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1 NO POVERTY
End poverty in all its forms everywhere



2 ZERO HUNGER
End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture




3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING
Ensure healthy lives and promote well being for all at all ages



4 QUALITY EDUCATION
Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all



5 GENDER EQUALITY
Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls



6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION
Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all



7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY
Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all



8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH
Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all



9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE
Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation



10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES
Reduce inequality within and among countries



11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES
Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable



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Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns



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Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts



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Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development



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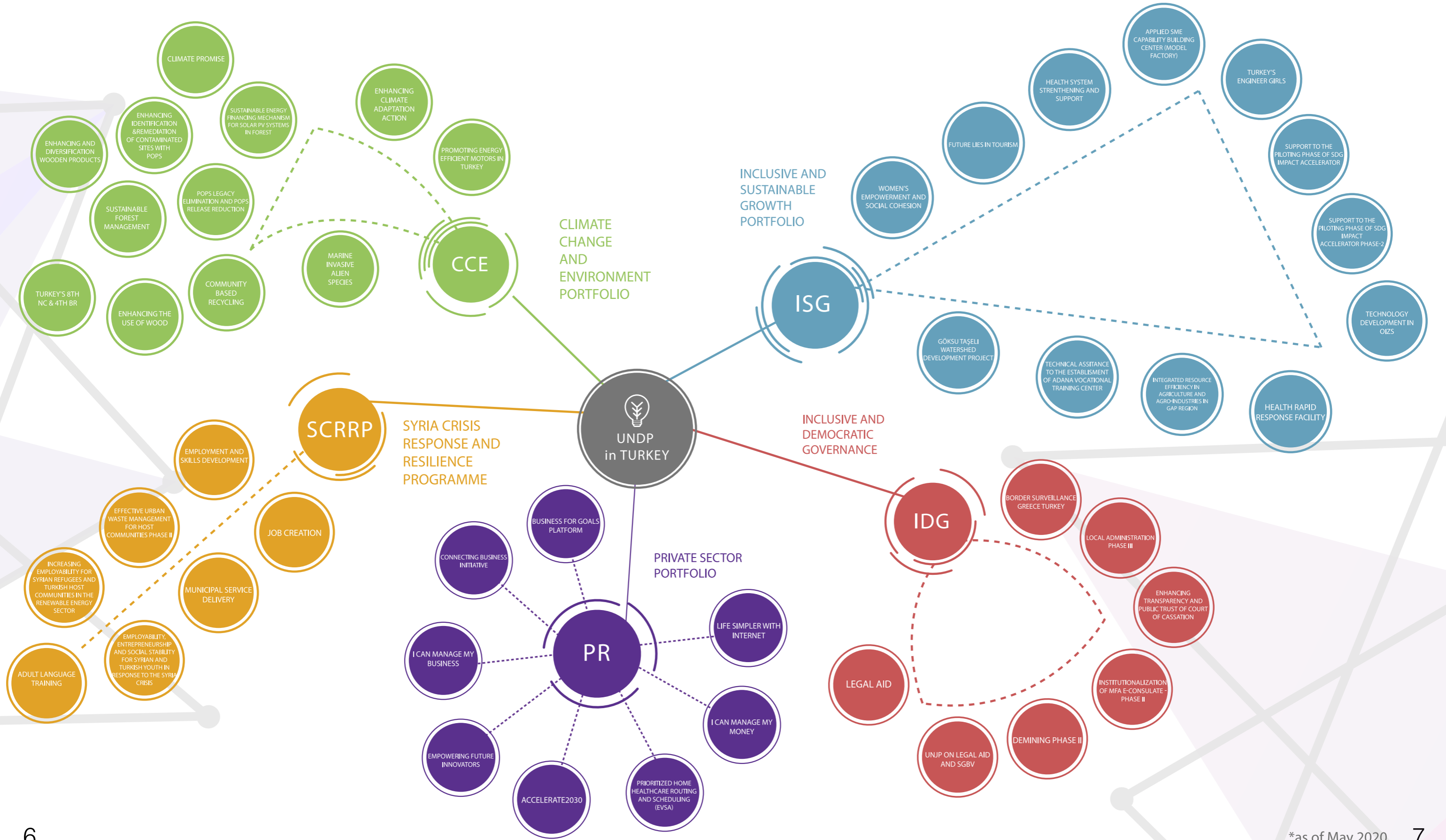
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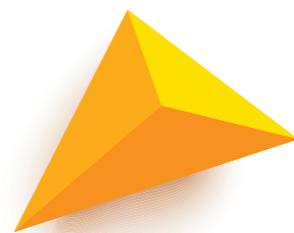
3RP	Regional Refugee and Resilience Plan	KfW	German Credit Institute for Reconstruction
AccLab	Accelerator Labs	KOSGEB	Small and Medium Industry Development Organization
AÇEV	Mother and Child Education Foundation	LDCs	Least Developed Countries
B4G	Business for Goals Platform	MFA	Ministry of Foreign Affairs
BMGF	Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation	NGOs	Non-Government Organizations
CBi	Connecting Business Initiative	NHREI	National Human Rights and Equality Institution
CCE	Climate Change and Environment	NWFPs	Non-Wood Forest Products
CO	Country Office	OHCHR	Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
COMMS	Communications Department	OIZs	Organized Industrial Zones
CPD	UNDP's Country Programme Document	POPs	Persistent Organic Pollutants
CSO	Civil Society Organizations	PV	Photovoltaic
DKM	Doğa Koruma Merkezi (Nature Conservation Center)	QFFD	Qatar Fund for Development
EBRD	European Bank for Reconstruction and Development	RCO	Resident Coordinator's Office
ECOSOC	United Nations Economic and Social Council	RGG	Results Group on Gender
EU	European Union	SDGia	Sustainable Development Goals Impact Accelerator Programme
FMPs	Forest Management Plans	SDGs	Sustainable Development Goals
GAP	The Southeastern Anatolia Project	SGBV	Sexual and Gender-Based Violence
GEF	Global Environment Facility	SGS	Social Good Summit
GEN	UNDP's Gender Markers	SIDA	The Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency
GES	Gender Equality Seal	SME	Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises
GEWE	Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment	SS	Signature Solution
HDR	Human Development Report	TFP	Total Factor Productivity
IDG	Inclusive and Democratic Governance	TURMAC	Turkish Mine Action Centre
IFAD	International Fund for Agricultural Development	TÜRKONFED	Turkish Enterprise and Business Confederation
IFIs	International Financial Institutions	TÜSIAD	Turkish Industry and Business Association
IPA	Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance	UN	United Nations
IRE	Integrated Resource Efficiency in Agriculture and Agro-Industries in Southeast Anatolia	UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
IRRF	Integrated Results and Resources Framework	UNFCCC	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
ISG	Inclusive and Sustainable Growth	UNHCR	The United Nations Refugee Agency
IVD	International Volunteers Day	UNJP	United Nations Joint Programme
IWP	Integrated Work Planning	UNSDCF	United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework
		UNTB	United Nations Technology Bank
		UNV	United Nations Volunteers
		UN Women	United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women
		USBPRM	United States Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration
		UTBA	Union of Turkish Bar Associations
		VISA	Visa International Service Association
		VNR	Voluntary National Review Report
		WFP	World Food Programme

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FOREWORD

A YEAR OF INNOVATION AND ACCELERATION



2019 was a year of innovation and acceleration for UNDP Turkey, with many achievements contributing to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and tailored solutions to complex and multidimensional challenges through strategic partnerships.

In line with UNDP's Strategic Plan for 2018-21, our role is to support the Government and people of Turkey to accelerate progress towards Agenda 2030. We design our work around the 'Six Signature Solutions' - Poverty, Governance, Resilience, Environment, Clean Energy, and Gender - to put our signature into achieving the SDGs.

2019 was the first year of the UN Development System Reform and UNDP's SDG integrator role in support of countries in their efforts to achieve the 2030 Agenda.

In the following pages, you will see some of the results we achieved in 2019. They demonstrate that UNDP works in Turkey with the #NextGenUNDP spirit in an innovative and integrated way to perform faster, more efficiently and better.

Our work can be categorized under four workstreams of SDG integration: #1 Next Generation Policy and Programming, #2 Data and Analytics, #3 Financing, #4 Innovation and Learning. Following achievements from 2019 correspond to all these workstreams.

New Country Programme Document (CPD) and UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF) preparations started. UNDP's integrator offer was reflected in the new CPD. UNDP policy frameworks were integrated in the new 11th National Development Plan that will shape development policies for the next 5 years. In addition, we gave consultation support during the preparation of Turkey's Voluntary National Review Report which was presented in New York in July.

Our efforts to support Turkey in response to Syria Crisis have amplified in many ways, as the country hosts the largest refugee population in the world.

To this end, we developed integrated solutions on displacement and migration. Integrated responses to complex resilience challenges in Turkey were prioritized in 2019-2020 UNDP/ UNHCR led Regional Refugee and Resilience Plan (3RP). This included a mix of policy advice, technical assistance, innovation, and finance.

In addition, "New Way of Working" on humanitarian-development nexus was promoted in cooperation with the international community and Government of Turkey (GoT). We accelerated our efforts on advocacy, research, scaling up of solutions, and possible replication to third countries. Adoption of Gaziantep Declaration of International Forum on Local Solutions to Migration and Displacement by more than 30 mayors was a good example of this.

We aimed at finding innovative solutions to the challenges of displacement and migration in Turkey and the least developed countries (LDCs). SDG Impact Accelerator's (SDG IA) new programme was initiated in cooperation with Project Catalyst's Migrants Nations Initiative and Bangladesh Country Office to open up digitally-enabled livelihoods for refugees and host communities.

Partnerships with the private sector were strengthened and innovative solutions were integrated to its main areas of work including climate change and resilience, economic empowerment, and inequalities.

The first think-do-tank platform of the private sector, Business for Goals (B4G) was fully operationalized with an enhanced focus on elevating UNDP themes. It is the first collective action of the private sector to promote SDGs and is working at full capacity.

We engaged in the inequality debate at national and local levels leveraging Human Development Report 2019 narrative and tools.

Together with UNDP Istanbul International Center for Private Sector in Development (IICPSD) and Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA), we initiated the establishment of an impact investment ecosystem in Turkey to support SDG financing. UNDP also supported the discussions for the establishment of a National Advisory Board in the field.

All of the above achievements will also provide the basis for further engagements of our Country Office with strengthened capacity and collective intelligence we accumulated through our Accelerator Lab that we launched in 2019 and a large network of stakeholders at the local, regional, national, and global levels.



Thanks to colleagues, we completed the 'Gender Equality Seal' process of UNDP and our Country Office is now a candidate to be certified with Gold Seal among 35 UNDP Country Offices around the Globe.

In 2019 we accelerated our advocacy efforts on climate action, inequalities and migration, which will remain to be a focal point in 2020.

All these achievements would not have been possible without the dedication of our colleagues who relentlessly work all around Turkey for a better future for the people and the planet. Looking ahead, the unprecedented challenge of COVID-19 pandemic is pushing us to explore new boundaries to cooperate, innovate, and respond to what is the deepest crisis in a generation. We have come to see how a global health emergency quickly turned into a socio-economic crisis which is requiring unprecedented actions. We are ready to do our part to build back better for us to live in a more sustainable, greener, and less unequal world.

We aim to respond quickly and effectively to challenges by always focusing on the most vulnerable such as women, refugees, and other disadvantaged individuals.

We convey our sincere gratitude for the continuous support of both the Government of Turkey and our partners. We are here to help Turkey to reach its development priorities so that no one is left behind. We look forward to our everlasting collaboration.

Claudio Tomasi

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UNDP IN TURKEY

KEY RESULTS ACHIEVED IN 2019

UNDP Turkey achieved several results with a positive impact on SDGs in 2019.

Adoption of Gaziantep Declaration - a key policy document which UNDP developed in close cooperation and partnership with UN Agencies, Gaziantep Metropolitan Municipality, and the United Cities and Local Governments by more than 30 mayors from 5 continents is a good practice on the implementation of local solutions to migration and forced displacement. The Declaration was submitted to the 1st Global Refugee Forum and led to the establishment of a Global Task Force on Migration that will follow up on the commitments of the Declaration.



The innovative results of the SDG Impact Accelerator Programme (SDGia), which addressed the challenges of the digital ID and sanitation for refugees, were presented during UN General Assembly in September and Global Refugee Forum in December 2019. The programme was recognized as an important partnership platform for SDGs that brings together private sector, civil society, government and international community to respond to complex challenges of displacement.



Our policy frameworks on Total Factor Productivity (TFP) in the economy and Organized Industrial Zones (OIZs) addressed the specific impact of TFP and technology improvement in OIZs on Sustainable Development Goals, which were integrated to the 11th National Development Plan and new national manufacturing industry strategy.



UNDP, together with its partners, constructed wastewater treatment plants and waste transfer stations in South East Anatolia, delivered to municipalities and rehabilitated landfills and provided technical assistance to the local authorities.



We contributed to the innovation for SDGs through the establishment of Applied SME (small and medium-sized enterprises) Capability and Innovation Centers in seven cities, which support productivity in businesses and create decent work opportunities for displaced Syrians and host communities.



UNDP, together with its partners, supported Hatay Municipality in the development of a Carbon Footprint Study that constituted an important example of SDG integration in local service delivery strategies and in combatting climate change.



The first ever Turkey-based test lab and financial support mechanism for the efficient motors are the keys for sustainable energy savings and reducing CO2 emissions for the achievement of SDG 7, affordable and clean energy.



Piloting of UNDP's Gender Equality Seal in Private Sector certification in Limak Yatirim, one of the leading investment companies, had gender transformative results in operational strategies of the company. The results of the Seal in Limak are expected to test the benchmarks and develop the framework and system of Gender Equality Seal in context of Turkey.

Our support to the development of the Strategic Plans of Hatay and Gaziantep Municipalities had specific results on mainstreaming gender equality, mainly through the reflection of the needs of the Syrians and local women and girls.



Digital Transformation Centers for SMEs with a specific attention to Turkish and Syrian owned companies whose business model was developed by UNDP were included in the President's first and second 100 Days Programme.

Forest Ecosystem Management System which assesses the overall impact of forestry sector on SDGs was developed as the first sector-based assessment on SDGs.



UNDP's work on rule of law had an international impact which led to the recognition of "Istanbul Declaration on Transparency in the Judicial Process" by 50 countries and endorsement by the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) in July 2019.

The first collective action of private sector to promote SDGs, namely "Business for Goals Platform", which is an important step for enhancing public-private sector partnerships for SDGs was featured in the 2nd Voluntary National Review Report of Turkey.



A RESILIENT AND INCLUSIVE SOCIETY

“By 2020, relevant government institutions operate in an improved legal and policy framework, and institutional capacity and accountability mechanisms assure a more enabling (competitive, inclusive and innovative) environment for sustainable, job-rich growth and development for all women and men.”¹

Our interventions for an inclusive and sustainable, job-rich growth and development focused on two streams of work which are both on track:

1

Improving the competitiveness of businesses that will in turn improve inclusive labor market opportunities for all; and

2

Making investments for local/rural development toward more inclusive growth.

In this respect, Applied SME (Small and Medium Sized Enterprises) Capability Centers and Organized Industrial Zones constitute the first stream of work of UNDP which found their way into the 11th Development Plan under the “Total Factor Productivity” framework and new manufacturing industry strategy.

For the empowerment of SMEs and to create decent and sustainable jobs through increased productivity, we have been supporting the establishment of:

Ankara, Bursa, Gaziantep, İzmir, Kayseri, Konya and Mersin Capability Centers

*Ankara and Bursa are already operational. Others are in progress.

Transformation of Organized Industry Zones as well as Applied SME (Small and Medium Sized Enterprises) Capability Centers in Ankara and Bursa started to trigger the increase in productivity that will in the long term enable the job creation prospects of businesses.

Ankara Model Factory documented the increase in productivity between 30% and 80% in 8 medium to large-sized manufacturing companies in this province.

ANKARA MODEL FACTORY:

Supported companies in industries such as casting, transformer, and insulator manufacturing, building, highway and tunnel lighting manufacturing, vehicle material manufacturing (automotive parts), paints and substructure chemicals manufacturing, glazing manufacturing for vehicles and heavy construction equipment, plastic parts design, mold making, and injection molding and assembly.

The digital transformation service line in Ankara also progressed, which will help companies to implement their own transformation scenarios.

Operationalization of new centers will help Turkish and Syrian SMEs to address their productivity issues and support them in maintaining their ability to create jobs for both the host community and refugees and becoming resilient to the shocks and any crisis.

Under the leadership of UNDP, the Regional Refugee and Resilience Plan (3RP) Livelihood sector developed a strong strategic engagement with public and private sectors to support a smooth transition from cash assistance to sustainable livelihood solutions and contributed further to improving social cohesion between Syrians and locals.



The Regional Refugee and Resilience Plan (3RP)

The Regional Refugee and Resilience Plan (3RP) offers a strategic coordination, planning, advocacy, and programming platform for humanitarian and development partners to respond to the Syria crisis at the regional level and in host countries. It comprises of one regional plan, with standalone country chapters covering Turkey, Lebanon, Jordan, Egypt, and Iraq.

UNDP co-leads the 3RP at the regional level and in Turkey in conjunction with UNHCR. UNDP is the lead agency on resilience, as well as the sector lead for the 3RP Livelihoods Sector.

The 3RP aims to support the government in implementing its open-door policy for refugees by providing the necessary assistance to overcome obstacles to policy implementation and strengthen the resilience of individuals, communities, and institutions impacted by the crisis.

3rpsyriacrisis.org

In response to the Syria Crisis, UNDP strengthened its resilience-based development approach in close cooperation with the government and UN agency partners. The total financial volume of the Syria Crisis Response and Resilience Programme has been \$68 million in 10 provinces.

Nearly 150 Syrian refugees and host community members were employed in decent jobs, 1,159 refugees took part in the awareness raising activities and increased their awareness and knowledge on entrepreneurship, employment services, and women empowerment. 390 Syrian and Turkish owned enterprises received training, consultancy and mentoring services, and 75 enterprises or partnerships were established with the support of UNDP Turkey's Syria Crisis Response and Resilience Programme.

On 26-27 November 2019, the International Forum for Local Solutions to Migration and Displacement

was organized by UNDP and Gaziantep Metropolitan municipality in cooperation with UNHCR, IOM, and UCLG. The event resulted in the adoption of the Gaziantep Declaration by over 30 mayors as well as several representatives of national and international organizations and a Global Task Force on Migration was launched to monitor and follow up on the commitments made. The Declaration was presented by the Mayor of Gaziantep Fatma Sahin on behalf of all signatories at the Global Refugee Forum for Refugees in Geneva in December 2019.

Preparations for provision of vocational training and skills certification to 500 Syrian and host community members in Gaziantep and İzmir, together with a feasibility study for renewable energy training centers are in place in partnership with the Ministry of National Education and will be carried out in 2020.

UNDP provided Adult Turkish language courses to 47,726 adults, of which a total of 24,766 trainees have been certified. Equipment and material support was provided to 53 Public Education Centers (PEC) in various provinces. An innovative e-learning platform and Learning Management System was established that promoted distant learning and became a suitable tool for those who work. Training of the trainers were conducted and at least 200 trainers have been employed as a result of their engagement in this project. The new PEC building in Gaziantep will be constructed within 2020.

In terms of investing in rural development to build inclusive growth models, while 23 assessments based on resource efficiency framework contribute to profitability of local agri-business and ensure local economic growth, grant schemes introduced under large scale agricultural projects of UNDP Turkey reduce rural poverty by supporting economic diversification and also increase farmers' income from improved agricultural production.

Through the Göksu-Taşeli Watershed Development Project (GTWDP) supported by UNDP, the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry aims to reduce rural poverty in the upland, mountainous areas by supporting economic diversification through value chain development. Its objective is to increase agricultural production, rural employment, and income levels.

Two thousand demonstrations related to improved planting materials and improved technologies were completed via rehabilitation of various production areas, establishing small scale solar irrigation systems, etc. The project also supported the delivery of rainfed anthracnose tolerant chickpea seeds to almost a thousand farmers who planted more than 1,300 hectares out of the project target of 2,150 hectares.

More than 250 farmers have benefitted from the capacity development activities that include electric fencing, drip irrigation, and geomembrane ponds.

Through the Integrated Resource Efficiency in Agriculture and Agro-based Industries in the Southeast Anatolia Region, a financial support programme to improve resource efficiency capabilities has been implemented in cooperation with Karacadağ Development Agency. UNDP has worked with GAP Regional Development Administration on the above-mentioned support programme.

12 companies signed agreements to realize the resource efficiency improvement measures together with several training sessions and study visits.

A project on attaining the social cohesion between the Syrians and host communities through women's empowerment has been implemented in the provinces of Şanlıurfa, Mardin, Gaziantep, Kilis, and Hatay. The activities are built on existing initiatives of the GAP Regional Development Administration through its Multipurpose Community Centres (ÇATOMs) in the target provinces.

3,000 Syrians and local women in 16 ÇATOMs benefitted from 'the inclusive business model' implemented by Koton, a textile retailer. A total amount of nearly 150,000 US dollars has been generated in 2019. 88 women participated in sales and marketing; 25 women joined design trainings. 58 women attended handicraft design sessions.

A women's entrepreneurship programme has been developed in these five provinces. Overall, 16 ÇATOMs have been supported through the provision of trainings. 323 women out of 340 participated (16 percent are the Syrians) in these trainings.

The Future is in Tourism project in which UNDP has been collaborating with the Ministry of Tourism and Anadolu Efes, aims to strengthen the capacity of local tourism actors and NGOs on sustainable tourism and to benefit from this potential as an alternative local development tool. The project works through a grant scheme and training programmes.

Employment opportunities were created for 25 women via 3 grant projects implemented in the 2018/2019 period. 20 projects out of 118 applications were shortlisted as they incorporate promising sustainable tourism ideas. A workshop on project development and sustainable tourism was held in Istanbul. 3 projects in Kars Ardahan, Muğla, and Sinop will be granted in 2020.

These interventions are all in line with "Leave no one behind" principle where benefits accrue to the most vulnerable.

CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENT

“ By 2020, improved implementation of more effective policies and practices on **sustainable environment, climate change, biodiversity** by national, local authorities and stakeholders including resilience of the system/communities to disasters ²

Turkey is among the 100 countries where UNDP’s Climate Promise is supporting an ambitious and accelerated climate action.

In the year 2019, two Solar PV plants of 100 kW were established in Konya and Afyon provinces. These plants are models for community based (renewable energy cooperatives) electricity production.

In 2020 UNDP will demonstrate roof top systems for individual households and this model will be replicated all over the country through a sustainable financing mechanism of the government.

Around 640,000 hectares of Mediterranean forest landscape is now under integrated management for multiple environmental benefits.

In collaboration with the Government of Turkey, 28 forest management plans for the target forest units in 5 pilot sites now have biodiversity, ecosystem service maps, fire risk, pest risk, carbon focused silviculture, non-wood forest products, eco-tourism and industrial

plantation perspectives, differing from the business-as-usual plans.

In 2019, 410 tons of persistent organic pollutant waste having toxic effects on living organisms and the environment were destroyed, in total 1,133 tons of persistent organic pollutants eliminated. The target of 1090 tons was reached and exceeded as of 2019.

Additionally, as a renewable energy outcome indicator, 13,200 t CO₂/y carbon mitigation has been realized from the solar water heating system in 2019.

To support the Municipal services in the South-eastern provinces that are highly impacted by the influx of Syrian community members, a Greenhouse Solar Dryer and Leachate pond in (Kilis) were constructed to rehabilitate the wastewater plant, a new Wastewater Treatment Facility (Hassa - Hatay), three Waste Transfer Stations (one in Şanlıurfa, two in Hatay) have been established. In addition, equipment and material support has been provided to Municipalities to increase firefighting and solid waste management capacities.

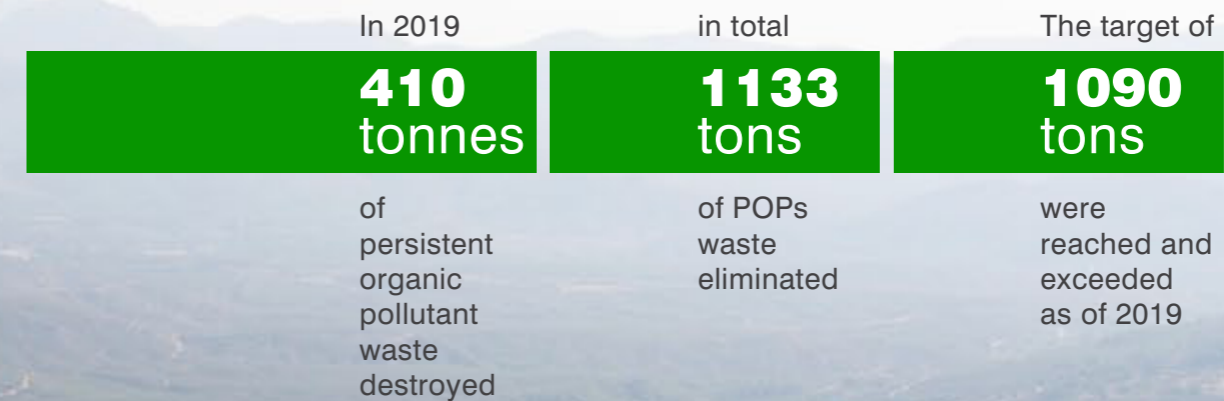

Project Management Offices were established for the municipalities in Gaziantep, Hatay, and Şanlıurfa. Integrated Solid Waste Management Plans have been prepared for the metropolitan municipalities of Gaziantep, Hatay, and Şanlıurfa to provide the roadmap to a long-term (until 2050) sustainable, effective and feasible solid waste management in compliance with relevant legislation and applicable standards (in parallel with the National Waste Management and Action Plan).

To establish Zero Waste Management System for Şanlıurfa/Haliliye and Kilis Municipalities, the design of Civic Amenity Centres was completed. In total 11 waste collection vehicles and hundreds of waste collection equipments have been procured. To identify the level of awareness of the population and their social behaviour assessment in terms of zero

waste management in the south-eastern provinces, a stakeholder analysis report was developed through surveys and in-depth interviews.

Construction of Solid Waste Mechanical Biological Treatment Facility (MBT) in Gaziantep is ongoing as well as the construction of Waste Transfer center in Samandağ, Hatay

“Hatay Greenhouse Gas Inventory and Climate Change Action Plan” was finalized in October 2019 so as to define/analyse the baseline for existing GHG emission in the province and identify required actions and strategies. An online tool (for calculation and monitoring of GHG inventory) was developed for the use of the Municipality, as well as trainings were delivered to Municipality staff on implementation of the report.

As a renewable energy outcome indicator, 13,200 t CO₂/y carbon mitigation has been realized from the solar water heating system in 2019.

HUMAN RIGHTS AND GOOD GOVERNANCE

“By 2020, central and local administrations and other actors more effectively protect and promote **human rights**, and adopt **transparent, accountable, pluralistic and gender sensitive governance systems**, with the full participation of civil society, including the most vulnerable.”³

With an effort to promote and protect human rights and accelerate legal reform processes, a Judicial Reform Strategy was launched by the Government -by the Ministry of Justice- covering 2019-2023. Strategy paper and roadmap prepared under ‘Legal Aid’ project have significantly served for the inclusion of some strategic points in the Judicial Reform Strategy with regards to promoting tailor-made approaches to the specific needs of disadvantaged groups in the delivery of justice services.

In response to the UPR’s recommendation to “adopt a law against different types of discrimination and for equality in the public and private sector and the monitoring of complaints”, enhancement of the capacity of the National Human Rights and Equality Institution (NHREI) was included in the 2018 Annual Program of the Presidency. UNDP provided technical support on the capacity assessment of the institution. The assessment aims to help the National Human Rights and Equality Institution to prepare for the application to Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions for accreditation.

The capacity development of the Turkish Mine Action Center (TURMAC) under Demining Project Phase II allowed for the institutionalization of humanitarian demining process which improved the speed and

subsequent handover of the land released. More than 45 hectares of area was cleared of some 7.300 antipersonnel landmines within one year.

Border Management training curriculum has widened in scope and approach, which is an integral part of border management strategy. In 2019, Greek Border Phase I and II Projects enhanced the capacities of a total of 360 Land Forces Command border professionals with respect to Integrated Border Management (IBM) and migrants’ rights through the delivery of face-to-face training programmes.

As an output of the Greek Border Phase I Project, a feasibility report was produced in 2019 which strongly suggested the use of high tech training tools for Border Professionals including distance learning and AI-supported tactical & operational simulators. Accordingly, Phase II Project started enhancing the distance learning capacity of Land Forces Command to have a much more sustainable approach in trainings which has also become a key intervention in time of the COVID-19 global pandemic. The distance-learning training materials will be piloted in 2020 and will subsequently become part of the in-service training for all Land Forces Command border professionals.



EMPOWERED WOMEN AND GIRLS

“Improved legislation, policies, implementation and accountability mechanisms to enable equal and effective social, economic and political participation of women and girls by 2020”⁴

In terms of enabling female participation to political decision making, local interventions work well since there are many willing local governments who want to improve their record on female decision making.

In Turkey Resilience Project in response to Syria Crisis, job creation for the Syrians and host community members aimed at involving women in non-traditional manufacturing sectors.

A needs analysis on gender mainstreaming has been carried out for Hatay and Gaziantep Metropolitan Municipalities. In Hatay, UNDP contributed to Hatay Municipality 2020-2024 Strategic Plan on gender equality perspective, and a 200- question survey has been prepared for wider-scale research on needs of women residents of Hatay municipality. 20 staff from Hatay Municipality received training on women’s counselling centres and shelters, 39 companies in Gaziantep, Adana, Mersin, Izmir received Gender Responsive Firm training, and 241 Turkish language trainers received half-day training sessions on non-discriminatory and inclusive in-class practices.

In the Local Administration Reform III project, advocacy work will be conducted to encourage vocalism and visibility of women at the local participatory platforms.

Different instruments enabling vocalism and visibility of women at these platforms will be introduced and functionalized in fourteen pilot cities.

In the scope of the Legal Aid Project Phase II, preparations for the establishment of Violence

Prevention Centres under local bar associations started with the ultimate objective of providing easier access to justice, quality counselling, and providing durable solutions for violence victims in these pilot provinces. The centres would be the first of its kind and cooperation between the bar associations and the civil society would be exemplary in this regard.

The centres will support local coordination mechanisms among public institutions, legal aid practitioners, and NGOs in order to ensure a gender-sensitive approach, women empowerment and gender equality in legal aid services. Training activities organised during the first phase of the project developed capacities of service providers about gender-sensitive violence prevention methods for vulnerable groups, especially women, and girls.

Legal aid service providers understood that a gender-sensitive approach is an integral component of legal protection. Trainings and awareness-raising activities for legal practitioners and justice sector representatives will continue during the second phase. The project provided a platform for service providers and civil society organizations to develop their networks, exchange ideas and strengthen their methods for preventing further victimization.

The initiatives above can be considered as successful models to fight against gender-based violence with potential for replication in other

cities.

UNDP Turkey has been working with Limak Foundation and the Government of Turkey to ensure equal participation of women in STEM areas with an inclusive perspective. Gender stereotypes are being addressed at all levels via developing knowledge products, increasing awareness with innovative tools, and showcasing private sector-led initiatives mainstreaming gender empowerment.

2020 will be an important year to ensure sustainability as a growing platform via replicating gender equality seal process to the private sector while producing policy tools with the Government of Turkey to fight with inequalities.

The inclusive business model created with Koton Company has further improved in 2019 within the scope of “Social Cohesion between Syrian and Host Communities in Turkey through Women’s Empowerment Project”, and Syrian/host community women were included on the supply side as employees, producers at various points in the textile production value chain.

Through Koton’s special clothing line “Hand Made Collection” all the beadwork of the clothing was done by the women at Multi-purpose Community Centers (ÇATOMs) in Southeastern Anatolia.

Through the deployment of this model a total amount of around 540,000 USD has been generated for nearly 7,080 Syrian/host community women (around 3,000 Syrian women) between 2016-2020. Women from low-income communities including the Syrians were engaged in the production value chains and became socially and economically empowered.

Support for women’s participation in

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pilot cities.

PASSWORD: INNOVATION

UNDP Turkey launched an important initiative in July 2019 called Piloting Phase for SDG Impact Accelerator Project with the intention of developing solutions for refugees to have access to livelihood opportunities through Digital ID solutions and access to portable non-sewage sanitation through reinvented toilets.

Projects of two entrepreneurs that worked on digital ID and portable toilet.

change:WATER Labs, United States
change:WATER Labs is developing the “iThrone”, a portable, waste-shrinking toilet to aggressively evaporate (or “flush” away) 90-95% of daily sewage onsite—to clean up communities and drastically reduce the costs, volumes, and frequencies of waste collection, thus enabling decentralized sanitation services to be much more scalable and sustainable. Their toilet not only conserves water, it recovers clean water from waste.

Tykn.Tech, The Netherlands
Tykn will provide a digital wallet (white-labelled) for Syrians under Temporary Protection where personal information is stored for the purpose of proving personal credentials to become an entrepreneur. The aim is to standardise the process of information access for the purpose of lowering the threshold of becoming an entrepreneur. This product will allow services such as:

- i. Registration at the Chamber of Commerce
- ii. Proof of Residency
- iii. Opening a bank account
- iv. Store educational certificates
- v. Engage with platforms such as entrepreneurs.buildingmarkets.org

* Pilot implementations on the field are expected to be launched in early 2020 and to be completed in December 2020.

SDG Impact Accelerator presents an innovative multi-stakeholder platform that harnesses the potential of entrepreneurs across sectors and leverages the power of innovation and technology to address the challenges that refugees face every day.

The SDGia was launched by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs together with UNDP, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, World Food Programme, Limak Energy, Eczacıbaşı and Qatar Development Fund.

After the finalization of the initial phase, the continuation of the initiative is expected to be strengthened via the establishment of impact fund and systems lab in a private Foundation structure. UNDP will extend its cooperation to transfer knowledge in 2020 and cooperation with GoT and UN Technology Bank will be expanded through second phase of SDGia in LDCs.

UNDP Accelerator Lab of Turkey was launched in September 2019. Lab serves as a platform for innovation in development and SDG acceleration. Lab uses collective intelligence, simulation modelling, rapid prototyping, ethnographic and mixed methods research, and advanced data collection and analysis techniques. Using small-scale experiments, Lab explores what works and what doesn't in the development space and design scaling strategies for solutions that work. Lab also aims to create an enabling environment for programmatic transformation.

Their first experiment in which they have applied behavioural science was to reduce consumption of disposable cups. This first experiment was successfully conducted in Ankara with the possibility to scale up countrywide.

AccLab ensured the UNDP country office environment is free of single-use plastics. AccLab's priorities for 2020 revolve around sustainable urban development and include areas such as solid waste management, positive transformation of public spaces, and resilience building. The Lab is keen to work with start-ups, municipalities, NGOs, entrepreneurs on new approaches, and experiments to develop sustainable city practices.



UNDP TURKEY AND OUR GLOBAL STRATEGIC PLAN

UNDP's support platforms for Turkey

Since 2019, UNDP has brought its SDG Integrator role into practice by establishment/operationalization of two private sector-led platforms:

Connecting Business Initiative (CBI) brought together businesses, government, and relevant NGOs to assess the private sector's role in complex emergencies and started conducting a landscape analysis.

UNDP Turkey has also initiated the establishment of an overarching Business for Goals (B4G) Platform in cooperation with Turkish Industry and Business Association (TÜSİAD) and Turkish Enterprise and Business Confederation (TÜRKONFED), which represents more than 40,000 companies and 244 associations in Turkey.

Being the first think-do-tank platform led by the private sector, B4G deepened responsible engagement with the private sector and working with the government, supported to mobilize private sector contribution to the achievement of SDGs in accordance with national development priorities.

The thematic offer of the B4G addresses climate change and resilience, strengthening SMEs, and sustainable growth.

The release of the landscape assessment on resilience in SMEs, jointly by CBI and B4G has helped to raise awareness on the role of the private sector in the disaster risk resilience and set a baseline for the resilience work of two platforms.

Upon the earthquakes in Istanbul in September 2019, two Platforms also concentrated their efforts on running multi-stakeholder consultations to enhance the preparedness and to develop an Earthquake and Business Recovery Strategy.

When it comes to the Regional Refugee and Resilience Plan (3RP) there is a gradual shift from humanitarian to resilience-based development. For the first time, the financial requirements of the resilience component of the plan in 2020-2021 were higher than the humanitarian pillar. However, the gradual shift towards resilience has been slower to translate in terms of actual funding levels: while the refugee component is 71% funded (771M), activities under resilience component is only 43% (255M).

While the resilience component has largely remained comparatively underfunded over the year, an increasing proportion of the response is being channelled to support public institutions with 190 million USD of support secured in 2019, a significant increase of nearly 25 percent from 2018.

UNDP Turkey's support for the Agenda 2030

UNDP Turkey has important progress to report under four streams of SDG integration which are #1 Next Generation Policy and Programming, #2 Data and Analytics, #3 Financing, #4 Innovation and Learning.

In terms of providing integrated policy solutions, UN and UNDP's support to the preparation of the 11th National Development Plan was critical to reflect key policy frameworks especially in total factor productivity and technology development in organized industrial zones.

In addition, Business for Goals (B4G), initiated by UNDP for enhancing private sector partnerships for SDGs, had an important contribution in reflecting the private sector's views in the second Voluntary National Review Report (VNR) of Turkey.

UNDP developed integrated solutions on displacement and migration, as prioritized in 2019-2020 Regional Refugee and Resilience Plan (3RP). In addition, a "New Way of Working" on humanitarian-development nexus was promoted. Gaziantep Declaration of International Forum on Local Solutions to Migration and Displacement, calling for transition from emergency to resilience approach in migration and displacement responses was adopted by more than 30 mayors from around the world.

UNDP leveraged the Human Development Report 2019 focusing on inequalities in human development in the 21st Century to foster debate on sustainable development and inequalities in Turkey.

UNDP along with other UN Agencies also supported the government for the establishment of an online SDG Platform (surdurulebilirlikalkinma.gov.tr) through collecting data and best practices on SDGs.

The concerned data was utilized during the preparation of the Voluntary National Review.

As a pilot country office on SDG Impact, UNDP Turkey contributed to an impact investment ecosystem study of UNDP Istanbul International Center for Private Sector in Development (IICPSD) to support SDG financing.

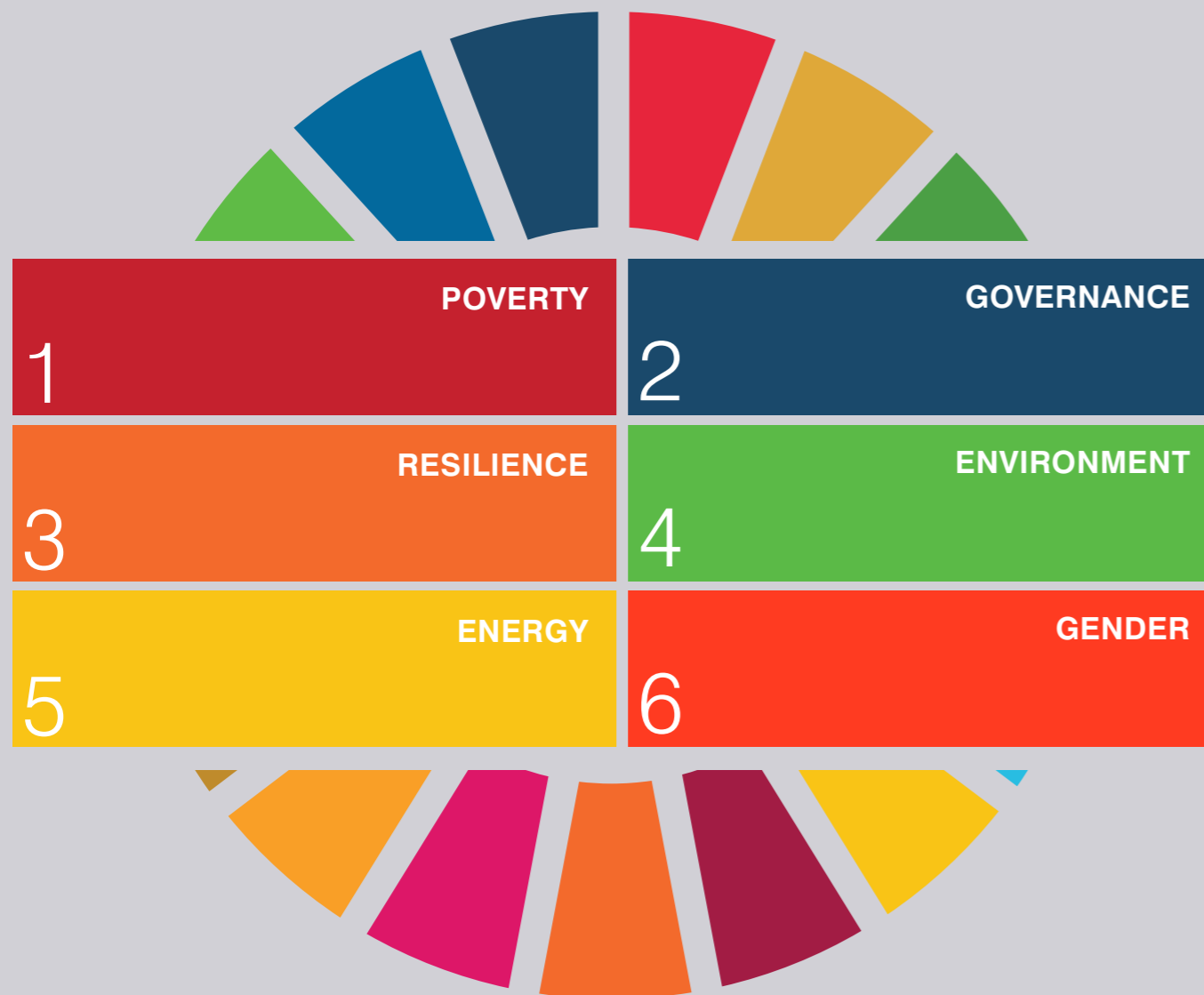
The cooperation with Turkish Investment and Development Bank to initiate the establishment of a National Advisory Board on Impact Investing and Impact Fund is important in strengthening UNDP Turkey's support to SDG financing in Turkey.

The knowledge and innovation pillar of UNDP's SDG Integrator offer was well reflected in SDG Impact Accelerator initiative that harnesses the potential of entrepreneurship and innovation to address the challenges of refugees in Turkey and the least developed countries (LDCs). Under this initiative, entrepreneurs developed solutions for refugees to have access to livelihood opportunities through Digital ID solutions and access to portable non-sewage sanitation through reinvented toilets.

The Accelerator Lab also contributed to the innovative aspects of the country office work adopting a behavioural science approach to reduce consumption of disposable cups.

Through strengthened partnerships with private sector, innovative solutions were integrated into their main areas of work including climate change and resilience, economic empowerment, and inequalities.

UNDP's signature solutions in Turkey



UNDP Turkey's interventions in Inclusive Sustainable Growth and Syria Crisis Response are directly applying to signature solutions #1, #3 and #6. All interventions are serving for increased resilience to react to problems stemming from Syrian influx, global and internal challenges in Turkey.

The signature solution #6 is being addressed in all GEN 5 Projects as well as throughout all programme interventions with comprehensive gender screening and gender mainstreaming actions.

The signature solution #1 is embedded in almost all initiatives in rural development, private sector and sustainable tourism initiatives.

UNDP Turkey applied signature solutions #4 and #5 particularly in areas of climate change and environment.

For the signature solution #4, under the Integrated Forest Management Project, a biodiversity mainstreaming tool was produced for the conservation. The tool defines areas and species of concern to be protected as part of the forest management plans.

For the signature solution #5, solar energy systems for hot water were established in more than 1,300 households in the forest villages throughout the Mediterranean Region.

Responding to the protracted crises at the nexus of development and humanitarian activities, the 3RP, which is coordinated by UNDP and UNHCR, offers integrated responses to complex development challenges in line with six signature solutions.

This would include a mix of policy advice, technical assistance, finance, and programmes, tailored to country needs to accelerate progress towards the pledge to leave no one behind in 2030 Agenda.

Gender Marker Codes

GEN 3: The achievement of gender equality is an explicit objective of the output.

GEN 2: Gender equality is not the main objective, but the output promotes gender equality.

GEN 1: The output contributes to gender equality in a limited way.

GEN 0: The output does not contribute to gender equality.

Working With The Sister Agencies For Sustainable Development

Following the announcement of the new National Development Plan in July 2019 and the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework Guidelines, the UN Country Team accelerated the efforts for the development of the UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF 2021-2025)

During this process, UNDP contributed to the UN Country Team discussions in the analysis of the new plan as well as the gaps addressing the key development challenges of the country.

UNDP presented a detailed analysis of the National Development Plan with comparison to previous development plans and issues regarding the integration of SDGs in key policy domains.

From August 2019, UNDP has significantly contributed to UNSDCF process in terms of providing causal analysis between different dimensions of SDG implementation in the country.

With the support of UNDP Istanbul Regional Hub, a two-day training (on SDG integration in cooperation

framework and Country Programme Document context, Results Based Management and systems thinking) was organized with the presence of the UN Resident Coordinator's Office.

The UN Resident Coordinator's office, as a member of the executive board of the Business for Goals (B4G) Platform, led to strengthen cooperation of the UN system with private sector through the facilitation of UNDP.

UNDP's co-leadership role in the Regional Refugee and Resilience Plan (3RP) strengthened UN's position in Syria Crisis Response.

The International Municipal Forum on Migration and Displacement led by UNDP and the Gaziantep Declaration constituted an important result of common UN position in Syria Crisis Response and New Way of Working, promoting humanitarian-development nexus.

UNDP's innovative approaches and enhanced capacity through the establishment of the Accelerator Lab also provided important leverage within the UN system in Turkey.

Working With UN Women

UNDP Turkey is actively participating in the UN Results Group on Gender (RGG).

As an intervention of the RGG and under the leadership of UNDP and UN Women, a series of a roundtable discussion have been conducted to present different UN interventions on gender equality mainstreaming in private sector and how to improve a coordinated response to the needs of the private sector.

UNDP's Gender Equality Seal in Private Sector is assessed to be a complementary tool to the work of the Global Compact and implementation of the Women's Empowerment Principles led by UN Women.

Therefore, as a follow up of the internal discussions it was agreed to develop a positioning/strategy paper for gender mainstreaming in private sector.

INNOVATIVE PARTNERSHIPS: SHAKING HANDS WITH TURKEY AND THE WORLD

Inclusive private sector led platform (B4G) has leveraged private sector's role in development within the context of SDGs and realizes UNDP's platform way of working to develop joint programming with business and non-business community to create real impact.

The platform contributed to the development of a complex emergency response and recovery toolkit, as a member of the Connecting Business initiative and started an innovative action towards understanding earthquake scenarios for Istanbul.

The Platform also engaged 27 Banks, academies, and business confederation of Turkey (TÜRKONFED) within a coordinated manner under Visa's leadership to contribute financially and technically to start a capacity development programme for SMEs.

Diverse partnerships with international organizations, civil society (Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation), private

sector companies and bilateral (Qatar Development Fund) organizations in the scope of SDG Impact Accelerator had led to important results in terms of transferring the experience of Turkey to the least developed countries.

Cooperation with the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) in the field of economic growth and entrepreneurship materialized in 2019.

The first joint project with UNHCR in the field of access to justice for refugees completed with success.

The joint capacity assessment of UNDP, the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) and European Network of Human Rights will lead to follow up capacity development programmes for national human rights architecture.



COMMUNICATING UNDP: AN INTEGRATOR AND A PARTNER OF CHOICE

Along with the UN Country Team, UNDP Turkey positioned itself as an important integrator and a development partner of choice.

The Government of Turkey presented its 2nd Voluntary National Review (VNR) report in July 2019 at the UN High-level Political Forum in New York and started using renewed Turkish translations of SDGs which increased the visibility of SDGs.

With respect to the Syria Crisis Response, the nature of which has shifted strongly from a humanitarian focus to a resilience-based development approach, UNDP has strengthened its position by communicating its best practices to other countries and regions. Human stories from Turkey were featured in UNDP's global and regional communication channels. UNDP Turkey Goodwill Ambassador (GWA) Mert Firat's support also helped increase visibility.

UNDP intensified its efforts in communications in order to showcase the success of longer termed development-based response to migration challenges, and advocated for inclusiveness, socio-economic empowerment, self-reliance of the refugees and their host communities, to make sure that no one is left behind.

International Municipal Forum and communication activities around it contributed to strengthening the position of UNDP as a prominent player in response to a new way of working in Turkey.

SDG Impact Accelerator project was showcased in the UN General Assembly in New York and Global Refugee Forum in Geneva and this also increased the visibility of UNDP's work in Syria Crisis Response.

The Human Development Report 2019 launch event and communication activities on the report helped raising awareness on the report and inequalities in Turkey and the world.

The effective and consistent communication of programmatic results to donors and implementing partners continued. This year, "Space 4 Life" and "Happiness Is" video campaigns telling human stories from different projects had widespread acclaim and were featured in major media channels.

Conversations in Climate-ish with UNDP Turkey GWA Mert Firat strengthened UNDP's advocacy role for climate action.

PSA campaign on anti-Gender-Based Violence action with UNDP Turkey GWA Mert Firat all year long and International Women's Day campaign contributed to UNDP's advocacy efforts for gender equality.



The Social Good Summit Istanbul 2019 was a successful event reinforcing UNDP's leading role to advocate for SDGs and the 2030 Agenda to donors and partners. It was once again confirmed that SGS Istanbul is the major meeting point for all sustainability ecosystem in Turkey. The event reached millions of people in Turkey mainly through social media.

UNDP IN TURKEY: 2020 AND BEYOND

With its new role of SDG integrator, UNDP Turkey will strive to support the Government of Turkey in implementation, analysis and reporting of the SDGs.

The new National Development Plan and consultation process around United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF) and the Country Programme Document (CPD) of UNDP will be an important opportunity to have an open dialogue with the Government of Turkey and our major partners.

UNDP Turkey will, therefore, prioritize strengthening its integrator role with its strong technical expertise, institutional capacity, experience, and network at global, regional and local levels.

Expanding innovative approaches (especially to the Least Developed Countries) in programming will be prioritized with the fully capacitated Accelerator Lab.

UNDP will continue to ensure linkages between humanitarian and development response to the impact of the Syria crisis in Turkey in view of new developments.

This will be done through:

sustained efforts to strengthen the resilience approach and humanitarian development nexus in the new United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF) and Country Programme Document of UNDP (CPD),

the experience, lessons learned and best practices concerning the adoption of humanitarian development nexus will be transferred to other countries that have similar challenges.

Effective implementation of the large-scale Syria Crisis Response Programme, achieving high quality results will remain to be a high priority.

A multi sectoral approach to Syria crisis will continue to be adopted to ensure sustainability.

Diversification of partnerships while sustaining the fruitful relations with the EU and international financial institutions to develop large scale programs in areas of climate action and environment, economic growth and governance will be prioritized.

To materialize UNDP's integrated offer to SDGs, the achievement of concrete results in two leading platforms of private sector and establishment of a new one in the field of urbanization and 'zero waste' will maintain UNDP's strong position and leverage in respective areas of support.

Coherent and continued cooperation with the UNDP Istanbul Regional Hub and Istanbul International Center for Private Sector and Development will be critical in this regard.

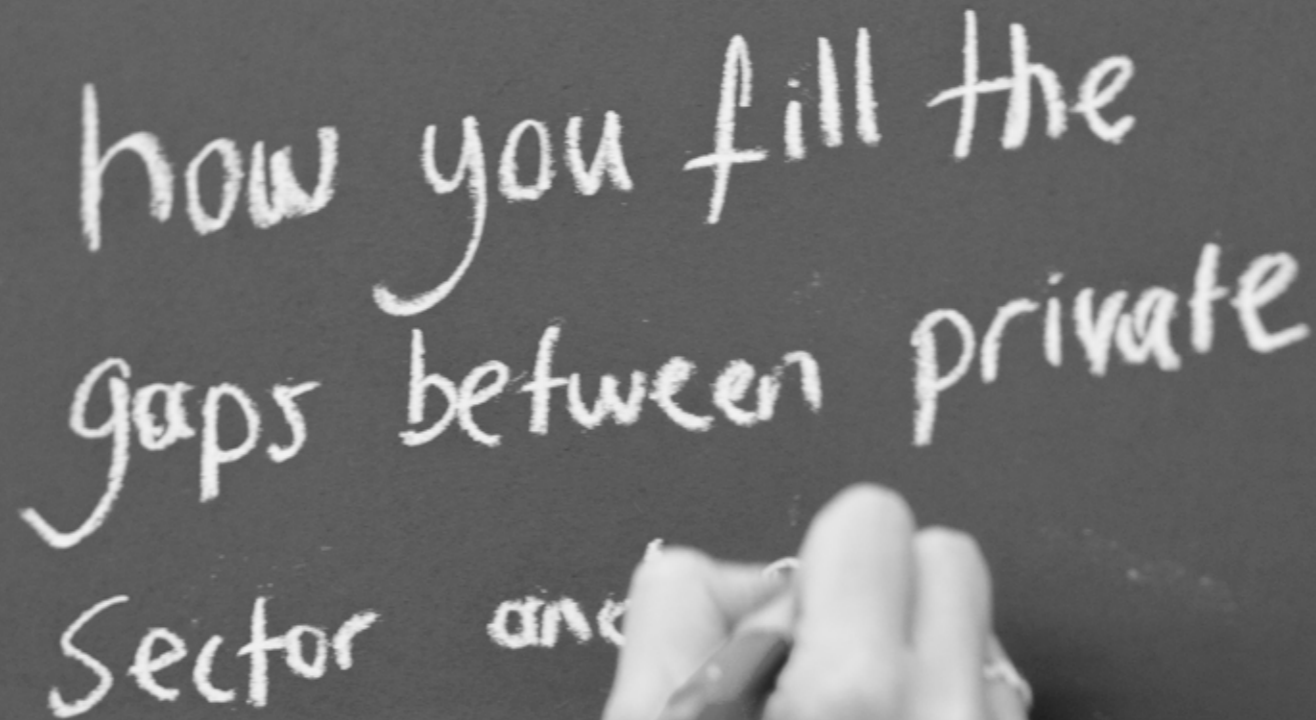
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Disposable solutions

UNDP Turkey Accelerator Lab focused on the reduction of disposable coffee cups by applying behavioural insights methods.

The percentage of coffee sold in disposable cups decreased from 97% to 78% in one week.

UN VOLUNTEERS IN 2019

The Ministry of Youth and Sport declared 2019 as the **Year of Volunteerism.**

UNV's two priorities are (i) to support strengthening the legal infrastructure of volunteerism in Turkey; (ii) **Mobilize UN Volunteers for UN Agencies.**

UNV Turkey and EU Presidency co-organized the Volunteerism Scheme Event where CSO, Public Sector and International Organizations came together for the first time to discuss the Volunteer Infrastructure in Turkey.

The IVD celebrations also highlighted the **16 days** of activism and Human Rights Day via Film screening: The Queen of Ireland – 3 December 2019

During the IVD, UNV Turkey participated in the FOX TV Morning News Show "Çalar Saat" and advocated for the **SDGs and Volunteerism.**

UNV Turkey contributed to the Ministry of Environment's project to plant

11 million

samplings together with UNDP and Damla Volunteers.

Social Good Summit – The role of volunteerism and local governance panel.

On the occasion of 5th of December International Volunteers Day (IVD), this year, Volunteers and Volunteerism is acknowledged via **17 SDG** related activities in

17 cities

of Turkey. UNV has participated in a joint activity together with Damla and Red Crescent Volunteers.

The responsible authority in Turkey for volunteerism is assigned as the **Directorate-General** for Civil Society Organization under the Ministry of Interior.

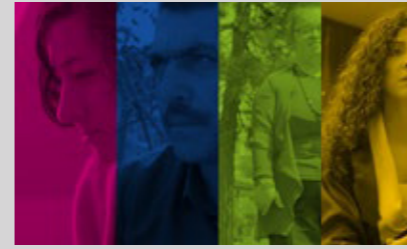
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Social Good Summit Istanbul 2019



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A Forest Story



Municipal Forum 2019



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Conversations in Climate-ish



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UNDP Turkey Goodwill Ambassador Mert Firat hosted the Conversations in Climate-ish.



“Recycling and Future Awareness” Panel at Festtogether was held with the participation of Mert Firat, Dilara Koçak, İtir Erhart, Ali Ercan Özgür and Alphan Eröztürk and moderated by Deniz Tapan from UNDP Turkey.



Actor Halit Ergenç was the presenter at Social Good Summit Istanbul 2019.

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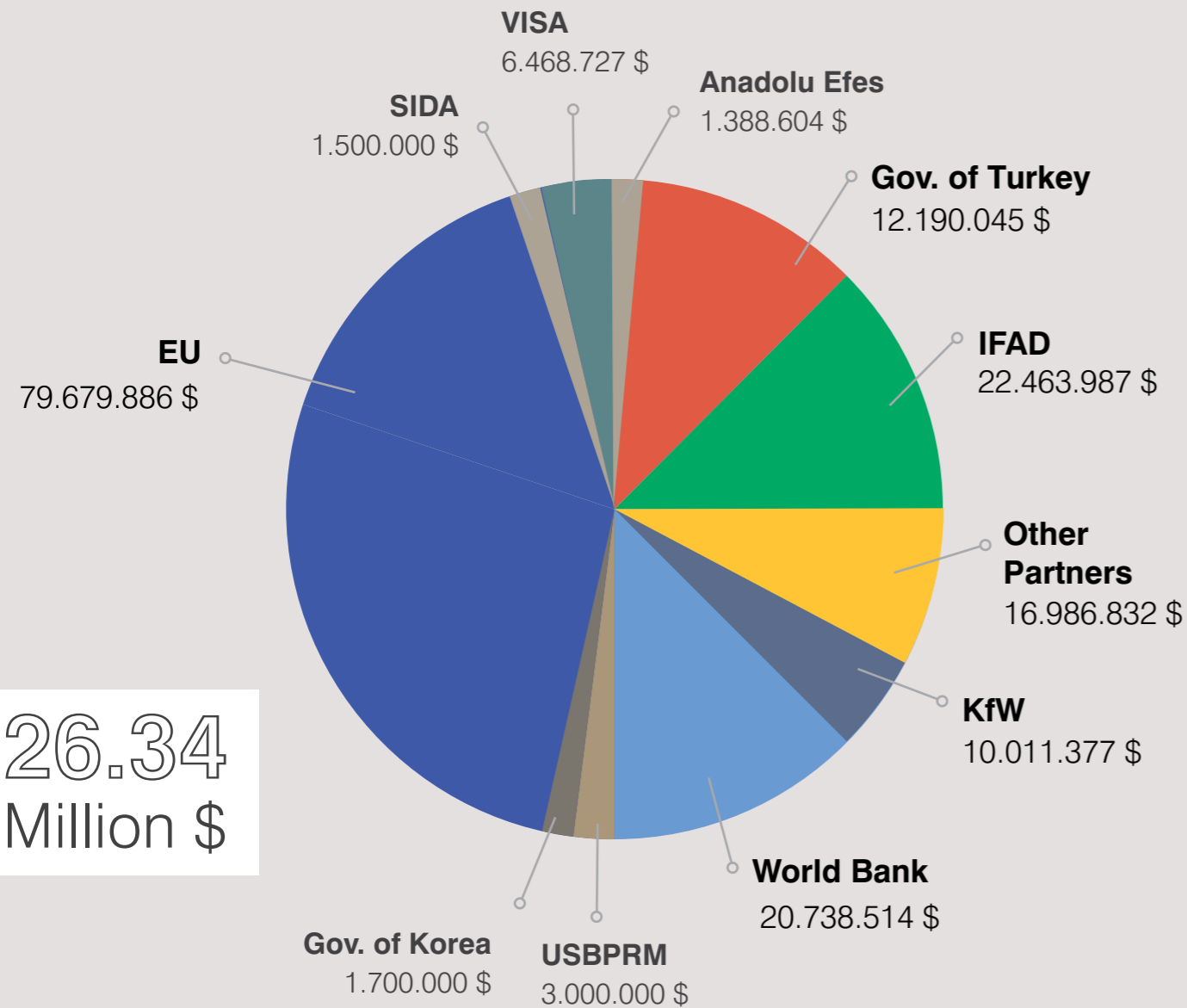
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Understanding Resilience at Local Level

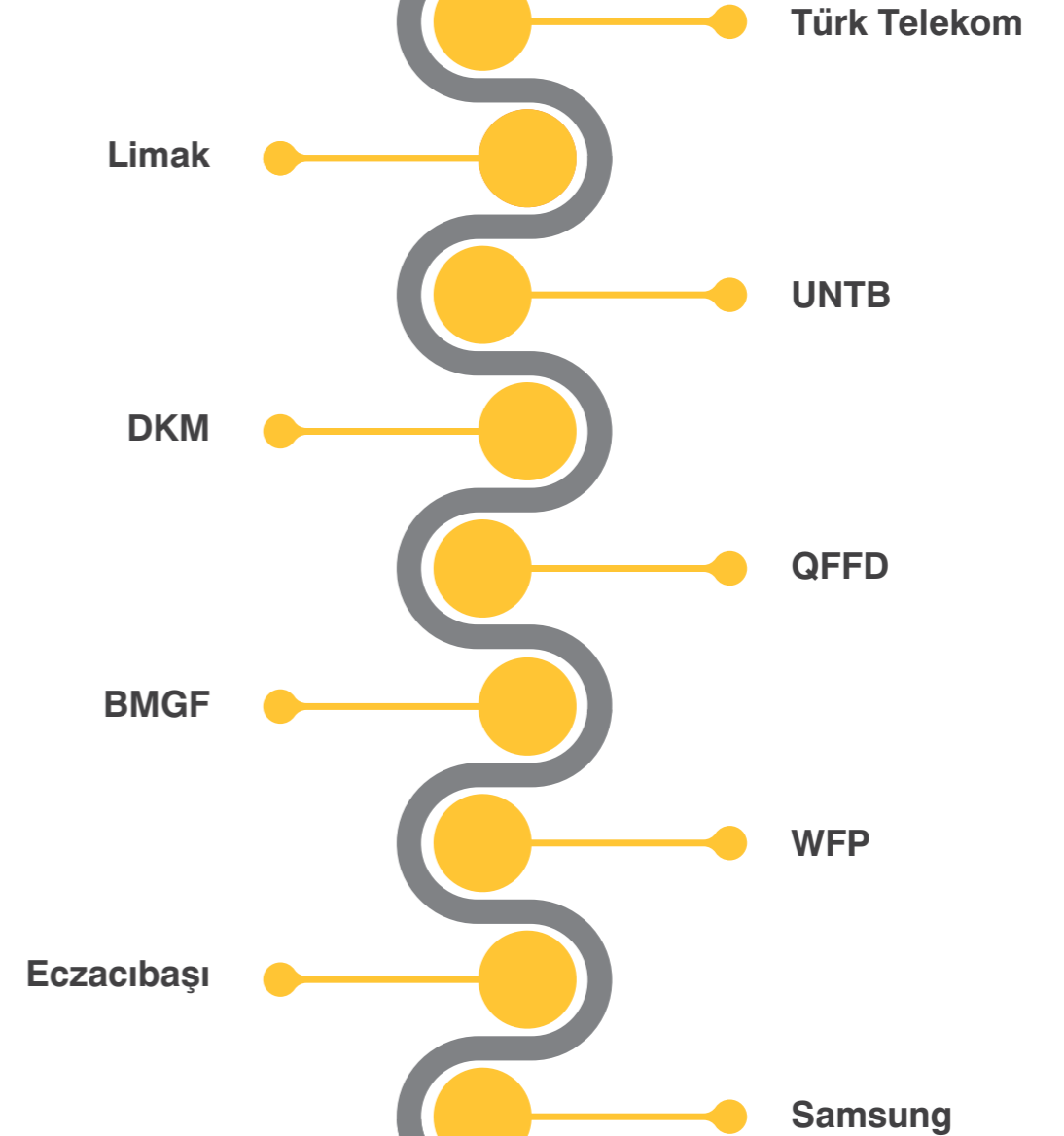


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