



COMMUNICATION ON ENGAGEMENT by Association for Solidarity with Asylum Seekers and Migrants

**Period covered by this COE
2016 - 2017**

Ten Principles

Human Rights

Principle 1: Businesses should support and respect the protection of internationally proclaimed human rights; and

Principle 2: make sure that they are not complicit in human rights abuses.

Labour

Principle 3: Businesses should uphold the freedom of association and the effective recognition of the right to collective bargaining;

Principle 4: the elimination of all forms of forced and compulsory labour;

Principle 5: the effective abolition of child labour; and

Principle 6: the elimination of discrimination in respect of employment and occupation.

Environment

Principle 7: Businesses should support a precautionary approach to environmental challenges;

Principle 8: undertake initiatives to promote greater environmental responsibility; and

Principle 9: encourage the development and diffusion of environmentally friendly technologies.

Anti-Corruption

Principle 10: Businesses should work against corruption in all its forms, including extortion and bribery.

About ASAM

Association for Solidarity with Asylum Seekers and Migrants (ASAM) was established on December 22, 1995 in Ankara as a non-profit and non-governmental organization.

The primary objective of ASAM is to generate solutions to the problems that refugees and asylum-seekers encounter in Turkey, to assist them in meeting their basic needs and to support them in reaching the basic rights and services.

Since its establishment, ASAM has been providing psychosocial support for asylum-seekers and refugees coming from conflict zones.

Besides, ASAM also aims to attract the attention of the relevant authorities to the problems of refugees and asylum-seekers by conducting awareness raising activities.

Statement of Continued Support

11.04.2018

Ankara

To our stakeholders,

I am pleased to confirm that Association for Solidarity with Asylum Seekers and Migrants reaffirms its support to the United Nations Global Compact and its Ten Principles in the areas of Human Rights, Labour, Environment and Anti-Corruption. This is our Communication on Engagement with the United Nations Global Compact. We welcome feedback on its contents.

In this Communication of Engagement, we describe the actions that our organization has taken to support the UN Global Compact and its Principles as suggested for an organization like ours. We also commit to sharing this information with our stakeholders using our primary channels of communication.

Sincerely yours,



İbrahim Vurgun Kavlak
General Coordinator



2016 ANNUAL REPORT

*"Turkey hosts 2,834,441 Syrians
under temporary protection and
327,404 non-Syrians
under international protection."*

"ASAM registered 77,356 individuals in 2016."

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Operational Context

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In 2016, seasonal trends or any pull factor that attracts groups or individuals (reach to Europe) have not been observed and the daily registered number of people relatively stayed stable comparing to 2014 and 2015 even after the Mosul Operation in Iraq. The number of registered newcomer asylum seekers was 77,356.

The Law on Foreigners and International Protection entered into force for more than two years but the implementation regulation has been recently published in March 2016. The implementation regulation is expected to provide standardization of the implementation of the Law in this area. While the regulation provides the criteria for the identification of the specific needs, it gives that responsibility to the Governorates without further details. This uncertainty reflects on the ground as not activating social insurance after the registration of the newcomers or deactivating the insurance without conducting any assessment regarding the financial situation of the IP applicants

Protection

ASAM, operational with 42 offices and centers in 49 provinces has been conducting case management for refugees and asylum seekers with urgent needs and vulnerabilities. Mobile counseling teams and outreach teams work for needs/vulnerability identification reaching individuals whose access to services is limited due to various reasons.

Needs Assessment Project has conducted 2,713 house visits with 5 mobile teams to reach vulnerable cases in 66 provinces for vulnerability and needs identification through UNHCR regular and one-time cash assistance.

“ASAM has reached to approximately 453,547 Syrian and Non-Syrian individuals; 16% of individuals appealing to ASAM for support is Non-Syrians under international protection.”

“130 Bar Association members were trained by ASAM on strengthening legal aid mechanisms for refugees.”

Education

ASAM has provided educational courses and workshops in addition to counselling on school enrollments to refugees and asylum seekers. Approximately 11,000 individuals participated to language, life-skill courses and workshops.

“Approximately 11,000 individuals participated to language and life-skill courses.”

“Approximately 4,000 families were provided with counselling on access to educational rights and services.”

Basic Needs

ASAM has supported refugees and asylum seekers for core relief items, hygiene kits, dignity and maternity kits, e-voucher, cash assistance through assessments and distributions with mobile teams and via offices/centers. In 2015 87,642 individuals benefitted from core relief item distribution. 78,000 households benefitted from e-voucher card distribution through winterization programme.

“81,625 e-voucher needs assessments were conducted in 45 provinces, and 78,000 individuals benefitted from e-voucher and PTT cards.”

Health

Through 42 field offices, multi service support centers and child and family support centers counselling on access to health rights and services has been provided. In total 16,800 individuals benefitted from health counselling.

“16,800 individuals benefitted from health counselling and 8,400 individuals were referred to hospitals.”

ASAM's Projects of 2016

- *Refugee Protection, Community Outreach and Solutions in Urban Areas supported by **UNHCR***
- *Integrated assistance for urban Syrian refugees by **BPRM** in İstanbul, Sakarya and İzmir*
- *Creating a protective environment for vulnerable children and families in urban areas and emergency assistance to children and families on the move supported by **UNICEF***
- *Strengthening social cohesion between Syrian refugees and host communities – Multi-Service Centers by **GIZ***
- *Gaziantep Peace and Art Center by **GIZ***
- *Mediterranean Bridge 2015: A Link between Civil Societies of Turkey and Italy by **Central Finance and Contracts Unit***
- *Migration Network in Europe and Turkey Project: Civil Society Dialogue between EU and Turkey by **Central Finance and Contracts Unit***
- *REFWORK: A Comprehensive Approach to Working with Refugees by **British Embassy***
- *Assessment of Livelihood Opportunities of Syrians by **World Bank***
- *Enhancing the Protection Mechanisms for International Protection Applicants in Turkey by **EU-IcSP***
- *Education Campus for Syrian refugees by **BPRM***
- *Supportmen by **IOM***
- *Special Needs Fund by **IOM***
- *Women and Girls Safe Space by **UNFPA***
- *Support Syrian & non-Syrians PwD through MUDEM by **Handicap International***
- *The Needs Assessment of Syrian Women and Girls Under Temporary Protection Status by **UN Women***
- *Update Partners by **British Embassy***



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ASAM WITH NUMBERS

453.547

individuals have been identified through centers/offices and mobile/outreach teams.



Children
174.012



Women
120.988



209.450

individuals benefited from counselling services.



81.625

households assessed for winterization assistance.



87.642

individuals benefited from core relief items.



37.837



individuals attended to social cohesion and PSS activities.



78.000



household received cash and vouchers under winter assistance programs.





2017 ANNUAL REPORT

*"Turkey hosts 3.424.237 Syrians
under temporary protection and
364.822 non-Syrians
under international protection."*

"ASAM registered 125.086 individuals in 2017."

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As the Syria Crisis enters its 7th year, Turkey is home to 3.424.237 Syrians **under temporary protection**. Hosting the largest refugee population in the world. Only 228.251 (about 7%) of Syrian refugees live in the 21 camps in provinces along the Syrian border, while 93% reside in host communities mostly in the southeast of the country like Gaziantep, Hatay, Şanlıurfa, Kilis and Adana, but also increasingly in İstanbul, İzmir, Ankara, Bursa, Konya, Kayseri and transit cities in the north and west.

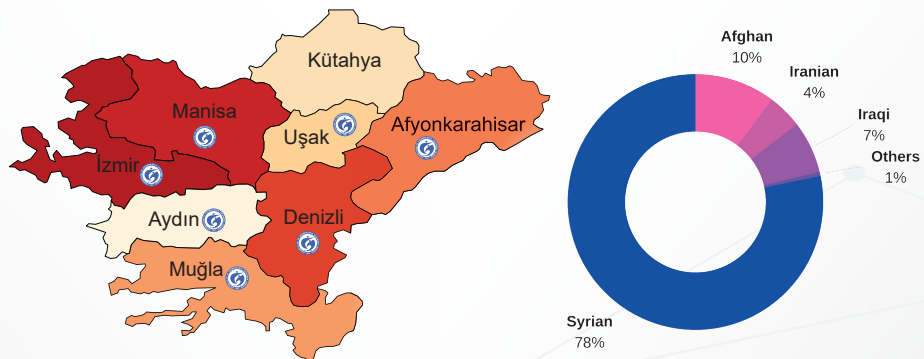
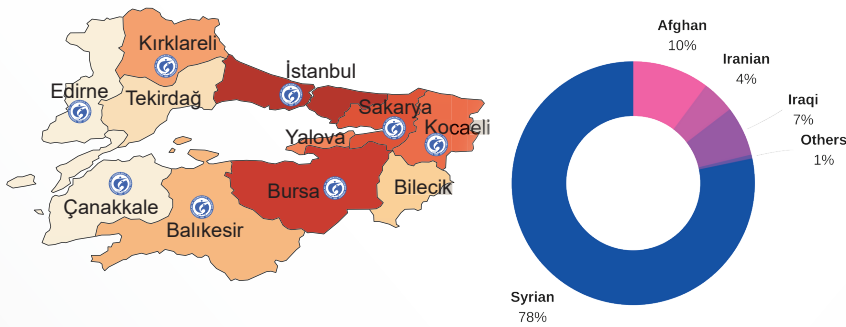
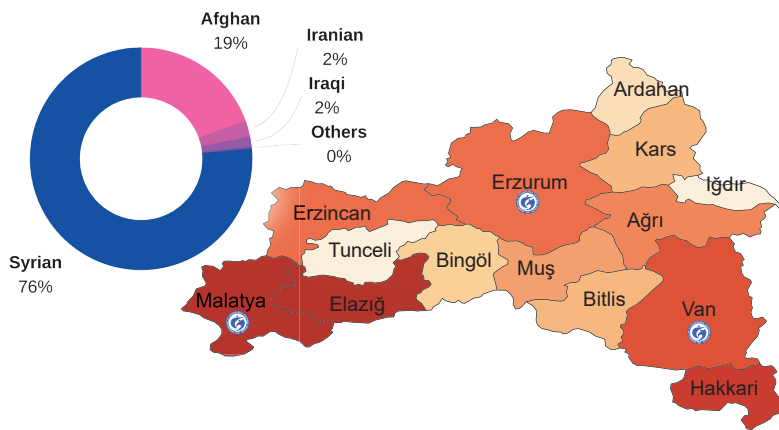
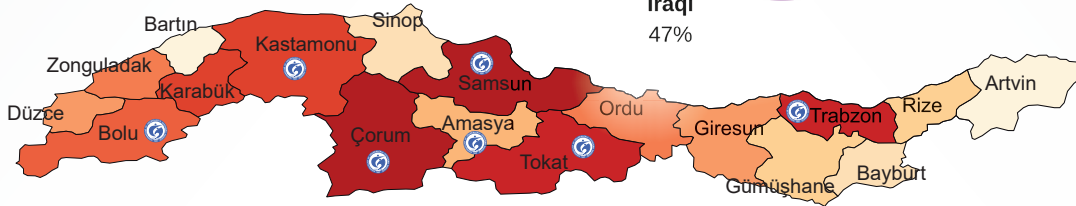
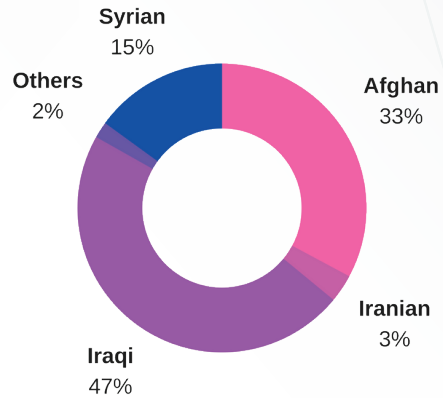
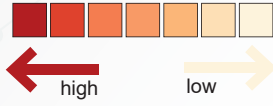
As of December 2017 Turkey hosts 364.822 non-Syrians **under international protection** which shows an increasing trend in terms of newcomers' registration conducted by ASAM on behalf of UNHCR Turkey with up to 62% compared to 2016.

The Ministry of National Education (MoNE) published a circular in January 2017 prohibiting NGO's, INGO's to conduct educational activities without a protocol signed with the Ministry at the central level. The circular affected the services provided by NGOs and INGOs in the educational sector especially in terms of organising language courses which aims at lifting the language barrier between the refugee and host community and boost their self-sufficiency.

Moreover, the Ministry of Family and Social Policies (MoFSP) has sustained its mandate in protection related interventions including outreach activities, household visits and case management excluding NGO intervention. This has already affected the working environment and funding NGOs working in the field. MoFSP's policy is expected to be more stringent in 2018.

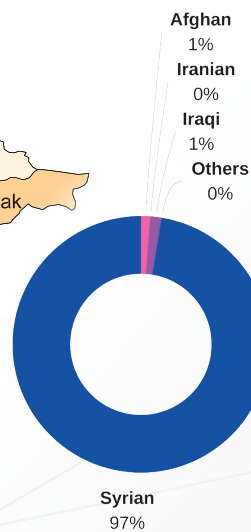
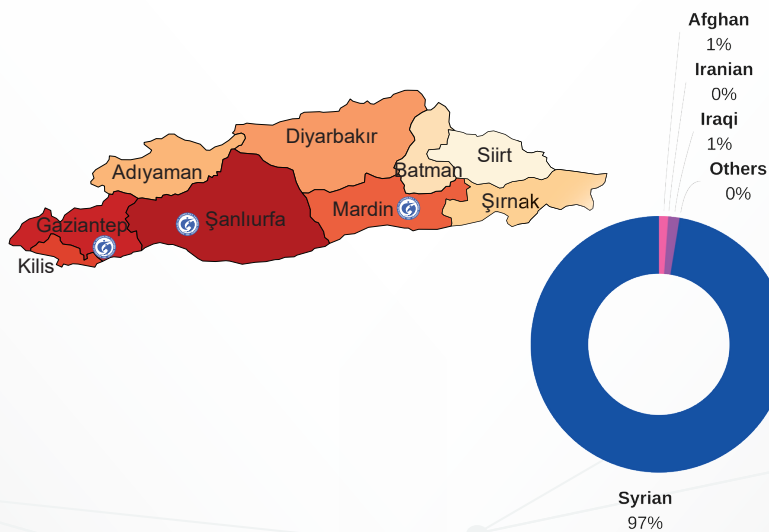
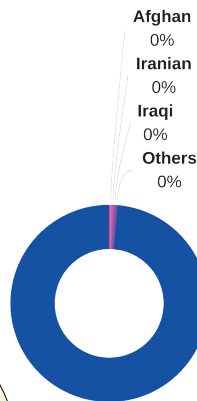
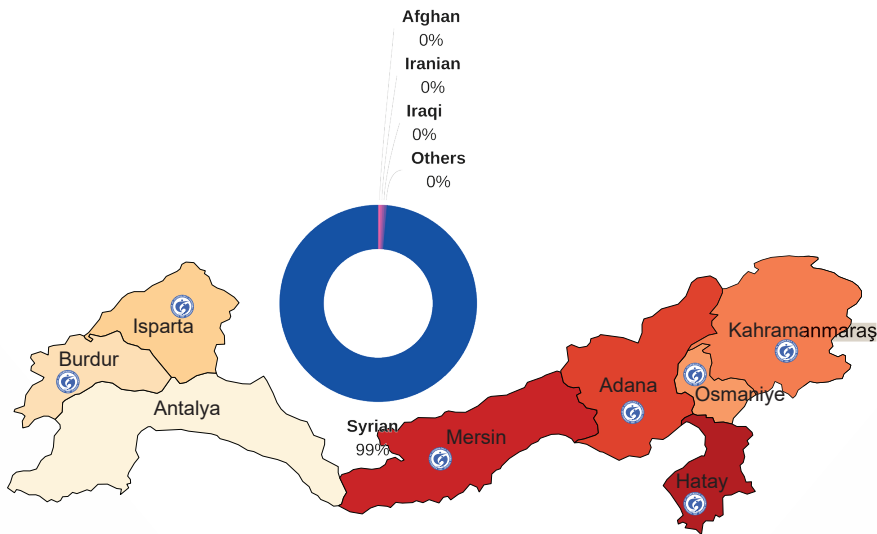
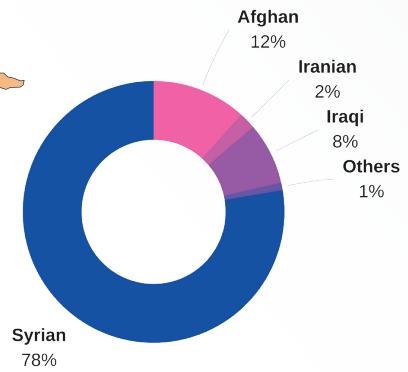
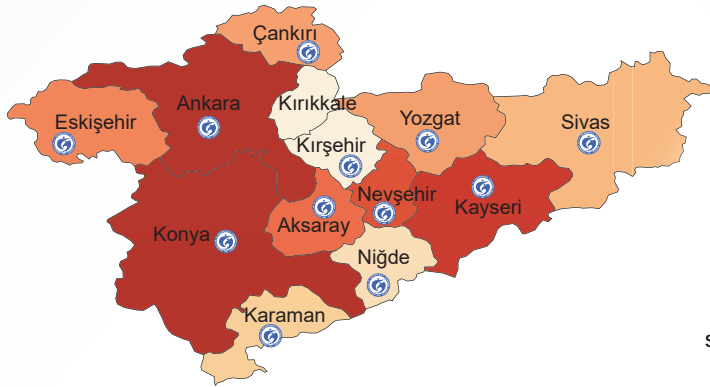
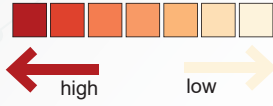
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ANNUAL REPORT 2017 SECTORAL CONTRIBUTION

ASAM IMPLEMENTED FIVE RESEARCH PROJECTS SUPPORTED BY
UN WOMEN, BRITISH EMBASSY AND WORLD BANK.

PROTECTION

In protection sector ASAM implemented ten projects supported by UNHCR, UNICEF, UNFPA, EU, BPRM, GIZ, NRC and Handicap International.

"Mobile Teams completed missions in 57 cities and 3.146 housevisits were conducted. Needs of Non-Syrians were assessed via face to face interviews."

"650 individuals were referred to Bar Associations for legal assistance."

"110 Bar Association members were trained by ASAM on strengthening legal aid mechanisms for refugees."

ASAM, operational with 80 offices and centers in 49 provinces conducts case management and case work for refugees and asylum seekers with specific needs. Mobile counseling teams and outreach teams identify persons with specific needs and limited access to service providers due to the lack of knowledge or other challenges such as disability, language barrier, financial difficulties, cultural norms, etc.

In the 3RP, ASAM's contribution is 18% to all protection services conducted around Turkey. In total 512.743 SuTP benefited from ASAM protection services in 2017. 173.670 children were referred to external and internal services. 31.148 Syrians benefited from legal aid, legal support and assistance. 19.487 survivors of GBV were identified and referred to local authorities and supported through material assistance.

"ASAM has reached approximately 650.000 Syrian and Non-Syrian individuals; 12% of individuals appealing to ASAM for support are Non-Syrians under international protection."

EDUCATION

"Approximately 9.000 children were referred to schools for enrollment and 7.500 families were informed about access to education."

"5.500 individuals were referred to Conditional Cash Transfer for Education (CCTE)."

ASAM has suspended its educational activities in June 2017 however counselling on school enrollments and financial assistances (UNHCR Higher Education Scholarship, CCTE etc.) have continued. In coordination with MoNE and Public Education Centers (PEC), enrollment in catch-up classes and Turkish language courses have been provided as well. ASAM's contribution is around 3%.



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SECTORAL CONTRIBUTION

BASIC NEEDS

In basic needs sector, ASAM implemented three projects supported by UNHCR, UNICEF and UNFPA.

"150.130 items were delivered to apprehended/rescued children and families including food packs, anoraks, water, blanket, hygiene kits, etc."

ASAM supports refugees and asylum seekers through core relief items, e-voucher and cash assistance via mobile teams, offices and centers. In 2017, 75.961 individuals benefited from core relief item distribution, 63.831 individuals were provided with hygiene kits, dignity kits, sanitary items, and maternity kits. 23.889 individuals were referred to ESSN.

LIVELIHOODS

In livelihoods sector, ASAM implemented four projects supported by UN Women, UNHCR, GIZ and BPRM.

"942 individuals benefited from vocational and/or technical courses in 2017."

"4.345 individuals participated in life-skills trainings."

Sada Women Empowerment and Solidarity Center in Gaziantep, and Life Skills Development Centers in Adana and Istanbul have been providing services and counselling on livelihood opportunities and refer refugees and asylum seekers to vocational and educational courses in cooperation with PECs and Municipalities.

HEALTH

In health sector, ASAM implemented three projects supported by WHO, UNHCR and UNFPA.

"38.561 individuals benefited from health counselling and 19.231 individuals were referred to hospitals."

Refugee Health Training Centers in Ankara, Mersin, Hatay, and İzmir have been operational since April 2017 in coordination with the Ministry of Health. In the Centers, both Turkish and Syrian medical staff are providing services while these centers assist Syrian medical staff to integrate in the Turkish health sector. Centers provide first step health services and referrals to the hospitals while ASAM Staff identify and follow up the persons with specific needs for further protection interventions.



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ASAM WITH NUMBERS

643.346

individuals have been identified through centers/offices and mobile/outreach teams.



Children
295.490



+78%

Women
205.449



460.678

individuals benefited from counselling services.



104.700

families have been referred to external services.



124.857

households assessed for winterization assistance.



63.831

individuals benefited from hygiene kits, dignity kits, sanitary items and maternity kits.



171.782

items were distributed to families and children on the move.

23.221



individuals benefited from emergency cash assistance.

38.968



individuals attended to social cohesion and PSS activities.

69.723



household received cash and vouchers under winter assistance programs.

87.783



individuals benefited from core relief items.

most common vulnerabilities identified



.18%
SGBV individuals



.1%
LGBTI refugees



.16%
women at risk



.24%
children at risk



.24%
individuals with chronic/
critical diseases



.12%
individuals with mental/
physical disabilities

have been identified.



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