3RP Quarterly Newsletter

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At a Glance: Key Developments

Iran-Türkiye Movements

According to the latest UNHCR updates, between **late February and 18 June 2026**:

462,000 *arrivals from Iran*



400,000 *departures to Iran*

• Predominantly under the 90-day visa-free regime; **no mass irregular movements**.

Voluntary Returns from Türkiye to Syria

On 13 August 2026, the Minister of Interior shared:

1.5 million *returns since 2016*



723,000 *returns since Dec. 2024*

• **3.62 million** foreigners currently have legal stay in Türkiye, including **2.21 million** Syrians under temporary protection (as of September).

Strategic, Operational & Analytical Highlights

3RP Türkiye | 2027 Planning Period Started

• **Process:** 3RP Türkiye 2027 planning cycle opened in September 2026.
• **Aim:** validate and update - not fully overhaul - the 2026 strategy.
• **Rationale:** continuity in the operational context, with voluntary returns to Syria stable in 2026.
• **Focus:** validating the plan and updating needs/risk analysis where material contextual changes have occurred. Example: shifts in TP and IP holders' access to health services.

Indicative Milestones Timeline

Sep: Sectoral validation period
28 & 30 Sep: Sector logframe and narrative revision deadlines, respectively
1 Oct: Opening of appeal submissions
16 Oct: Appeal submission deadline
30 Oct: Deadline for appeal review before final figures are shared regionally/globally
Nov: Government of Türkiye feedback window
~Feb 2027: 3RP 2027 launch

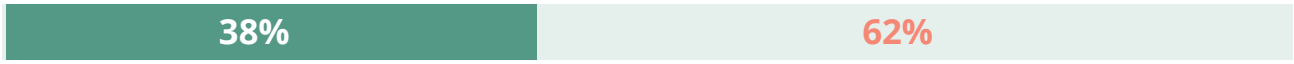
3RP Türkiye | 2026 Mid-Year Funding

$471M
Total Appeal

$179M
Funding Received

38%
Funding ratio

Funding Status (2026)



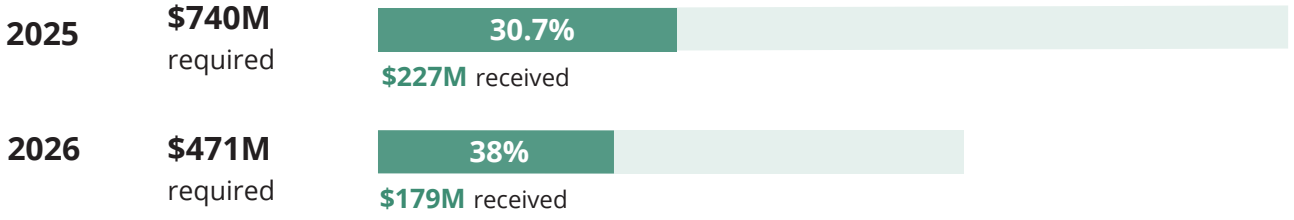
$179M received

$292M funding gap

↓ 36%
in total appeal in 2026 vs 2025 following **further enhanced prioritisation**

↑ 7.3 percentage points
increase in funding rate
30.7% in 2025 → 38% in 2026

2025 - 2026 Funding Trends (Mid-Year)



UNHCR | Population Statistics

UNHCR Türkiye Country Factsheet | September 2026

2.21 million
Syrians under temporary protection
(as of September 2026)



127,293
International protection applicants and status holders (as of mid-2026)

IP Status Holders

Afghanistan: 22,677

Iraq: 19,458

IP Applicants

Iraq: 36,931

Afghanistan: 31,717

Iran: 1,378

KEY INSIGHT
In an increasingly constrained funding context, Türkiye continues to host a substantial refugee population with ongoing protection and assistance needs.

SSN | 5th Post-Distribution Monitoring (PDM)

Led by the **Ministry of Family and Social Services (MoFSS)** and the **Turkish Red Crescent (TRC)**, the 5th PDM (April-June 2026) assessed socioeconomic conditions of Social Safety Net (SSN), Complementary SSN (C-SSN) and non-recipient households.

• Rising costs exceeded incomes, leaving the **majority across all groups below the Minimum Expenditure Basket (MEB)** and increasingly reliant on **coping mechanisms** such as **debt**.

C-SSN households

15% above MEB

SSN households

33% above MEB

Non-recipient households

46% above MEB

SSN | Inter-Sectoral Vulnerability Study (IVS) 3rd Edition

The 3rd IVS (January-June 2026) analyses **multidimensional vulnerabilities** among SSN, C-SSN and non-recipient households, highlighting persistent economic pressures and vulnerabilities.

70%
struggle to meet **daily essential needs.**

30%
can **comfortably** meet basic requirements.

94%
have **no savings** to absorb economic shocks.

66%
of households are **in debt.**

48%
live in **inadequate housing conditions.**

6.3%
of households resorted to **child labour.**

Return Intentions

88%
no intention to return

6%
reported **plans** to return to Syria

Among Households Intending to Return

95%
prefers **cash assistance**

83%
shelter is the top priority need

What shapes return decisions?

An in-depth interview study by MoFSS and TRC

Return decisions are shaped by households' living conditions and future prospects **in both Türkiye and Syria**, rather than primarily by loss of assistance or health insurance.

UNHCR | Supporting Continuity of Assistance in Voluntary Return

In Türkiye, the **Presidency of Migration Management** and UNHCR provide **cash assistance** to refugees intending to voluntarily return to Syria, comprising 2 components: **transportation support** and **assistance for persons with specific needs**.

According to the UNHCR Regional Update on Returns to Syria, to support **continuity of assistance after arrival in Syria**, eligibility information follows a dedicated data flow through national social assistance and screening systems in Türkiye before being transferred to UNHCR Syria's assistance management system as well.

Impact of Assistance on Beneficiaries Returning from Türkiye

96%
of beneficiaries used the assistance for **transport**

93%
shared it enabled their return journey

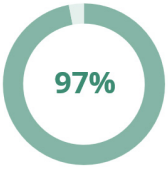
~89%
reported improved ability to cover return-related expenses

90%
reported reduced household stress

Beneficiary Feedback



overall satisfaction with the assistance



prefers cash assistance to other forms

KEY INSIGHT

Regional monitoring shows that return and reintegration cash helps cover the costs of return and initial reintegration, **without being a primary factor in the decision to return.**

SYCAC | Perceptions of Return to Syria

With the support of **STL** under the **FORCE4Refugees** project, Syrian Civil Administration Development Centre (SYCAC) published *Research on Syrian Refugees' Perceptions of Return.* Based on **a survey of 399 Syrian refugees and 6 focus group discussions in Gaziantep, Kilis and Şanlıurfa**, the study found that **the majority of respondents (74%) do not intend to return within the next 12 months.**

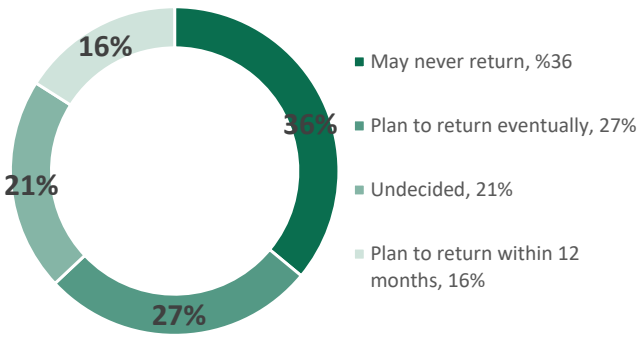
Key findings:

36%
identify **property destruction/ occupation** as a main barrier.

76%
identify **livelihoods** as the most important condition for return.

84%
report being somewhat or very integrated in Türkiye

76%
have lived in Türkiye for over 10 years



BNWG | Basic Needs Sector 2026 Mid-Year Review

Basic Needs Working Group (BNWG) has published its 2026 Mid-Year Review, **an advocacy note for stakeholders, including donors**, assessing progress against planned targets and highlighting the most pressing needs for the remainder of the year.

Progress against Annual Targets

By mid-year, 3RP Basic Needs sector partners reached:

16%
Shelter & WASH related support

29%
Multi-purpose cash assistance (MPCA)

22%
Core relief items

29%
Food assistance
(highest level of progress largely due to ongoing assistance in camps and border locations)

Consequence of Underfunding

Unless additional funding is secured, the following assistance gaps are expected:

5,654
individuals will not benefit from shelter and WASH support, including adequate shelter solutions, communal space upgrades, WASH rehabilitation and shelter relocation support

USD 2.05 million
required to address this gap.

40,110
individuals will not benefit from cash-based interventions, including MPCA and vouchers.

USD 4.32 million
required to address this gap.

176,748
individuals will not receive food assistance.

USD 7.05 million
required to address this gap.

KEY INSIGHT

The Basic Needs sector calls for timely and flexible funding to prevent critical assistance gaps from deepening, with predictable funding for coordinated cash assistance identified as a priority.

CBI TWG | Updated Multi-Purpose Cash Assistance (MPCA) Guidance

The Cash-based Interventions Technical Working Group (CBI TWG) published the updated MPCA guidance for Türkiye with transfer values based on the **latest SSN MEB** and **August 2026 market-based rent data**, to ensure a harmonised approach across partners.

Recommended Monthly MPCA Transfer Values per Household Size





MEB gap assumption
For the second half of 2026, **60% gap** between household resources and minimum basic needs continues to be applied.

MPCA modality
Monthly MPCA recommended for **up up to 3 months** for the most vulnerable households, with **one-off MPCA** reserved for exceptional and acute needs.

Harmonised implementation
Floor-cap approach is maintained to support harmonisation and equitable distribution, with coordination, **deduplication** and reporting requirements.

CBI TWG | 2025 Cash and Voucher Assistance (CVA) Mapping

The CBI TWG's 2025 mapping provides an overview of the scale and programming characteristics of the reported CVA interventions in Türkiye.

40 projects

10 organisations

1.76M reported beneficiaries



78% of projects appealed under the 3RP

How was the assistance provided?

65%
of projects provided regular assistance

72.5%
of projects provided unrestricted assistance

KEY INSIGHT
The smaller CVA portfolio in 2025 compared with 2024 reflects the **conclusion of earthquake-response projects and funding constraints**, not declining relevance of cash assistance. The portfolio also shows an increasing orientation towards **regular and flexible support**.

RI | Health Needs Assessment in İstanbul, Gaziantep & Hatay

A Relief International (RI)-led assessment highlights the health, disability and protection needs of vulnerable refugee households amid shrinking humanitarian assistance capacity due to lack of funding and increasing pressure on public services.

Key findings:

79% of households reported **unmet basic needs** (mainly housing and healthcare)

43% of households have a member with **disability-related needs**, including dependence on others or use of assistive devices

63% reported a need for **assistive technology**, but cost, availability and maintenance remain major challenges

79% reported **low well-being**, while access to mental health and psychosocial services (MHPSS) remain very limited

97% of households reported **insufficient income** and most **lack SGK health insurance.**

Healthcare is increasingly difficult to access due to transportation costs, language barriers, long waiting times and appointment shortages.

Many persons with disabilities face barriers obtaining **disability reports** required for access to services.

StC | Education, Inclusion and School Participation in Türkiye

Save the Children (StC) published **2 studies** examining factors shaping children's access to and experiences of education in **İstanbul** and earthquake-affected **Hatay and Adıyaman**, respectively.

İstanbul

Safe, Inclusive and Resilient Schools

Explores how safety, inclusion, well-being and resilience are experienced in urban public schools.

Mixed-methods, child-centred study, including a survey of 35 teachers, focus groups and interviews.

Key Findings

94% of surveyed teachers reported a **preparedness** plan and regular emergency drills in their school.

54% reported **targeted support** for students whose mother tongue is not Turkish and students with disabilities.

43% reported confidential reporting channels for **bullying or discrimination**.

Hatay & Adıyaman

Out-of-School Children at Risk of Dropping Out

Examines the barriers, challenges and opportunities affecting education access, attendance, and continuation in the context of February 2023 earthquakes.

Mixed-methods study with children, caregivers and education/ protection stakeholders.

Key Findings

71% of caregivers identified school-related **costs** as a barrier to education.

68% reported continuing earthquake-related **mental health effects**.

55% identified **transport** as a barrier to education.

Coordination & Partnership Highlights

Partner Spotlight: SENED

Since 2019, Sened has been working to strengthen inclusive, rights-based protection for people with disabilities, addressing barriers to participation and access to services through evidence, capacity-building and inclusive programming.

Research

Needs Assessment with Syrian Women in Gaziantep

Sened assessed the socio-economic conditions, protection risks, return perceptions and information needs of **281 Syrian women in Gaziantep**. **All respondents** reported **insufficient household income** to meet basic needs and **experiences of discrimination or mistreatment** in the past year.

Key Findings

88% are not engaged in any **income-generating** activity.

80% struggle to cover **electricity, water and natural gas** expenses.

77% struggle to cover **health and medicine** expenses.

62% face difficulties in paying **rent.**

72% express serious concerns about **returning to Syria**.

71% do not plan to return to Syria within the **next 3 years**.

83% do not have **sufficient information** on their legal rights in the return process.

99% are unaware of the **support mechanisms available** inside Syria.

Event / Workshop

Capacity Building for Disability-Focused Organisations

On 17-19 June 2026, **Sened and IRAP** organised a **3-day training** in Ankara for disability-focused organisations to strengthen a rights-based approach and enhance the inclusion and protection of refugees with disabilities.

27 participants

from 13 national disability-focused organisations, as well as international organisations and UN agencies

Key topics included:

- Disability models and rights-based approaches,
- Protection risks,
- Health and education,
- Intersectionality,
- Preventing service disruptions,
- Meaningful inclusion and local partnerships.

UNFPA | Advancing Inclusive Health and Protection Services

UNFPA and the **Federal Republic of Germany** have launched a **2-year project in Adıyaman**, funded by the **Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)**. The project is implemented through the Women's Health Counseling Centre in partnership with the **KAMER Foundation** and in close cooperation with **Adıyaman Municipality** and **local service providers**.

The project aims to:

- Improve access to women's health services
- Strengthen protection mechanisms against gender-based violence
- Support women, girls, youth and persons with disabilities from refugee and host communities

Stories from the field and good practices:

A series of UNFPA communication products highlighted the field impact of the Women's Health Counselling Centres, bringing real stories of empowerment, resilience and healing to wider audiences.

Women's Health Counselling Centres



A 3-part social media series showcased the impact of the centres through **real stories of women's empowerment and healing**, providing guidance to other women experiencing similar challenges and encouraging them to access the free services provided at the centres.

Leyla's Story



For World Refugee Day, UNFPA shared the story of Leyla, 45, a Syrian beneficiary of the **Adıyaman Women's Health Counseling Centre**, highlighting her journey towards empowerment and the importance of access to social protection services for vulnerable groups. Facing pressure for her 12-year-old daughter to marry, Leyla sought support from the centre, where she learned about her rights and received support to protect her daughter from child marriage.

Pınar & Zeliha: Stories of Resilience



For World Humanitarian Day, UNFPA shared the stories of Pınar and Zeliha, who received assistance through the UNFPA-supported **Women and Girls Safe Space in Adıyaman**. Their experiences of overcoming violence against women, early marriage and post-earthquake hardships highlight how access to health, protection, legal and psychosocial support can help women rebuild their lives and support their children's education.

ASAM | Multidimensional Livelihoods and Protection Support

BRIDGES V: Building Resilience through Economic Solutions



The BRIDGES V Project, co-implemented by the **Danish Refugee Council (DRC)** with funding from **Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau (KfW)**, aims to strengthen self-reliance through market-driven livelihoods support, fostering inclusive, decent, and sustainable employment and local market integration. Activities include labour market counselling, wage employment incentives, home-based business grants, and work permit and formalisation support.

Key targets:

3,000
direct beneficiaries (2,400 Syrian / 600 host community members, ≥50% women)

>350
formal job placements

150
home-based businesses supported (€1,250 grants)

→ **515**
ultimately leading to long-term employment outcomes

Re-Seed: Strengthening MSMEs in Earthquake-Affected Regions



Under the **GIZ**-implemented Re-Seed project, ASAM is implementing **ReBUILD** to strengthen the **resilience and recovery of earthquake-affected MSMEs in Adana and Hatay** through business development services, training, tailored Business Improvement Plans and mentoring. Selected enterprises receive micro-grants through an independent selection process, with a focus on women entrepreneurs and refugee-owned businesses.

150 MSMEs receiving Business Development Services (BDS)

120 MSMEs to receive micro-grants following independent assessment of Business Improvement Plans

Integrated Health, Protection and Essential Support for Women and Girls

Implemented with **UNFPA** support from August 2026 to June 2027, the project in the **Migrant Health Centre in Reyhanlı, Hatay**, increases access to rights-based SRH services for vulnerable women, girls and youth, and strengthens their resilience against GBV.

1,860
individuals to benefit from SRH counselling and information

930
individuals to benefit from GBV prevention, response and safe referral services

Provision of SRH hygiene and maternal/newborn kits, and emergency cash and menstrual hygiene vouchers for GBV survivors.

Urgent Cash Assistance for Vulnerable, At-Risk Refugees (UCART+)

Implemented with **GOAL** and funded by **ECHO**, UCART+ provides MPCA, rights information and referrals to refugees affected by regulatory/policy changes, including health co-payments and SSN dependency ratio changes. Operating in Kayseri, Mersin and Şanlıurfa (June 2026-May 2027), it prioritises female-headed single-parent households and those with persons with disabilities or older persons.

553
households (2,765 individuals | 57% female, 43% male)

TRY 20,500
average MPCA per household/month for 3 months

155
households to be referred to relevant public institutions and NGOs based on identified needs

TRC | Protection & Programme Highlights

STRIVE Project

Supporting Transition, Recovery, Inclusion & Vocational Empowerment (STRIVE) project supported by the **British Red Cross** continued to support refugees and migrants.

Coverage expanded to 14 provinces: Adana, Ankara, Gaziantep, Hatay, İstanbul, İzmir, Kahramanmaraş, Konya, Mardin, Şanlıurfa, Kilis, with **Mersin, Kayseri and Bursa newly added** in September.

Key support areas: Case management | Information & referrals | In-kind assistance | Legal counselling | Awareness-raising

Objective: Strengthen individuals' resilience to protection risks and access to services.

Irregular Migration – Protection and Institutional Capacity Strengthening Project

Implemented in partnership with the **Swedish Red Cross** and **IFRC**, with **SIDA** funding, the project accelerated field implementation in Q3 2026, providing protection services, case management, referrals, legal counselling and Special Needs Fund (SNF) support.

Implementation sites: İzmir and Gaziantep Community Centres | Van and Kırklareli branches

Coordination & partnerships: Coordination with public institutions including Provincial Directorates of Migration Management (PDMM), Removal Centres, UN and civil society partners was strengthened, alongside service mapping and referral mechanisms.

Capacity building: *Family Reunification and Anti-Trafficking* trainings were conducted on 26-28 August in Ankara, strengthening staff capacity in case management and referrals.

Good practice: Visits to Edirne and Kırklareli Removal Centres led to work on strengthening direct communication and referral mechanisms between Removal Centres, PDMMs, TRC branches and field teams.

UNICEF Child Protection Project - Field Visit in Adana



On 23 September 2026, **UNICEF ECA-MENA Regional Director Edouard Beigbeder** and the **UNICEF Türkiye delegation** visited the TRC's **Mobile Child-Friendly Space** in Adana's Yüreğir Zağarlı neighbourhood tent settlement. The visit included observation of the Structured Psychosocial Support Programme, engagement with children, and discussions on access to services, education and child protection needs.

MIRAE: Support Project for Syrians under Temporary Protection in Türkiye



Under the MIRAE Project, supported by the **Government of Korea** and coordinated by the **Korean Red Cross**, a delegation comprising **Korean Ambassador Sukjong Boo**, **Türk Kızılay Secretary General Ramazan Saygılı** and Korean Red Cross representatives visited the **Gaziantep Community Centre and Mobile Child-Friendly Space.** The delegation received an update on the situation in Gaziantep and observed project activities on site.

STL | Supporting Solutions, Resilience and Empowerment

DRC-STL Capacity Sharing Programme: Strengthening Local Protection Partnerships

In September 2026, STL completed a **capacity-sharing and small-grants** programme with **6 local civil society organisations**, strengthening locally-led protection responses.

1. **Tailored organisational plans** combining protection mentoring and supervision, operational capacity support, Community Feedback and Complaints Mechanisms, and peer learning.
2. Participation of local partners not only as **recipients of capacity support but also as contributors** of their own experience and expertise, strengthening mutual learning and collaboration among local protection actors.
3. Provision of a practical example of STL's localisation approach based on capacity sharing rather than one-way capacity building.

Community-Led Recovery and Disaster Resilience

During July-September 2026, STL expanded community-led recovery and disaster preparedness activities across **Adıyaman, Kahramanmaraş and Hatay** with **Diakonie Katastrophenhilfe**'s support.

- By September 2026, **92 community groups** received **micro-grants** in the form of group cash transfers to implement locally designed initiatives addressing disaster risk reduction, livelihoods, social solidarity, women's and children's empowerment, accessibility and inclusion.
- Communities largely **managed their own initiatives,** including needs identification and budget development.
- **17 villages** participated in disaster risk reduction and climate adaptation activities (CBDRM), including participatory risk mapping, preparedness and first aid training, and awareness-raising on forest fires and floods. Priority risk reduction equipment was also provided to participating villages.



Livelihoods and Local Economic Recovery in Earthquake-Affected Provinces

STL continued livelihood recovery activities in **Adıyaman, Hatay, Kahramanmaraş and Gaziantep/Karkamış**, combining vocational skills development, employment support, MSME micro-grants and home-based production opportunities.

- **500+ individuals** received vocational training and employability support, including skills for job search, workplace adaptation, MHPSS, and livelihood integration.
- Employment support included incentives, formal job placements and **guidance on updated work permit exemption procedures.**
- **MSME micro-grants** supported recovery in **Adıyaman, Hatay and Kahramanmaraş**, while in **Karkamış**, **12** women entrepreneurs received financial support and **40** local women received skills development support, contributing to local economic recovery and women's empowerment.



RI | Expanding Health and Rehabilitation Services to İstanbul

With **ECHO** support, RI has been implementing the *Safe and Inclusive Access to Healthcare and Rehabilitation Services in Türkiye (SIHR)* project in **Gaziantep** and **Hatay** since June 2025. As of July 2026, these services have expanded to **İstanbul** in partnership with **MSYDD**.



SIHR Services

Health services | Rehabilitation services | Assistive technologies (mobility aids, hearing aids, spectacles) | Prosthetics & Orthotics (P&O) | Physiotherapy (in-person & telehealth)

Additional Services in İstanbul

Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) | Social and Recreational Network (SNR)

Healthcare Access Support

In response to recent changes to health insurance regulations, support is provided for access to health services through reimbursement of eligible expenses, including fees for **medical reports, specialist examinations, diagnostic imaging, and other required health assessments.**

Event / Workshop

Disability Inclusion in Transition

On 4 August in **İstanbul**, RI conducted a training to strengthen service providers' knowledge of disability inclusion and promote inclusive, people-centred approaches in the transition from humanitarian assistance to development.



Gender-based Violence Sub-Sector Updates

Led by **UNFPA** and **UNHCR**, the GBV Sub-Sector convened partners across Southeast Türkiye and İstanbul in Q3 2026 to review emerging protection and healthcare access challenges, strengthen inter-agency coordination, and address technology-facilitated GBV.

Most prevalent GBV categories reported by 3RP partners as of Q3
Source: 3RP GBV Sub-Sector Dashboard

27% Psychological / emotional abuse

22% Child, early and forced marriages

21% Physical assault

- **Protection Access:** In İstanbul, partners also reported risks related to administrative detention when foreign survivors approach law enforcement and continued requests for medical assault reports for shelter admission. Technical barriers affecting 98-series ID holders' access to KADES also prompted advocacy with law enforcement.
- **Voluntary Return:** Partners highlighted potential coercion risks for women in the context of voluntary return.
- **Local support & referrals:** İstanbul municipal mechanisms provided cash assistance to women exiting shelters, while service mapping progressed to strengthen inter-agency referrals.
- **Emerging priorities:** The use of AI to address technology-facilitated GBV, emphasising Do No Harm, data privacy and human oversight.