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Highlights

- The Conditional Cash Transfer for Education Programme for Refugee Children expanded significantly in 2019, reaching over 562,000 children by year end—a 37% increase over last year.
- More than 680,000 Syrian and other refugee students were enrolled in public schools and temporary education centres across the country, over 11,800 out-of-school children enrolled in the Accelerated Learning Programme and more than 7,500 children benefitted from Turkish language classes.
- Over 255,000 vulnerable refugees, migrants and asylum-seekers—including nearly 200,000 children—accessed protection services across a network of 74 UNICEF-supported spaces and centres.
- More than 94,000 adolescents and young people participated in a range of activities promoting social cohesion, including life skills courses, community action projects and sports events.
- In 2020, additional flexible funding is urgently needed to ensure the continued coverage of essential services for thousands of vulnerable children who remain at high risk of school drop-out, exploitation and abuse.

Situation in Numbers

(UNHCR, 31 December)



1,742,492
children in need

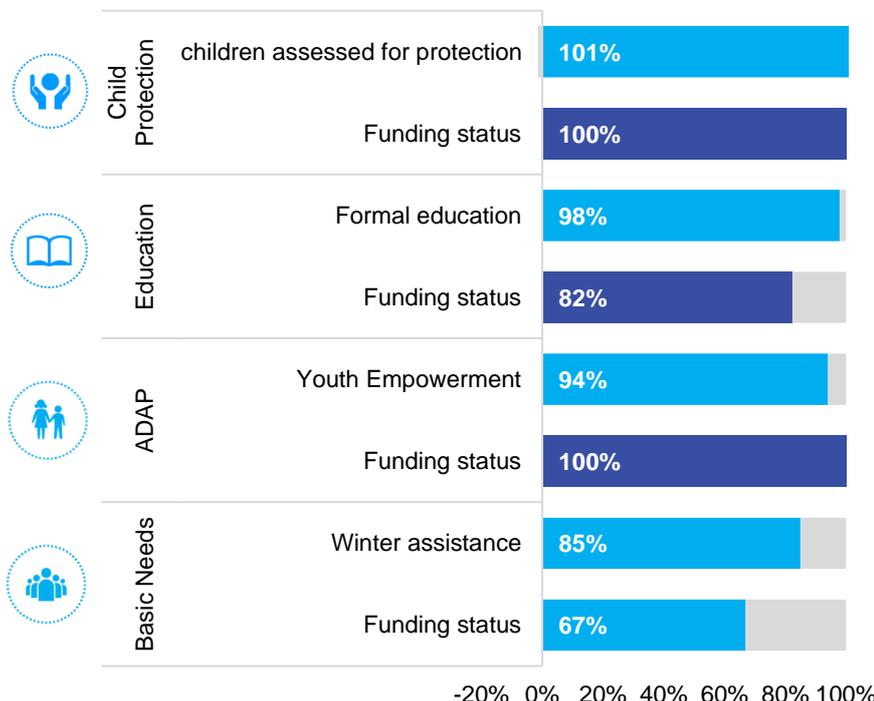


11,591,714
people in need



3,576,659
of registered refugees

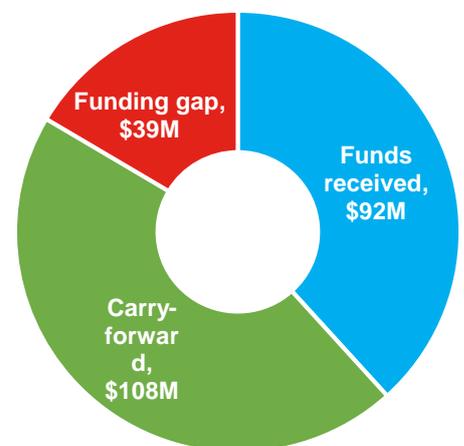
UNICEF's Response and Funding Status



UNICEF Appeal 2019

US\$ 239.4 million

Funding Status (in US\$)



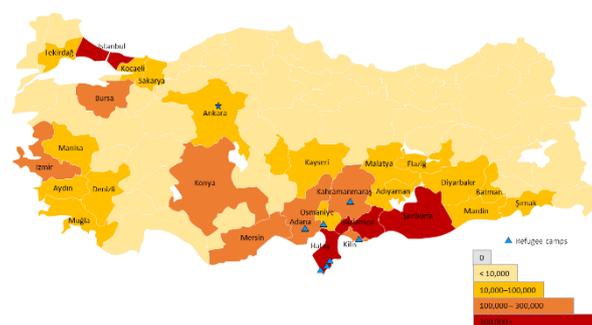
Funding Overview and Partnerships

In 2019, UNICEF Turkey required US \$239.4 million to respond to the needs of 4 million refugees under the framework of the Regional Refugee and Response Plan (3RP). Of this, UNICEF received US \$91.6 million in new funding, with generous contributions from key donors such as the European Union, United States, Germany, Norway and Japan. Together with carry-forward from 2018, this left the humanitarian response with a 16 per cent funding gap. UNICEF also received \$96.8 million in funding for use in 2020. However, this new funding is heavily earmarked and additional flexible funding is urgently needed to ensure the continued coverage of essential services for thousands of vulnerable children who remain at high risk of school drop-out, exploitation and abuse.

Situation Overview & Humanitarian Needs

In 2019, Turkey remained home to the largest registered refugee population in the world, with over four million people. Nearly 3.6 million Syrians—including over 1.6 million children—are under temporary protection, 98% of whom live in host communities. In addition, Turkey remains a leading transit country for unregistered refugees and migrants on the move. In 2019, over 183,000 people—primarily Afghans, Syrians and Iraqis—attempted to cross by sea and land from Turkey into the EU, a nearly 70% increase over 2018. Of these, over 76,000 successfully arrived in Greece and Bulgaria—approximately 37% of whom were children. An additional 60,000 people were rescued or intercepted at sea and nearly 46,000 were apprehended on land.

Syrian Refugees by Province, December 2019



Summary Analysis of Programme Response

Child Protection

UNICEF, the Ministry of Family, Labour and Social Services (MoFLSS) and other partners worked to improve the coverage and quality of child protection systems and services across the continuum of care. More than 255,000 vulnerable refugees, migrants and asylum-seekers—including nearly 200,000 children—accessed protection services across a network of 74 UNICEF-supported child and adolescent friendly spaces and centres. In addition, over 28,000 children were reached with outreach programmes such as the MoFLSS ASDEP Programme and the Conditional Cash Transfer in Education (CCTE) Programme for Refugees. UNICEF also continued provided capacity-building trainings to over 2,000 staff from key ministries, such as MoFLSS, MoYS and the Ministry of Justice, to improve their ability to work with vulnerable refugee children and ensure their rights are protected.

Education

UNICEF worked closely with the Ministry of National Education (MoNE) and other partners to expand access to all forms of education and improve education quality and inclusiveness for vulnerable refugee and Turkish children. By end year, more than 680,000 Syrian and other refugee students were enrolled in Turkish public schools and temporary education centres across the country. In addition, over 11,800 out-of-school children enrolled in the Accelerated Learning Programme (of whom nearly 9,900 were referred to public schools) and more than 7,500 children benefitted from Turkish Language Classes. UNICEF also provided home- and community-based early childhood education to 23,087 Syrian and Turkish children. Education outreach is a critical element in expanding access, and UNICEF conducted a targeted outreach campaign in 24 provinces, referring more than 54,200 children and adolescents to relevant opportunities. UNICEF also provided monthly incentives to 12,293 Syrian volunteer education personnel, who help ensure sustainable, safe and protective learning environments for Syrian children.

Adolescent and Youth Engagement

Under the framework of the “No Lost Generation” strategy, in 2019 UNICEF collaborated with the Ministry of Youth and Sports (MoYS), the MoFLSS and NGO partners to expand opportunities for meaningful engagement and life skills education for Syrian and Turkish adolescents and youth. More than 94,000 adolescents and young people participated in a range of activities promoting social cohesion, including life skills courses, community action projects and sports events. 183 Turkish and Syrian adolescents from UNICEF-supported provincial Child Rights Committees organised the 20th Children’s Forum at the Turkish Grand National Assembly in commemoration of the 30th anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC), where they presented a declaration to members of parliament, key ministries and the Ombudsperson Institution. UNICEF also facilitated the participation of two adolescents to represent Turkey at the UN General Assembly session to mark the 30th anniversary of the CRC.

Social Protection and Basic Needs

In 2019, together with the MoFLSS, local municipalities, civil society and the private sector, UNICEF continued to strengthen existing national systems to ensure vulnerable refugee and Turkish children have increased access to social protection services. The Conditional Cash Transfer for Education (CCTE) Programme for Refugee Children expanded significantly in 2019, reaching over 562,000 children by year end—a 37% increase over last year. In recognition of the unique financial burdens facing vulnerable refugee adolescents, a top-up payment scheme launched in September benefitting 190,000 children in secondary schools as well as those enrolled in the ALP. UNICEF also supported the implementation of the National Plan on Eliminating Child Labour, training 480 labour inspectors, ministry staff and public school teachers on how to better identify and respond to child labour cases. UNICEF also coordinated closely with local authorities to provide one-off, seasonal cash-based assistance to nearly 10,500 of the most vulnerable Syrian and host community households, benefitting almost 51,000 people including nearly 23,300 children.

Health

In collaboration with the Ministry of Health (MoH) UNICEF provided support to Migrant Health Centres throughout the year, supplying 91 Vaccine Tracking System packages, which are designed to monitor on-line logistics and cold chain. UNICEF also supported the MoH to design and develop training programmes on Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF). The IYCF training packages have been completed by the MoH and training will commence in the first quarter of 2020.

Humanitarian Leadership, Coordination and Strategy

The Government of Turkey leads the overall crisis response to Syrians as well as other refugee and migrant groups, supported by the United Nations Country Team under the framework of the Regional Refugee Response (3RP). Leadership of the UN inter-agency response takes place via the Syria Response Group, and technical coordination via the Syria Task Force. UNICEF co-leads the Education Working Group (WG), the Education and Child Protection Sub-WGs, and the South-East Turkey Education and Child Protection WGs, and is an active member of the Durable Solutions WG and WG on Contingency Planning. The scale-up of services and strengthening of national systems remained a top priority in 2019, with efforts being made to enhance the inclusivity and gender sensitivity of coverage and care to reach the most vulnerable children—such as child workers and refugee children with disabilities. UNICEF also continued to strengthen its resilience focus to reflect and sustainably address the protracted, complex nature of the refugee crisis.

Human Interest Stories and External Media

UNICEF produced a range of media content promoting the humanitarian response in Turkey, including [Mobile Child Friendly Unit on the Road](#), [Convention on the rights of the Child turns 30!](#), [Home Based Early Childhood Education Programme](#), [“Love of sports unites”](#) and [Mobile Psychosocial Support Unit](#). In addition, 16 human interest stories were published including [Education Starts at Home](#), [The unbreakable bond of sisterhood](#), [Learning to overcome the trauma of war](#), [Dreams of the Future](#), [From fixing phones to fixing his future](#), [Education is like a golden bracelet](#).

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UNICEF Turkey: <https://www.unicef.org/turkey/en>

UNICEF Syrian Refugees Humanitarian Action for Children: <https://www.unicef.org/appeals/syrianrefugees.html>

Regional Refugee and Resilience Plan (3RP): <http://www.3rpsyriacrisis.org/>

No Lost Generation (NLG) Initiative: <https://www.nolostgeneration.org/>

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Summary of Programme

Sector	Sector Response			UNICEF and IPs		
	2019 target	Total results*	Change since last report ▲▼	2019 target	Total results*	Change since last report ▲▼
Education						
# of children (3-5 years) enrolled in ECCE and pre-primary education	59,280	53,765	▲ 11,559	42,000	53,765 ¹	▲ 11,559
# of children enrolled in formal education (pre-primary-grade 12)	700,000	684,728	▲ 475	700,000	684,728 ²	▲ 475
# of children enrolled in accredited non-formal education	51,278	24,848	▲ 6,189	20,000	21,274 ³	▲ 6,189
# of Syrian teachers and other education personnel receiving incentives	13,000	12,593	0	13,000	12,593 ⁴	0
# of teachers and other education personnel trained	57,799	24,747	▲ 24,747	54,400	24,747 ⁵	▲ 24,747
# of refugee children benefiting from the conditional cash transfer for education	525,000	564,311	▲ 38,383	525,000	562,016 ⁶	▲ 36,088
Child Protection						
# of individuals (men, women and children) benefitting from child protection services in camps and host communities	606,160	705,403	▲ 279,906	150,000	255,297 ¹	▲ 75,406
# of children participating in structured, sustained child protection or psychosocial support programmes	94,900	143,078	▲ 55,224	80,000	129,015 ²	▲ 50,742
# of children assessed for protection needs	121,063	110,761	▲ 29,732	77,000	78,119 ³	▲ 15,124
# of children who are referred to specialized services	36,186	61,087	▲ 23,756	25,000	37,237 ⁴	▲ 8,374
Adolescents & Youth						
# of Syrian and Turkish adolescents and youth engaged in empowerment programmes	112,220			100,000	94,024	▲ 29,796
Basic Needs						
# of persons benefitting from cash-based interventions (including winter support)	1,752,950			60,000	50,932	0
Health						
# of Syrian health care providers (women/men) trained	1,650			1,400	0 ¹	▲ 0

* Results are cumulative January-December 2019. Sector results for some indicators are not yet available.

EDUCATION 1: 26,532 girls and 27,233 boys. The result includes children enrolled in formal, community- and home-based ECE.

EDUCATION 2: 336,722 girls and 348,006 boys.

EDUCATION 3: 10,171 girls and 11,103 boys.

EDUCATION 4: 12,593 (6,698 women, 5,895 men) represents the highest number of education personnel supported in 2019; December result was 12,245 (6,521 women, 5,724 men).

EDUCATION 5: 11,776 female, 12,971 male

EDUCATION 6: 280,112 girls and 281,904 boys. This result represents the cumulative number of children receiving a CCTE payment. Overachievement is due to a larger than anticipated increase in the number of refugee children enrolled in formal education; UNICEF and the Government of Turkey are in discussions to revise the target for 2020 accordingly.

CHILD PROTECTION 1: 129,464 female, 125,833 male. High achievement under this indicator is due to larger than expected caseload, as well as the strengthened capacity of partners to process individual cases.

CHILD PROTECTION 2: 63,066 girls, 65,949 boys.

CHILD PROTECTION 3: 37,336 girls, 40,783 boys.

CHILD PROTECTION 4: 16,458 girls, 20,815 boys. High achievement under this indicator is due to larger than expected caseload, as well as the strengthened capacity of partners to process individual cases.

ADOLESCENTS & YOUTH 1: (44,930 boys, 49,094 girls)

BASIC NEEDS 1: Results are for the completed 2018-2019 winter season. Activities for the 2019 - 2020 winter programme are being implemented targeting a total of 2,000 households in Hatay Province

HEALTH 1: UNICEF is currently in discussions with MoH and WHO to plan and schedule trainings.

Annex B

Funding Status*

Sector	Requirements	Funds available		Funding gap	
		Received Current Year	Carry-Over	\$	%
Education	203,371,573	71,836,080	92,634,829.28	38,900,664	19%
Child Protection	32,000,000	18,540,274	15,201,692	-1,741,966	0%
Basic Needs	3,000,000	1,154,201	404,775	1,441,024	48%
Health	1,000,000	135,873	35,922	828,205	83%
Total	239,371,573	91,666,427	108,277,218	39,427,928	16%
Re-Phased to 2020			96,895,920		

* As defined in the 2019 3RP Appeal for a period of 12 months