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***“PROJECT FOR ENHANCING
SOCIAL COHESION AT LOCAL
LEVEL THROUGH CAPACITY-
BUILDING OF MIGRANTS AND
REFUGEES ASSEMBLY”***

Background

- Ensuring social cohesion between the local community and the refugees and a faster and smoother integration process along with the inclusion of refugees in the decision-making processes
- Enhancing the structure of migrants and refugees assembly as a platform which will bring together all the parties, ensuring participation of the civil initiatives other than the City Council in these decision making processes;
- Gender equality will be observed in the individual profiles making up the assembly; the aim is to attach special importance to women, youth, children and the disabled who might be exposed to discrimination and exclusion due to their age and gender.

Organizational Environment



- 250,000 migrants from 13 countries, holding various statuses (Refugee, Asylum Seeker, Under Temporary Protection, etc.).
- 227,000 Syrian refugees holding the status of temporary protection.
- The needs are satisfied by the Red Crescent Society, Disaster and Emergency Management Authority (AFAD), National and International Non-governmental organizations and Municipalities under the coordination of our relevant State institutions and the Provincial Directorates of Migration Management.
- A Division Directorate for Migration and Migrant Affairs was created to satisfy the basic subsistence supplies and accommodation needs and our bureaucrats founded the Association for Solidarity Coordination and Inclusion of Migrants in Adana.

Method



- A social media group named «TULPAR» was started under the initiative of Adana Metropolitan Municipality Health and Social Services Department.
- Problems have been detected and ways of solution have been explored in various workshops, panels and social activities.
- At this stage, the major deficiency is anticipated to be the absence of a legal platform where these people can express themselves.



Deliverables



Migrants and Refugees Assembly

1. Capacity-building experts and field staff
2. Strategy and advisory board
3. Training for the capacity-building and field experts
4. Current situation and needs analysis
5. Strategy of the City Council Migrants and Refugees Assembly
6. Implementing the strategy and enabling the reporting process
7. Basic Turkish literacy education
8. Social communication and empathy training and consultancy service
9. Visibility and dissemination materials

Lessons

1. Management;
2. Cooperation with the institutions concerned;
3. A legal platform;
4. Enhancement of the organizational structure of local governments;
5. Cooperation with the international organizations;
6. It's been ensured that the parties get to know one another and the false facts have been corrected;
7. Legal rights and responsibilities;
8. Reflecting the needs into the strategic plans of the local governments;
9. Cooperation and coordination of the institutions participating in the assembly have ensured efficient use of public resources.

Transfer

- Strategy and advisory boards should be set up within the City Councils, Municipalities or Provincial Governorships;
- A team for defining the local migration policies and consultancy;
- Dissemination of the report to be disclosed to the public;
- Cooperation of the relevant Municipal units and the Metropolitan Municipality City Councils under the control of the Deputy Governor of the Province;
- Irrelevant institutions, organizations and NGOs and security suspects should not be elected to the Council; positive discrimination should be applied for women and the disabled. Representative capacity of the opinion leaders should be well measured.