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Snapshots of the Syrian Refugee Resilience Plan
intervention (2017–2021)

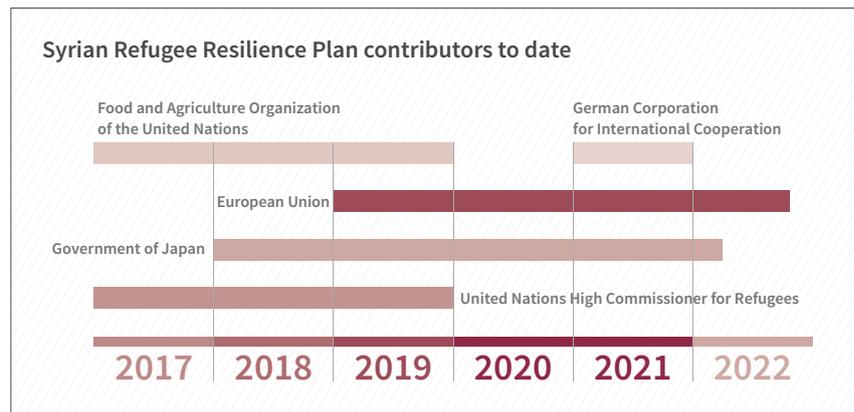


The Syrian Refugee Resilience Plan

The Syrian Refugee Resilience Plan (SRRP) is a guiding document of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) supporting the Government of Turkey's response to the Syrian Refugee Crisis. Under the SRRP, the Government of Turkey and FAO actively work together to promote food security and sustainable livelihood opportunities for Syrians under Temporary Protection (SuTPs) and vulnerable households in host communities. Between 2017 and 2021, FAO implemented 10 projects in close collaboration and partnership with ministries and local institutions, donors and various local implementing partners across 13 provinces in Turkey.



More than **10 000 beneficiaries** will receive support by the end of 2021



Key areas of work



Vocational skills and knowledge development



4 976 vocational graduates
54.5 percent women | **61.8 percent** SuTPs and IPASH*

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Promoting skills and knowledge for sustainable agricultural livelihoods is critical to the SRRP response. In this context, FAO provides vocational training on various agrifood topics identified based on local labour market needs. Vocational training consists of a combination of theoretical and on-the-job training. During on-the-job training, trainees apply acquired theoretical skills in real work environments, develop practical knowledge and interact with potential employers. Thanks to FAO's gender-sensitive programming, participation by women in vocational training exceeds 54 percent. In addition, FAO offers Certified Turkish language classes to SuTPs to facilitate their integration into the Turkish labour market.



Entrepreneurship and cooperative support



35 entrepreneurs supported individually
80 entrepreneurs supported under cooperatives
78 percent women | **49 percent** SuTPs and IPASH

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Supporting self-employability through entrepreneurship and cooperatives is at the core of the SRRP intervention. FAO provides entrepreneurship training, mentoring and in-kind support to start up and run small-scale agrifood businesses/farms for income generation. Cooperatives play a particularly important role in women entrepreneurship, encouraging and supporting entrepreneurs to establish cooperative businesses under new or existing women-led cooperatives.

* International Protection Applicants and Status Holders



Farmer field schools



750 Farmer Field School graduates
33.8 percent women | **7.3 percent** SuTPs

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Investing in sustainable management and utilizing natural resources constitute an effective long-term approach to strengthening livelihoods in the agriculture sector. In this context, FAO encourages farmers and producers to shift towards more sustainable production practices. Through Farmer Field Schools (FFS), FAO promotes a participatory approach to learning and developing skills and capacities for new technologies and knowledge, in order to increase production and incomes, and create employment opportunities. FAO also provides tools and input packages to enable farmers to apply and experiment with new methods and technologies in the field.



Employment facilitation



23.5 percent SuTPs and Turkish employed or self-employed

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Promoting self-reliance and employability is the overall goal of the SRRP. On this basis, FAO helps SuTPs and host community members to find jobs through participation in practical training, job fairs and events. FAO assists employers with short-term Social Security Premium Support and enrolls vulnerable SuTPs in the Agricultural Skills Development Programme to help them gain new skills that may lead to employment. FAO also facilitates the establishment of ISKUR Service Points (agricultural employment desks) in provincial directorates of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, which help graduates find jobs and issue work permits and exemptions.



Knowledge transfer and advocacy



3 research studies and assessments completed

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Improving access to social protection and managing knowledge in the food security and agriculture sector is a crucial element of the SRRP. Since 2017, FAO's Regional Refugee and Resilience Plan (3RP) has provided coordination support to partners in the Food, Security and Agriculture (FSA) sector, using its expertise to promote food security and support the livelihoods of SuTPs and host communities.

“ We understood and accepted each other better because we had gone through the same difficulties together. We became one family, eating and chattering together at the same table. ”

Naile, Farmer field school graduate in Sanliurfa



Social cohesion

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Fostering social integration within and among communities is an integral component of the SRRP. In this regard, FAO offers equal training and work opportunities in mixed cultural environments, increases interaction with both communities through joint events, and delivers complimentary training that helps SuTPs gain social and cultural skills in Turkey. Complementary training includes courses on basic life skills, Turkish labour law, work ethics and certified introductory language courses.

“ Working with women from different cultures allowed me to integrate traditional methods with technical production methods. Through production, we become more aware of ourselves and gained self-confidence. In return for the efforts, we earn enough income to meet our needs, and this makes us very happy. ”

Irem, Leader of Orhaneli Cooperative in Bursa

Saving livelihoods saves lives

The SRRP is implemented in partnership with the following ministries of the Government of Turkey:



REPUBLIC OF TURKEY
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE
AND FORESTRY



REPUBLIC OF TURKEY
MINISTRY OF FAMILY AND
SOCIAL SERVICES



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AND SOCIAL SECURITY

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