



A Syrian family huddles by a fire at the Edirne border

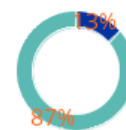
IOM VISION

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IOM Turkey will continue to respond to the humanitarian needs of migrants and refugees attempting to cross to Europe through the Western Mediterranean and Land Border routes in Turkey, while supporting the Government of Turkey by enhancing their capacity to provide assistance to migrants and refugees at sea and land borders.

\$4,000,000

Funding Required



■ F. Confirmed: 536.74 M
■ F. Gap: 3.46 M

IOM PROPOSED RESPONSE

55,000

People Targeted

3

Entities Targeted

OBJECTIVE

Save lives and respond to needs through humanitarian assistance and protection

FUNDING REQUIRED

4,000,000

FUNDING CONFIRMED

536,744

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PRIMARY TARGET GROUPS

1. International migrant
2. Refugee

BREAKDOWN OF FUNDING REQUIREMENTS (USD) 2021

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITY AREAS	2021
Save lives and respond to needs through humanitarian assistance and protection	
Basic Needs, including Food	2,000,000
Protection	500,000
Mental Health and Psychosocial Support in Humanitarian Response	500,000
Direct Health Support	1,000,000
TOTAL FUNDING REQUIRED	4,000,000

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CONTEXT ANALYSIS

Since signing the EU-Turkey Statement in March 2016 and the closure of the Balkan Route, migrants and refugees have attempted using alternative paths to reach Europe, including sea crossings from Turkey to Greece. Following the announcement from the Turkish Government that the Turkey-EU borders would be opened from the Turkish side, in February and March 2020, IOM observed an increase in migrant and refugee arrivals in Edirne Province and at the Aegean Sea intending to cross to Greece. However, the outbreak of COVID-19 in March 2020 has reduced the migration flows on these routes. In 2020, Turkey rescued 19,208 individuals at Turkey's maritime boundaries^[1] and 112,130 individuals on land across the country.^[2]

The migration flows are expected to increase again once the pandemic recedes. The Aegean Sea crossing where migrants and refugees depart from Izmir Province to reach Greece remains a popular transit point for migrants and refugees who wish to enter the EU. The same applies to Edirne Province – most notably the land border between Turkey and Greece along the Maritsa River. The land crossings through Edirne are on the rise and exceeded sea crossings during the summer of 2020 due to fewer risks for crossing.

Migrants and refugees rescued at sea and on land include children, elderly, pregnant women, people with disabilities and other vulnerabilities who are in need of humanitarian assistance and specialized care. Rescued migrants and refugees with medical concerns face immediate health risks due to loss of their medications during the crossings. Moreover, Turkish regulations on the provision of medicines and movement restrictions after the rescue limit access of migrants and refugees to prescription medicines.

For all regional activities related to the Syria crisis, please see [IOM's Syria Regional Refugee & Resilience Plan 2020](#).

^[1] Turkish Coast Guard official irregular migration statistics at the Aegean Sea

^[2] Directorate General of Migration Management (DGMM)

COORDINATION

As part of the Mediterranean and Land Border response, IOM will continue its close coordination at the central and field levels with the Turkish Coast Guard (TCG), Turkish Gendarmerie, Turkish National Police (TNP), Directorate General of Migration Management (DGMM), and other relevant authorities and line ministries. IOM and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) co-chair the monthly inter-sectoral coordination meetings in Izmir and in Edirne to ensure a coordinated response to the needs of migrants and refugees in the Mediterranean and Land border areas among UN agencies and NGOs. IOM provides referrals for protection and medical assistance to the Association for Solidarity with Asylum Seekers and Migrants (ASAM), Mülteci-Der, Médecins du Monde (MDM), Community Volunteers' Association (TOG), Centre for Support to Refugees (Müdem), Refugee Rights Turkey (RRT), Bar Associations, Turkish Red Crescent (TRC), TNP, Provincial Directorates of Migration Management (PDMM), Provincial Directorates of Family and Social Policies, National Health Institutions and UN agencies, particularly the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) for cases of unaccompanied minors. IOM's Mediterranean and Land Border Response will continue to engage with its partners in the Government of Turkey and in the UN through coordination fora in Turkey, including through the Ankara-based UN Country Team and sectoral working groups, as well as the Izmir and Istanbul Inter-Agency Taskforce.

IOM CAPACITY

IOM Turkey has over 1,100 staff in 15 different locations across the country. IOM's Mediterranean Response supports the TCG to provide humanitarian assistance to migrants and refugees rescued at sea and on land. With over four years of experience and through the presence of its mobile teams at the Aegean sea, IOM has provided basic food, non-food items (NFIs), mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) and counselling to over 91,994 migrants and refugees. Building on these experiences, IOM expanded its operation in Edirne in January 2020 in partnership with DGMM and PDMM, to support the Gendarmerie and the TNP to provide humanitarian assistance to migrants and refugees rescued on land at the Gendarmerie's premises. In addition, in Edirne IOM provides direct humanitarian assistance to migrants and refugees on land through its mobile teams, despite operational challenges posed by COVID-19. In 2020, IOM provided humanitarian assistance to over 10,247 migrants and refugees, which is 53 per cent of all migrants and refugees rescued at sea by the TCG. IOM also assisted 13,233 migrants and refugees rescued on land by the Gendarmerie/TNP. IOM has established working relationships with border authorities through previous and ongoing projects including capacity

building of TCG for search and rescue operations at sea through the provision of vessels and trainings in the context of border management. Moreover, since the onset of the pandemic, IOM has been supporting the border authorities and migrants and refugees at the Aegean Sea and in Edirne through the provision of Personal Protective Equipment and key information about COVID-19. With its valuable hands-on experience, IOM will continue to spearhead the Mediterranean and Land Border response amidst the ongoing pandemic.

SAVE LIVES AND RESPOND TO NEEDS THROUGH HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE AND PROTECTION

Funding Required

\$4,000,000

People Targeted

55,000

People Targeted Description

Vulnerable migrants and refugees in the western land and sea border areas in Turkey.



BASIC NEEDS, INCLUDING FOOD

IOM's mobile teams in the Aegean Sea and Edirne will continue to provide migrants and refugees rescued at sea and on land with food supplies and NFIs according to the needs of migrants and refugees. Items for distribution are stored in IOM's warehouses in Izmir and Edirne, and distributed directly by IOM or through the TCG, Gendarmerie or TNP. Activities will include:

- Provision of food kits designed based on the Sphere standards and the WHO standard (2,100 calories per day).
- Provision of NFI kits including blankets, shoes, clothes, baby diapers and hygiene kits including face masks and hand sanitisers.
- Distribution of recreational kits including balloons, puzzles, colouring books and crayons to children for reducing their stress.

Funding Required
\$2,000,000



PROTECTION

IOM will provide specialized protection services for migrants and refugees while enhancing the capacity of government partners through trainings. Activities will include:

- Vulnerability screenings, interpretation services, referral of cases with critical protection concerns including medical concerns, legal needs, separated and unaccompanied children, survivors of gender-based violence, family reunification, Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration, and referrals to partner UN agencies and NGOs
- Counselling with the provision of information on migrants and refugees' rights and responsibilities and available services.
- Capacity building trainings for frontline workers at borders on protection concerns pertinent to migrants and refugees including gender, health, and prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse (PSEA).

Funding Required
\$500,000

Funding Confirmed
\$109,950

21% **79%**



MENTAL HEALTH AND PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT IN HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE

IOM will continue to provide culturally sensitive and community-based MHPSS to migrants and refugees. IOM will draw on institutional tools and expertise, including the IOM Manual on Community-Based Mental Health and Psychosocial Support in Emergencies and Displacement[1] and the IASC guidelines on MHPSS[2]. IOM co-chairs the MHPSS sub-Working Group in Turkey to ensure coordinated intervention. Activities will include:

Funding Required
\$500,000

Funding Confirmed
\$78,859

15% **85%**

- Art-based activities for children waiting with their parents at the TCG, Gendarmerie, TNP and PDMM premises.
- Psychological First Aid, individual counselling and referral services to specialized care when needed.



[1]

https://www.iom.int/sites/g/files/tmzbdl1481/files/mhpss/v3_-_manual_on_cb_mhpss_in_emergencies_and_displacement.pdf [2] Inter-Agency Standing Committee Guidelines on Mental Health and Psychosocial Support in Emergency Settings

<https://interagencystandingcommittee.org/iasc-task-force-mental-health-and-psychosocial-support-emergency-settings/iasc-guidelines-mental>



DIRECT HEALTH SUPPORT

To protect the health and well-being of frontline workers and migrants and refugees rescued at borders, IOM will procure Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and hygiene items to governmental partners and facilitate access of refugees and migrants to COVID-19 treatment and vaccination through awareness-raising. Moreover, IOM will provide or cover the cost of medication that is urgently needed and prescribed by healthcare institutions to migrants and refugees after the rescue at sea and on land while they wait at the TCG, Gendarmerie and TNP premises, ensuring all rules and regulations are followed, IOM's duty of care about dispensing medicine and the protection of medical information. IOM activities will include:

- Procurement and distribution of PPE and hygiene items for TCG, Gendarmerie and TNP staff as well as migrants and refugees.
- Awareness-raising on COVID-19 risks, prevention, treatment and vaccination availability for migrants and refugees through counselling and information sessions.
- Procurement and provision of urgently needed medication and other medical supplies such as first aid supplies to refugees and migrants rescued at sea and on land.

Funding Required
\$1,000,000

