

**Nour Akram  
Participant**

"I applied for the training programme online. After being accepted, I immediately attended the training. We received entrepreneurship training for four days. Our teacher helped us a lot on how to develop a project, what should be considered, and what entrepreneurship is. These were the best 4 days in my life."



**Buğçe Ağca  
Participant**

"During the training, we met young Syrian entrepreneurs. We have a WhatsApp group that we are still in touch. We met people from different cultures who want to start their lives from scratch, who have hope, who are entrepreneurs like us. We are aware that woman in particular, go through very difficult times due to immigration and asylum. With this project, we are very happy that they now have an access to a fund where they can express themselves."



**Hüseyin Uğur Gültekin  
Youth Leader**

"Our events help Syrian youth to adapt to Turkish society by reducing the trauma they experienced during the war. Especially young people with war wounds started to feel better with this project and started to express themselves better. The project also enabled Turkish youth to understand them."



**Improving the Social Cohesion Level of Syrian and Turkish Youth**

- ▶ To reduce the risks of social problems, the project organized trainings with the participation of **98 youth center staff and young volunteers**. The interactive 5-day training includes ice breakers, "rights based approach and human rights", "conflict analysis", "communication and conflict handling styles", "theory of change", "identifying bridges and barriers", etc.
- ▶ After the completion of the training programme, the staff and volunteers, organized **Social Cohesion Festivals** in **Ankara, Bursa, Kocaeli, İstanbul** and **Şanlıurfa**.

**513 Syrian and Turkish youth participated in Social Cohesion Festivals**

- ▶ **In Ankara**, the festival took place for 2 days. **105** Syrian and Turkish youth spent their first day with folklore shows, handicrafts, football and volleyball games as well as, archery. The second day was allocated for designing and painting a village school in Gölbaşı District.
- ▶ **In İstanbul**, **131** Syrian and Turkish youth attended a 3-day festival, received glass painting lesson, played football and spent their time together for a day in an extreme park.
- ▶ **In Bursa**, **112** Syrian and Turkish youth visited Syrian families in need and provided information on emergency procedures. In addition, they enjoyed the festival through handicrafts and sports activities as well as archery, and a day in the extreme park.
- ▶ **In Kocaeli** and **Şanlıurfa**, the festival took place for 1 day each, with different handicraft stations. **79 youth** attended the organization in Şanlıurfa and **86 youth** attended the festival in Kocaeli.

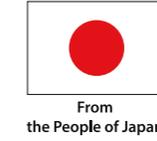


**Specific SDG Targets That the Project Contribute the Most Are**

- ▶ **SDG 4.4** By 2030, substantially increase the number of youth and adults who have relevant skills, including technical and vocational skills, for employment, decent jobs and entrepreneurship
- ▶ **SDG 8.6** By 2020, substantially reduce the proportion of youth not in employment, education or training

|                  | ICT Training             | Entrepreneurship Trainings | Mentorship & In-kind Grants |
|------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Female (Syrian)  | 48                       | 34                         | 15                          |
| Male (Syrian)    | 54                       | 42                         | 18                          |
| Female (Turkish) | 82                       | 53                         | 22                          |
| Male (Turkish)   | 64                       | 26                         | 15                          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>     | <b>248</b>               | <b>155</b>                 | <b>70</b>                   |
|                  | Social Cohesion Training | Social Cohesion Festivals  | Volunteering                |
| Female (Syrian)  | 11                       | 144                        | 113                         |
| Male (Syrian)    | 10                       | 109                        | 47                          |
| Female (Turkish) | 50                       | 159                        | 166                         |
| Male (Turkish)   | 27                       | 101                        | 80                          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>     | <b>98</b>                | <b>513</b>                 | <b>406</b>                  |

**Within the scope of all activities, the project reached out to 1490 Syrian and Turkish youth.**



**EMPLOYABILITY, ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND SOCIAL COHESION FOR SYRIAN AND TURKISH YOUTH - IN RESPONSE TO THE SYRIA CRISIS**



## Employability, Entrepreneurship and Social Cohesion for Syrian and Turkish Youth - in Response to the Syria Crisis

“Employability, Entrepreneurship and Social Cohesion for Syrian and Turkish Youth - in response to the Syria Crisis” Project is funded by the Government of Japan and is a part of UNDP’s action on Syria Crisis Response and Resilience Portfolio. The project has been developed as complementary to the efforts of the Government of Turkey and other partners and it is also fully aligned with the country-specific needs. The Ministry of Youth and Sports (MoYS) is the implementing partner of the Project as the leading institution to referring to the needs of youth in Turkey. These efforts in response to the Syria crisis have helped all partners and decision-makers to look beyond in three main areas: **employability, entrepreneurship and social cohesion.**

### In the scope of the project;

- ▶ Young people’s skills regarding to the Information and Communication Technologies were increased through trainings,
- ▶ Socio-economic cohesion of Syrian and Turkish youth was supported,
- ▶ Entrepreneurship trainings, in-kind grants and mentorship support enabled young people to start their business ideas and scale up their existing business.



## Key Achievements:

### Increasing Technical and ICT Skills of Syrian and Turkish Youth

- ▶ The 36-hour training sessions were delivered at youth centers in Ankara, Bursa, Kocaeli, İstanbul and Şanlıurfa;

- **Mobile Application Development Training**
- **WordPress Website Development Training**
- **Design Thinking Training**
- **CCNA (Cisco Certified Network Associate) Training**

- ▶ A total of **248 participants** aged 15-29, including **137 young women** completed the training.
- ▶ **Computer laboratories in 30 MoYS Youth Centers in 9 provinces** were renewed/established.
- ▶ **Laboratory equipment supplied:** Desktop computers, laptops, 3D printers, color printers, projectors and projection screens, smart boards and security cameras.
- ▶ 72 youth attended the 3-day Technology Hackathon named **“Innovative Solutions for Social Cohesion”** and developed ideas and even technological products to foster social cohesion between Turkish and Syrian communities with subtitles of volunteering, sports, employability and education. They presented their projects to the jury and the first three ranks were rewarded.



### Increasing Syrian and Turkish Youth’s Access to Employment and Entrepreneurship

- ▶ **Young people participating in the Entrepreneurship Trainings** gained extensive knowledge in the fields of business proposals writing, budgeting, marketing and customer service. Complementary to these trainings, a mentorship programme was developed and in-kind grants were provided to entrepreneurs with a feasible business plan to establish or scale up their businesses.
- ▶ **155 youth** from Ankara, Bursa, Kocaeli, İstanbul and Şanlıurfa benefitted from the 32-hour entrepreneurship trainings.
- ▶ **70 youth** were supported through in-kind grants and mentorship programme, attended **210 mentorship** sessions and received **40.000 TRY/per youth** in-kind grants.
- ▶ **39** Syrian and Turkish youth attended to **“Creative Thinking and Entrepreneurship Workshop”** to further discuss their business ideas with professional consultants.
- ▶ The project hosted **84 young entrepreneurs** at the Start-up Weekend with the theme of **“Young Entrepreneurs Against Climate Crisis and Disasters”**. Within two days, the youth developed solutions to environmental problems; one of the most significant issues of our time, presented them to the jury, and the first three ranks were rewarded.



- ▶ **8 volunteering activities** were organized in Ankara, Bursa, Kocaeli, İstanbul and Şanlıurfa provinces with the participation of **286 youth**. Turkish and Syrian youth planted trees and roses, made water and food bowls for animals, visited animal shelters, built a library and painted a village school together.
- ▶ **120 people** attending the **Volunteering Webinar** have gained extensive knowledge and got inspired on the works of the project and other stakeholders working on volunteering.

