducted a awareness raising session on ERW Risk Education to 23 Syrian children.



Women Community Center



GENERAL FIGURES IN TURKEY

SYRIANS AFFECTED BY THE CRISIS	1,772,535
SYRIAN WOMEN AND GIRLS OF REPRODUCTIVE AGE	429,536
SYRIAN PREGNANT WOMEN	31,373
SYRIAN YOUTH	257,722

IMPR Humanitarian believes that every Syrian woman and girl has the right to have access to reproductive health care and be effectively protected from gender-based violence. Therefore IMPR Humanitarian has been providing different services such as recreational activities, case management, reproductive health in Turkey's first Women Community Center for Syrian women, who in protection needs, since March 2015.



**Recreational Activities**

By our life skill activities we aim at enhancing the development of basic skills women need to deal effectively with the challenges in everyday life. By our Psychosocial activities we aim at promoting the women's development and their social relationships with others, re-building routines, increasing self confidence and sense of control over their lives as well.

During the June 2015 IMPR Humanitarian has been opened 1 psychosocial (henna) and 6 lifeskills (English/Turkish, hairdresser, make up, sewing courses) courses targeting 96 Syrian women in Urfa.

**Awareness Raising Sessions**

During the June 2015, 14 raising awareness sessions have conducted targeting 265 Syrian women in Urfa. Through these sessions, we aimed to raise the awareness of targeted beneficiaries around different topics threatening women's lives and health, and limit their future prospects, such as polycystic ovary syndrome, breastfeeding, scabies, AIDS, personal hygiene, healthy and balanced nutrition for the pregnant. Through outreach, IMPR has gave raising awareness on gynecological infections and adolescence health to targeting 72 Syrian women.

**GBV (Gender Based Violence) Awareness Raising Sessions**

During the June 2015, 4 awareness sessions targeting 121 Syrian women in Urfa were organized. The sessions addressed issues such as forced marriages, emotional neglect of children, psychological violence, and violence in schools.

**Reproductive Health Services**

At the women center, women have access to safe access to information, check-up and counseling about reproductive health issues including family planning, antenatal care, postnatal care, breastfeeding. Our Professional doctor and midwife provide a complete range of educational, preventive and support services for women of all ages, and they provide counseling service that helps women create a healthier, happier life for themselves and their families. In this context Interview has been conducted with 139 women by midwife of IMPR Humanitarian. 10 of them are between 5-17 age and 129 of them are between 18-59 age.

**Case Management**

In IMPR's Women Center, Case Management has been conducting since March 2015. In this context 1326 Syrians has registered and counselling sessions/referral mechanism has been conducted according to their needs.

## Strengthening community capacity and coping mechanisms through effective protection services



Population Planning Group:		<Syrian refugees in Şanlıurfa province>					
Age Group	Male		Female		Total		
	in numbers	in %	in numbers	in %	in numbers	in %	
0-4	288	11,52	286	11,44	<b>574</b>	<b>22,96</b>	
5-17	435	17,4	424	16,96	<b>859</b>	<b>34,36</b>	
18-59	488	19,52	521	20,84	<b>1009</b>	<b>40,36</b>	
60 and >	21	0,84	37	1,48	<b>58</b>	<b>2,32</b>	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>1232</b>	<b>49,28</b>	<b>1268</b>	<b>50,72</b>	<b>2500</b>	<b>100,0%</b>	
<b>Major Sites:</b>		<Dedeosman,Osmanli,Yenice,Hayatiharar,Baglarbasi,Akçakale>					

## GENERAL SITUATION

From the beginning of April 2015 and till this moment the protection team is still working with local authorities, national and international organizations in Sanliurfa and Akcakale as well. In the begin of project in Sanliurfa province protection team had a assessment in Urfa to identify which area should be covered as protection. According our assessment, protection team has started in Yenice neighbourhood. Protection team mainly has been working with child marriage issue, information about the services such as schools, hospitals, etc.

IMPR Humanitarian has made interview and its need assessment with 484 families/2500 individuals since April till to end of June. According to analysis 484 of them are Syrian, 1 of them is Iraqi and 1 of them Turkish family

The protection team has prepared and distribute brochures such as early marriage, school information, polio, home care, and family planning, after that protection team's volunteers have started to make focal points and gived to beneficiary rise awareness about those issue in community center, women center and beneficiaries' homes.

On the other hand, case management has been done. During case management, women trafficking, kidnapping, violation at schools and in work places has been identified. In coordination with police department and ministry of social affairs, the identified case has been managed and resulted. On the other during the protection assessment, child labour has been clear issue in Şanlıurfa. Therefore, awareness raising on child protection has been provided to the families with school information in order encourage their access to the education. Other cases has been referred to the community center to get benefit from psychosocial, life skills, and non formal education. The cases related with the child labour is mainly result of the social economic conditions but hugely it is identified that it is result of the lack of information therefore, the leaflet provided has shown great impact on the families and referral has been done with the follow up their registration. On the other hand, family planning sessions were provided with the contraceptive methodology and addresses where they can get benefit for free were

provided as well. Moreover, during the home visit assessment, a lot of cases were identified that they cannot access to the health services therefore, after having coordination with health units, home care services were identified and leaflets prepared. Their access to the home care was being provided.

71 of awareness raising sessions, related general information on child protection, hygiene, family planning and services that Syrians may benefit, were provided to total of 1144 beneficiaries. (M: 368; F:776)

On the other hand, IMPR Humanitarian protection team has made mapping to identify the service providers' work frame and collected whole information related with them. After the mapping protection team has been referred 170 cases to other service providers

In the course of protection April to till the end of June IMPR Humanitarian team has been working Sanliurfa province, however, when refugee influx to Akçakale from Tal-abyad happend, the protection team has changed their schedule to work in Akcakale in June and it's still going on. In the course of developments IMPR Humanitarian protection team were a key element in acquiring and collecting high quality data and reaching all the displaced/vulnerable people in Akcakale. And also IMPR Humanitarian team has met with local authorities about crisis of Tal-ayab such as AFAD, Mayor of Akcakale and municipalities. Since the beginning of the crisis in Akçakale, IMPR Humanitarian protection team has been working to determine needs of displaced people and provide assistance in terms of services and ensure their access to the basic right. In this context, after the need assessment, its report published and shared with NGO's/INGO's and governmental institutions.

Download the Akçakale Assesment Report (English);

<http://imprhumanitarian.org/en/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/IMPR-Humanitarian-Ak%C3%A7akale-Assesment-2262015EN.pdf>



## CONTENTS OF DIGNITY KITS

Bath Soap  
Laundry Soap  
Toothbrush & Toothpaste  
Washing powder  
Comb  
Torch with batteries  
T-shirt  
Towel  
Sanitary Supplies  
Underwear  
Ziploc Bag

In crisis situation in Akçakale showed that specific needs of women and girls, which contain hygiene supplies, became important like whole crisis situations. In this context, after identification of basic and urgent needs of new arrivals, as IMPR Humanitarian we provided the assistance of 3,326 dignity kits – which includes hygiene supplies such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, soap, sanitary pads and underclothes- by support of UNFPA to new arrived women. Dignity kits help to meet women's immediate hygiene needs, freeing them to participate in their daily lives as well as allowing them to spend their money on other needs, such as food for their family. Besides, IMPR distributed 1,000 dignity kits in Batman, 2031 dignity kits in Urfa, and 1500 dignity kits in Mardin.

On the other hand needs assessment conducted by IMPR between 12 June and 17 June 2015 clearly identified one of the largest unmet needs of the newly displaced population was materials specifically targeted for babies, including baby food, diapers, and other materials specifically targeted for babies and newborns. Therefore IMPR's next month's planning distribution will target babies and newborns of newly displaced Syrian refugees in Akcakale and its surrounding areas.

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