ANNUAL ACTIVITY REPORT 2019
IOM RESPONSE IN SYRIA, TURKEY, JORDAN, IRAQ, LEBANON, AND EGYPT
SYRIA HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE PLAN AND REGIONAL REFUGEE AND RESILIENCE PLAN 2019
In 2019, 11.7 million people remained in need of humanitarian assistance with 5 million people in acute need inside Syria. Exposed to the high intensity of the conflict, 5.7 million people remained internally displaced in Syria. Many of the displaced people have been displaced several times, exacerbating existing vulnerabilities. Heavy aerial bombardment and artillery shelling has been affecting civilian infrastructure, including IDP camps, schools, health centers and hospitals. Harsh winter conditions have compounded the vulnerability of displaced people.

Over the course of the year, IOM provided direct and indirect assistance – including non-food items (NFIs), Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM), Shelter, Logistics, Coordination, WASH, Protection, Food, and Early Recovery and Livelihoods assistance - to over 850,000 individuals in Syria. The IOM-managed NFI pipeline in Turkey enabled IOM and other INGO and NGO partners to distribute life-saving assistance to newly displaced IDPs in Syria in a rapid and cost-effective manner.

IOM continues to provide support to critical inter-agency initiatives inside Syria including Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) and capacity building for partners implementing needs assessment initiatives.

SHELTER AND NON FOOD ITEMS

In 2019, IOM reached over 200,000 individuals through the provision of essential non-food items (NFIs) distributed as part of the emergency response and contingency stock mechanism. The NFI packages included mattresses, a blanket, a solar lamp, plastic sheets, carpets, kitchen sets and comprehensive hygiene kits.

During the winter season (2019-2020), IOM partnered with local NGOs to distribute 15,600 winter NFI kits and over 64,100 winter clothing kits which included jackets, jumpers, boots, trousers, socks, gloves, hats, socks and thermal undershirts. IOM’s winter in-kind NFI assistance reached almost 90,000 individuals total. IOM also piloted cash-based interventions through restricted voucher distribution with at least 8,000 individuals redeeming the vouchers to purchase winter clothes.

IOM continues to manage a common procurement pipeline for an INGO Consortium inside Syria. For 2019, IOM procured and delivered more than 129,000 different kits including shelter kits, essential household items, kitchen sets, hygiene kits and winter items such as stoves, thermal blankets and fuel containers.

IOM provided shelter assistance to internally displaced persons (IDPs) who lived in improvised or inadequate shelters. A total of 260 buildings were rehabilitated for 1,302 IDPs, who were previously living in improvised shelters. This activity specifically targeted people living in tents or sub-standard buildings such as unfinished, damaged and abandoned buildings and structures not originally intended for human occupation. Rehabilitation works included plastering, installation of windows and doors, repair or installation of WASH facilities (latrines, showers, floors) and items in kitchen areas, and conducting of basic electricity and plumbing works.

ACHIEVEMENTS
IOM’s CCCM activities reached more than 262,000 beneficiaries in 2019 through the management of three reception centers and the Planned Camp, and the provision of tents, winter insulation materials, camp infrastructure upgrades and camp management support in Syria. In 2019, reception centers provided temporary shelter and multisectoral services (including NFI kits, food, protection, and others) for over 30,000 IDPs, including 8,150 new IDP arrivals, and the Planned Camp accommodated 3,675 IDPs, including 4,599 new arrivals.

To respond to the shelter crisis in informal IDP sites and camps, IOM distributed essential family tents through the contingency stock mechanism to over 50,000 individuals. During the winter season, IOM assisted close to 90,000 individuals by insulating almost 16,000 tents through lifting the tents off the ground and providing plastic sheets and foam to protect tents from winter weather. IOM assisted over 50,000 people by providing gravel and ground insulations for tents. IOM also contributed to camp infrastructure projects, including graveling roads. IOM gravelled over 30,000 meters of road which benefitted an estimated 40,000 individuals.

IOM’s site management support teams improved the capacity of camp management in 40 informal settlements by establishing community committees and providing CCCM and fire safety training for community members.

Additionally, IOM’s site monitoring teams collected data and provided assessments on IDP movements and IDP site profiles for the CCCM Cluster and partners. IOM also organized Camp Management training for staff of CCCM Cluster partners.

IOM reached a total of 180,834 unique beneficiaries through the upgrading of WASH infrastructure and provision of emergency WASH assistance for IDPs living in informal settlements and camps. Inside camps, 34 culverts were constructed and rehabilitated on roads, which reduced the likelihood of flooding for almost 50,000 individuals. In the densely populated camp of Atmeh, Idlib Governorate, IOM re-levelled a river to mitigate flooding for 50,000 individuals. IOM also constructed 435 accessible latrine blocks, which benefitted close to 25,000 individuals, including those with disabilities.

IOM assisted over 115,000 with emergency WASH services including water trucking, desludging, solid waste management, hygiene kit distribution and hygiene awareness sessions.

IOM’s protection activities reached 75,588 beneficiaries in 2019 through the provision of integrated protection services, including psychosocial support; gender-based violence and child protection prevention; specialized response services (including case management); and information and legal assistance on civil status documentation and housing land and property (HLP) issues. Teams also provided in-kind Individual protection assistance, including the procurement of assistive devices for persons with disabilities.

Services were provided at three dedicated community centers in Al Bab and Afrin in Aleppo Governorate, and in Darkoush in Idlib Governorate, and through on-site teams in all IOM-run reception centers and Planned Camp. Through protection monitoring, IOM contributed to the identification, prevention and enhanced response to critical protection needs with the Protection Cluster’s Protection Monitoring Taskforce.

IOM procured 10,000 dignity kits to support displaced women and girls of reproductive age in response to the emergency conditions in Idlib. Teams also provided comprehensive emergency protection services for newly displaced individuals, including psychological first aid, service mapping and referrals to specialized service providers.

IOM developed the operational guidance document Supporting HLP-Sensitive CCCM Interventions in Informal Sites with the CCCM Cluster and supported capacity-building for humanitarian workers on HLP Due Diligence.
ACHIEVEMENTS

EARLY RECOVERY AND LIVELIHOOD

IOM Turkey has contributed to community revitalization and resilience by supporting the local economy, improving access to basic services and promoting community engagement in northwest Syria. IOM supported 163 small and medium enterprises through business development services trainings and business support packages. Additionally, IOM provided short term employment to 306 individuals through Cash for Work opportunities.

IOM also implemented community support projects to address community needs through the rehabilitation of key community infrastructures (roads, sewage systems and schools), which benefitted 21,646 IDPs and host community members.

IOM improved food security and reduced the negative coping mechanism of food insecure people in northwest Syria by distributing over 3,000 food baskets to more than 7,700 newly displaced individuals.

HUMANITARIAN NEEDS ASSESSMENT

IOM supported the UN needs assessment initiatives and continued to build the capacities of local NGO partners in coordination with OCHA and clusters to enhance the overall planning and response inside Syria.

IOM partners’ assessments detailed monthly displacement and return trends, highlighted geographical areas of displacement/return, as well as reasons for displacement/return, priority needs and shelter conditions. Household surveys conducted by NGO partners also informed the release of 12 reports and factsheets pertaining to socio-economic conditions, reasons for displacement/return, disability, access to basic services and humanitarian assistance for IDPs, returnees and host population.
There are over 3.6 million reported Syrians Under Temporary Protection (SUTP) in Turkey who fled as a result of ongoing conflict. IOM has been an integral part of the interagency response since 2012.

Under the 3RP Program, IOM Turkey has expanded its activities in the provinces of Gaziantep, Hatay, Sanliurfa, Kilis, Kahramanmaras, Izmir, Ankara, Istanbul and Adana.

In 2019, IOM has continued to support the municipality centers that are providing counseling, protection, psycho-social support (PSS) and non-formal education for both Syrians and host communities. Improving access to livelihoods remained a priority in 2019 and was pursued through modalities including job placement and in-kind/in-cash grants distribution for small business startups.

As many Syrians living in rural areas continue to have difficulty accessing social services, IOM provided awareness raising, PSS activities, referral and emergency case management for vulnerable individuals and families via mobile support teams. Supporting local authorities with quick impact projects was another successful intervention in 2019, aimed at promoting social cohesion and supporting provincial and local governments in providing better services for both Syrians and host communities. IOM also continued shelter rehabilitation in southeast Turkey in an effort to improve living conditions and promote social cohesion among Turkish home-owners and Syrian tenants.

**PROTECTION**

In 2019, IOM Turkey reached 170,150 beneficiaries through capacity building, case management, community centre services, municipal social support services, and PSS activities including community outreach and conflict management.

Sectors activities included:

- Supporting existing or new community centers providing multi-service support such as PSS, language courses, legal aid, vocational trainings and community activities for social cohesion between refugees and host communities.
- Providing conflict management and social interaction activities between refugees and host community members.
- Supporting municipalities to provide integrated services to refugees and migrants for promoting social cohesion between refugees and host community members.
- Providing mobile community-based protection services such as PSS, awareness raising, social work and case management for Syrian Refugees in rural areas.
- Supporing quick impact projects aimed at improving community stabilization and cohesion between Syrian refugees and host communities.
- Providing individual tailored support for vulnerable refugees identified by IOM’s outreach team or referred by partner organizations.
- Conducting Counter Trafficking (CT) outreach activities for Syrian refugees through information dissemination, focus group discussions (FGDs), and awareness raising campaigns.
- Conducting CT mainstreaming activities and providing technical support and capacity building for government and NGOs.
- Conducting CT capacity building for front-line workers working with Syrians outside camps.

**EDUCATION**

In 2019, IOM Turkey reached 24,635 beneficiaries with school rehabilitation support, school transportation assistance, and language programs.

- Rehabilitation of Turkish schools that provide education to both Turkish and Syrian students. Select schools with both Syrian and host community students were provided sports equipment, projectors, and air conditioners, and multipurpose facilities were improved. This benefited approximately 4,697 Syrian and 9,877 host community members.
- Provision of transportation assistance to improve Syrian refugees’ access schools in urban areas. School transportation services were provided to 9,291 migrant and refugee students in Antalya, Adana, Batman, Sakarya, Sirt, Yalova, Sanliurfa and Mersin provinces.
- Supporting implementing partners to provide Turkish language courses through Public Education Centers for migrants and refugees. Turkish language courses were provided to 770 migrants and refugees in TRC and ASAM Community Centers in coordination with Turkish Public Education institution in 9 provinces.

**ACHIEVEMENTS**

**EDUCATION**

- Syrian Refugees, Children living outside camps and host communities / Beneficiaries Assisted 25,730

**PROTECTION**

- Syrian Refugees outside camps and host communities / Beneficiaries Assisted 170,150
In 2019, IOM Turkey reached 2,310 beneficiaries through Cash-for-Work, entrepreneurship support, in-kind grants/cash assistance, and job placement activities. Sectors activities included:

- Supporting sustainable labour market inclusion of Syrians Under Temporary Protection in Turkey through job placement.
- Providing in-kind grants/cash assistance to refugee and host community members to undertake income generating activities.
- Providing entrepreneurship training and grants to Turkish-Syrian start-up enterprises.
- Providing of Cash-for Work assistance through community stabilization activities to Syrian refugees and host community members.

In 2019, IOM Turkey reached 230 beneficiaries through community gardening initiatives. Sectors activities included:

- Supporting refugee and host community households in developing micro- and community gardening initiatives to increase household food production and sustainability.
- Providing agribusiness training to refugee and host community farmers.

This included provision of honey bee hives to 115 households in Islahiye district of Gaziantep province.

In 2019, IOM Turkey reached 44,794 beneficiaries with multi-purpose cash assistance, one-time specialized cash assistance and shelter rehabilitation. Sectors activities included:

- Provision of one-time cash assistance.
- Shelter Rehabilitation for vulnerable refugees living in poor housing in and around southeast Turkey and provision of rental assistance for extremely vulnerable households.
- Provision of emergency NFIs and other identified basic needs for those in urgent need of in-kind support.

Of the 44,794 beneficiaries, 379 were reached with NFI packages, 39,436 with one-time cash assistance, and 4,979 with shelter rehabilitation works.

**LIVELIHOOD AND FOOD SECURITY**

**BASIC NEEDS**

**TARGET**

**SYRIAN REFUGEES LIVING IN AND OUTSIDE CAMPS**

**ASSISTED 2,540**

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**SYRIAN REFUGEES LIVING IN AND OUTSIDE CAMPS**

**BENEFICIARIES**

**ASSISTED 2,310**

**TARGET**

**SYRIAN REFUGEES LIVING IN AND OUTSIDE CAMPS**

**BENEFICIARIES**

**ASSISTED 44,794**
In 2019, IOM continued to support refugees and host communities in Jordan through a variety of interventions. Currently, there are over 650,000 Syrian refugees registered in Jordan.

To assist vulnerable refugees residing outside camps, IOM provided cash assistance throughout the year: six-months multi-purpose cash assistance to meet basic needs and one-time winter cash assistance for winter-related needs.

IOM also supported Syrian refugees with safe and dignified transportation to and between camps for family reunification and referrals. Through humanitarian border management activities, IOM supported the Government of Jordan to more effectively prepare for and manage crisis-induced displacement and mass movements.

IOM also continued to provide tuberculosis (TB) and HIV care for Syrian refugees and vulnerable populations and to support the National Tuberculosis Program (NTP) and National AIDS Programs (NAP) of the Ministry of Health (MoH).

**FUNDING**

**REQUESTED** 25,235,625 $

**RECEIVED** 6,248,085 $

**PRESENCE**

**INTERNATIONAL STAFF** 10

**NATIONAL STAFF** 44

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**ACHIEVEMENTS**

**PROTECTION**

IOM provided safe and dignified transportation for Syrian refugees to facilitate family reunification, Syrian Refugee Affairs Directorate (SRAD) referrals and other needs, reaching 1,153 individuals in 2019. Throughout 2019, IOM continued to provide safe and dignified transportation for Syrian refugees in Jordan. IOM’s transportation assistance facilitated family reunification for individuals and their belongings between camps, as well as other needs identified on a case-by-case basis through referrals from UNHCR and the Syrian Refugee Affairs Directorate (SRAD). Movements were arranged from Raba'a Al Sarhan transit center and multiple camps within Jordan, including Azraq, Zaatari, King Abdullah Park and the Emirati Jordanian Camp. In total, IOM organized 325 movements and reached 3,578 refugees with transportation support during 2019, including 21% women, 23% girls, 23% boys and 33% men.

**TARGET** 6,505

**BENEFICIARIES** ASSISTED 3,578

**BASIC NEEDS**

IOM provided six months of multi-purpose cash assistance to 1,102 households (4,938 individuals) living outside camps to help meet basic needs, including rent, utilities, water and sanitation. IOM also provided one-time winter cash assistance to 1,416 households (6,030 refugees) across four governorates (Amman, Mafraq, Irbid and Zarqa) to help cover winter-related expenses, such as heaters, gas cylinders and blankets In March 2020, IOM was elected to co-chair the Basic Needs Working Group with UNHCR at national level. The working group facilitates operational coordination

**TARGET** SYRIAN REFUGEES LIVING IN AND OUTSIDE CAMPS ASSISTED 6,505

**HUMANITARIAN BORDER MANAGEMENT**

IOM supported the Government of Jordan in reinforcing security and protection at the borders, and enhancing safe, orderly and regular migration. Infrastructure at the Jordanian north-eastern borders with Syria was upgraded by building six new forward operating bases, equipped with generators and other necessary material. An office space at the Consular Section of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates (MoFAE) was refurbished and equipped to better support MoFAE’s migration management process. Trainings on humanitarian border management, emergency first aid and migration-responsive health services targeted a total of 88 Jordanian border authorities, frontline officers and medical officers. In addition, a set of medical equipment was procured and provided to Royal Medical Services to upgrade the equipment in hospitals in Mafraq and Zarqa governorates. Through these activities, IOM assisted the Government of Jordan and border authorities to more effectively prepare for and manage crisis-induced displacement and mass movements.

**TARGET** SYRIAN REFUGEES LIVING IN AND OUTSIDE CAMPS ASSISTED 256

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**HEALTH**

IOM continued to provide tuberculosis (TB) and HIV care for Syrian refugees and vulnerable populations and to support the National Tuberculosis Program (NTP) and National AIDS Programs (NAP) of the Ministry of Health (MoH). In 2019, 66,590 Syrian refugees and members from the host community were reached and sensitized on TB through awareness raising sessions; 9,062 Syrian refugees were screened for TB. IOM provided treatment support including Directly Observed Treatment (DOT) to 73 Syrian TB patients, of which 39 cases completed their treatment successfully and 34 cases were newly diagnosed. In addition, 3,272 individuals from vulnerable and key populations benefited from HIV voluntary counselling and testing. In addition, IOM continued to strengthen the capacity of the National TB and HIV Programmes by procuring laboratory consumables and supplies and medicines.

**TARGET** SYRIAN REFUGEES LIVING IN AND OUTSIDE CAMPS ASSISTED 78,924
In 2019, IOM continued its support to vulnerable Syrian refugees and affected host communities in Iraq. IOM main activities to assist Syrian refugees included humanitarian assistance, early recovery, resilience and migration management assistance.

Throughout the year, IOM provided health awareness sessions, resettlement and transportation assistance from border points in Ninewa to refugee camps in Dahuk. Health consultations and MHPSS screenings were provided prior to transportation for the influx of refugees arriving after October clashes in northeast Syria.

Under a new project that started in October 2019, IOM aims to enhance employability of refugees, host community members, and IDPs through increasing income generating opportunities and fostering a productive business environment for job creation. IOM also continues to provide school transportation for Syrian refugee students from host communities and camp locations to schools inside and outside of camps.

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**FUNDING**

- **REQUESTED**: 23,073,730 $
- **RECEIVED**: 1,838,609 $

In 2019, IOM received funds to provide school transportation for Syrian refugee students from host communities and camp locations to schools inside and outside of camps. Following a 2019 assessment, the school transportation activities are set to launch in 2020.

**HEALTH**

IOM emergency health team provided Syrian refugees in camps and surrounding areas with awareness sessions on health topics including general personal hygiene, tuberculosis, and diarrheal, respiratory and skin diseases. The sessions were aimed to increase knowledge about communicable diseases and help mitigate the risks of transmission. Community leaders and focal points were selected to transfer key messages to the camp population. In 2019, IOM reached 718 beneficiaries in Ninewa (Akre and surrounding Syrian refugees schools) and Dahuk (Domiz camp and surrounding areas), IOM provided 3,381 basic health consultations and 8,684 screening services for refugees at border points prior to transportation services.

**LIVELIHOOD**

In 2019, IOM continued to closely coordinate with the Inter-Sectoral Working Group, the Emergency Livelihoods Cluster, and UNHCR sub-offices in Duhok and Sulaymaniyah to assess locations and appropriate responses. Following 2019 assessments, several communities have been identified for potential community-driven livelihood initiatives in 2020.

**PROTECTION**

IOM Iraq provided resettlement assistance to Syrian refugees, including liaison with immigration departments of resettlement countries, coordination for visa and travel document issuance, travel arrangement, medical screening prior departure, follow up with transit and with receiving missions to confirm safe arrival and cultural orientation. In 2019, 1,380 refugees received resettlement assistance. IOM also provided safe and dignified transportation assistance for 18,954 refugees (10,335 males, 8,617 females) from border points to refugee camps identified by local authorities.

**EDUCATION**

In late 2019, IOM received funds to provide school transportation for Syrian refugee students from host communities and camp locations to schools inside and outside of camps. Following a 2019 assessment, the school transportation activities are set to launch in 2020.
In 2019, IOM continued to support Syrian refugees, host communities, and other affected populations in Lebanon through interventions across several sectors. Programs took holistic approaches to providing humanitarian assistance while also prioritizing community stabilization initiatives aimed at enhancing the resilience of affected communities.

Throughout the year, IOM Lebanon reached 47,597 beneficiaries with support ranging from basic needs and essential services to shelter, livelihoods, social cohesion, protection, and health.

ACHIEVEMENTS

PROTECTION

IOM’s mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) activities were implemented in partnership with local civil society organizations (CSOs) and three psychosocial support centres located in Northern Lebanon, Bekaa, and Southern Lebanon. The activities strengthened mechanisms for responding to mental health needs and directly supported people in need, reaching a total of 10,502 individuals.

Lebanon’s Border Management was also strengthened through the completed refurbishment of the Masnaa Border Crossing Point, which enhanced the capacity of 96 border management officials to ensure accurate and humanitarian border management.

Additionally, 9,452 refugees, primarily vulnerable Syrians, were resettled to 18 different countries and an additional 328 migrants received transit assistance.

BASIC NEEDS

In coordination with UNHCR, IOM Lebanon identified 500 severely vulnerable households to receive 10 months of multi-purpose cash assistance, benefiting a total of 2,500 individuals. Selected beneficiaries received debit cards and trainings on using their cards, followed by monthly payments of USD 175, in accordance with shelter sector standards.

IOM also distributed weatherproofing kits to 406 households living in Informal Tented Settlements in the North of Lebanon, benefiting a total of 2,030 Syrian refugees. Cash for Rent transfers began for 65 households, equivalent to 325 Syrians, who will receive rent assistance for a total of six months.

SOCIAL COHESION

The implementation of five community stabilization projects was finalized in Northern Lebanon, in partnership with local NGOs. Projects included interventions such as community clean-up and improved public infrastructure, and were implemented through local committees thus contributing to enhanced collaboration and social cohesion between Syrian and Lebanese communities. Tools and supplies were also donated directly to seven municipalities experiencing high levels of tension, contributing to increased capacity for service provision and local-level stability.
ACHIEVEMENTS

LIVELIHOOD
Livelhoods programming in Northern Lebanon and the Bekaa facilitated Cash for Work activities for 145 beneficiaries from refugee communities as well as vulnerable Lebanese host communities.

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HEALTH
Throughout 2019, IOM Lebanon supported vulnerable populations affected by HIV and tuberculosis and provided pre-travel checks and medical escorts to refugees. A total of 24,052 beneficiaries were assisted, including 15,180 who received health education and awareness trainings and education and 8,882 who were screened for tuberculosis.

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IOM supports Jaseem and his family, Syrian refugees in Lebanon. ©IOM Lebanon
Egypt continues to host approximately 130,000 Syrian refugees. IOM, through projects launched in 2018 and continued through 2019, supports Syrian refugees and host community through a range of programmes emphasizing livelihoods development and social cohesion.

In 2019, IOM brought together Syrian refugees and host community members through community events centered around art, expression, and education. These programmes included livelihoods development and training for females to successfully enter the marketplace; health, hygiene, and psychosocial awareness sessions tailored to women and children; and educational support in the form of the transportation and in-kind assistance.

**HEALTH**

In 2019, IOM conducted a two day Women Health and Hygiene training in Alexandria, targeting Syrian refugee women and Egyptian host community women with a series of female focused topics from hygiene care and disease prevention to breast cancer awareness. Participants also received hygiene kits including shampoo, soap, toothpaste and brush, and sanitary pads. Trainings were also conducted for Syrian and Egyptian community health volunteers from migrant-dense communities in Greater Cairo and Alexandria, and medical clinics refurbished. Health promotional activities such as First Aid trainings targeting Syrian female refugees and host communities continued throughout the year. IOM also covered the expenses for surgical operations on select Syrian refugees in need.

**SOCIAL COHESION**

In collaboration with civil society organization, IOM in 2019 organized an “ArtAble Day” which brought together Egyptian volunteers and Syrian refugee children and their Mothers. The initiative was coordinated by Egyptian youth volunteers and provided as space where children could express their experiences and emotions through art. IOM provided painting materials, and conducted awareness raising sessions on internet safety as well as the importance of school education. Mothers were advised on how to develop their children’s interests and hobbies as supporting mechanisms for mental well-being. All attending children received educational kits, and a booklet on internet safety for children. The initiative proved to be an effective mechanism for bringing refugees and the Egyptian host community together in positive activities.

**LIVELIHOOD**

IOM supported livelihoods opportunities for Syrian and Egyptian females through a professional skills training project focusing on female entrepreneurship and sustainable income generation. The program trained participants in jewelry making and cake decoration, and provided essential skills in small business ownership, product launch, and market access. The project was conducted in coordination with location civil society organizations, and skills workshops were delivered by successful entrepreneurs and business leaders.

**EDUCATION**

IOM supported access to education for refugee students through several initiatives. Two community schools were provided essential material support, such as projectors, charts, and chairs, to improve classroom environments. Select female students were provided grant incentives to encourage enrollment in school, and other students were provide educational kits – including essential school materials such as backpack, notebooks, crayons, pens, pencils, ruler, glue, scissors, etc. – to reduce the burden on low-income families and increase access to education.

**PROTECTION**

To increase mental and psychosocial well-being of vulnerable communities, IOM provided interventions targeting civil society organizations, community leaders, and children. Staff from CSOs were trained on children’s psychological well-being and supportive activity design, implementation and evaluation. Community leaders were trained on children’s psychosocial well-being, confidentiality, and leadership. Finally, children participated in a workshop on play-based activities that allow action-based change and diverse forms of expression.