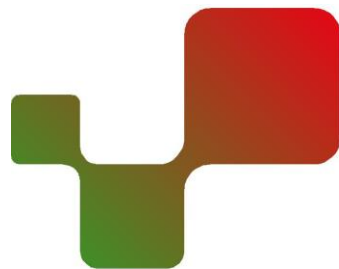




**Integration of refugees on the local level Tasks and challenges for  
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*-General Overview-*



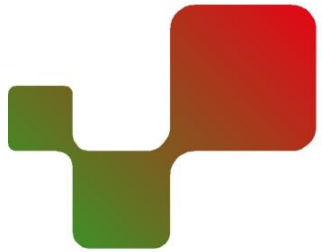
# UCLG

## United Cities and Local Governments

- ✓ Operates from its headquarters in Barcelona (Spain),
- ✓ Present in over 140 countries,
- ✓ Members include individual cities and national associations of local governments, regional authorities, NGOs, etc.

# **UCLG-MEWA**

**one of the 9 Sections of  
UCLG World Organization**




# **UCLG**

**United Cities  
and Local Governments**



## General Information about UCLG-MEWA

- » Headquartered in Istanbul
  - » 8 committees
  - » Having almost 300 direct members of local governments
  - » Indirectly representing more than 2000 local governments through LGAs
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# UCLG-MEWA COVERAGE

Afghanistan

Azerbaijan

Bahrain

United Arab  
Emirates

Palestine

Iraq

Iran

Kuwait

Turkish  
Republic of  
Northern  
Cyprus

Libya

Lebanon

Egypt

Pakistan

Saudi Arabia

Syria

Turkey

Turkmenista  
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Oman

Jordan

Yemen

Cameroon

Morocco


Ivory Coast

# UCLG-MEWA Objectives

Our organization seeks

- ♦ To ensure the effective representation our local governments at international platforms,
  - ♦ To establish multi-tier partnerships and to be the international voice and advocate of local governments in our region,
  - ♦ To serve as a platform for local governments to share experiences especially for social integration of refugees
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# UCLG-MEWA Committee on Social Inclusion

- » Collecting good practices on the active involvement of local governments in the region to migration management, and presenting these before the related bodies of the UN.
  - » Promoting the establishment of intercultural communication mechanism between municipalities around the world
  - » Encouraging local governments to consider the specific needs of disadvantaged groups
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## Qudra – Resilience for Syrian refugees, IDPs and host communities in response to the Syrian and Iraqi crises

**Qudra – Suriye ve Irak krizlerine yanıt  
olarak Suriyeli mültecilerin, yerinden  
edilmiş kişilerin ve ev sahibi toplulukların  
dayanıklılıklarının güçlendirilmesi**

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**Qudra is an Arabic word meaning ‘strength,  
‘ability’ or ‘resilience.’**

**Qudra, ‘güç’, ‘kabiliyet’ veya ‘dayanıklılık’  
anlamına gelen Arapça bir sözcüktür.**

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## Works in

**Turkey, Jordan, Lebanon and North Iraq**

### Çalışma yapılan ülkeler

**Türkiye, Ürdün, Lübnan ve Kuzey Irak**

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## Key areas/Çalışma alanları

1. Education Infrastructure /Eđitim Altyapısı
2. Skills Training /Beceri Geliştirme
3. Social Cohesion / Sosyal Uyum
4. Supporting Local Administrations/Yerel Yönetimlerin Desteklenmesi
5. Facilitating Dialogue And Dissemination/ Etkili Diyalog ve Bilgi Paylaşımı

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# Facilitating Dialogue and Dissemination Etkili Diyalog ve Bilgi Paylaşımı

Dialogue platforms / Diyalog Platformları  
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# Refugee Friendly Municipalities Mülteci Dostu Belediyeler

## Conference- November 2018- Istanbul Konferans-Kasım 2018- Istanbul

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## Further information on Qudra Programme Qudra Programı ile ilgili daha fazla bilgi için

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## LAWS AND REGULATIONS

Due to the geographical limitation of Turkey on Geneva Convention, people coming from outside of Europe are not considered as refugee legally.

People arriving in Turkey “as a result of events from outside European countries” will only be given “conditional refugee” status.

Syrians, Iraqis and Afghanis are de facto excluded from this possibility.

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## TEMPORARY PROTECTION REGULATION

Syrian nationals, as well as stateless persons and refugees from Syria, who came to Turkey due to events in Syria after 28 April 2011 are provided with temporary protection by the Government of Turkey.

The Temporary Protection Regulation enshrines a range of rights, services and assistance for beneficiaries of temporary protection. This includes, among others, access to health, education, social assistance, psychological support and access to the labour market.

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## Turkey Hosts Largest Refugee Population in World

Turkey currently hosts over 3.6 million registered Syrian refugees along with over 365,000 persons of concern from other nationalities.

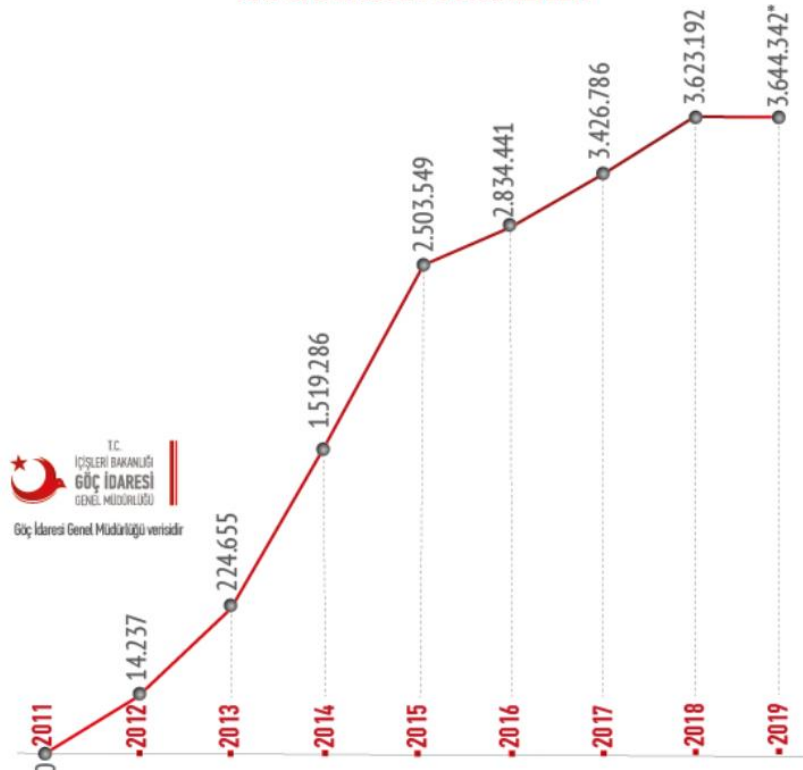
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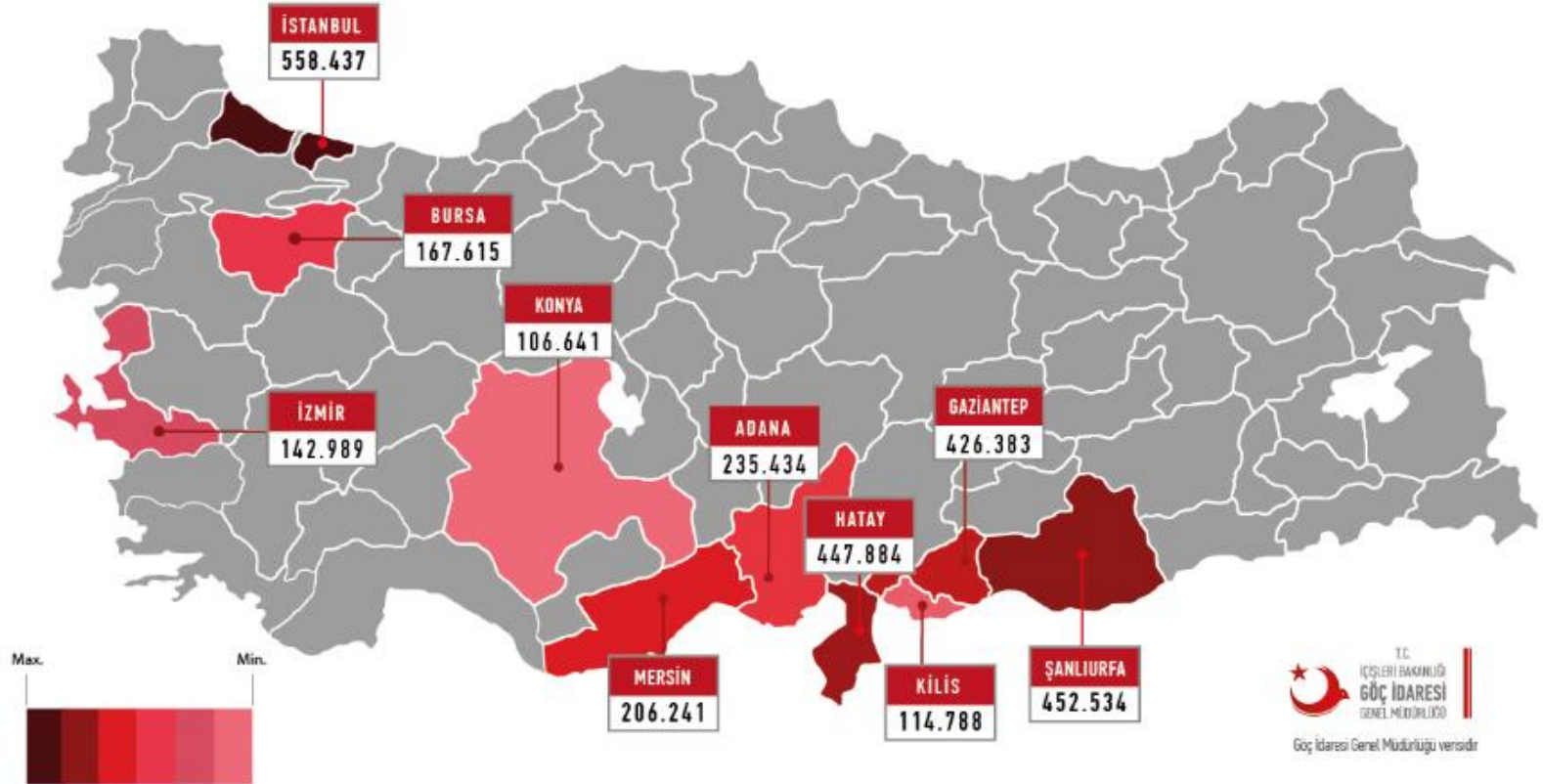
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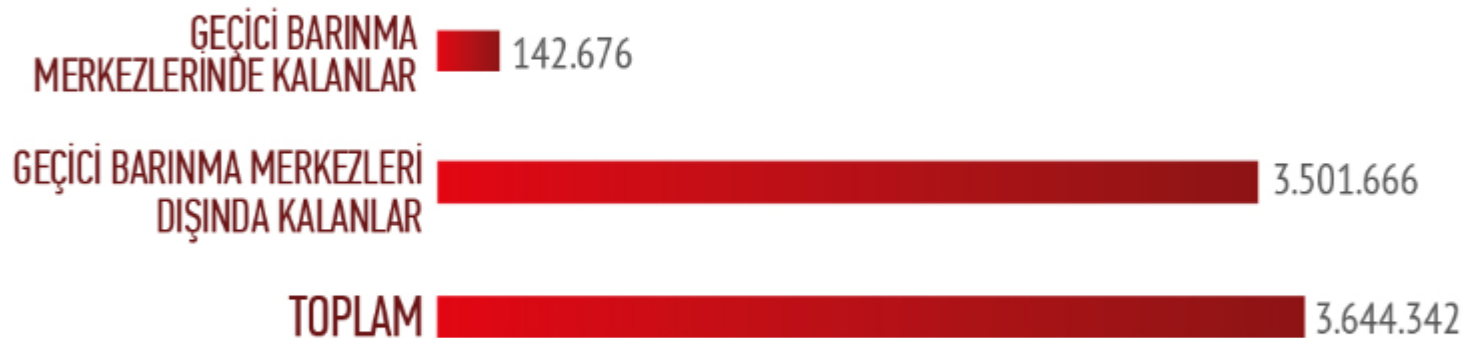
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## Geçici Koruma Kapsamında Bulunan Suriyelilerin İlk 10 İle Göre Dağılımı



## GEÇİCİ BARINMA MERKEZLERİ İÇİNDE VE DIŞINDA KALAN SURİYELİLER



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## ACTORS IN REFUGEE MANAGEMENT

The General Directorate for Migration Management (New Law on Foreigners and International Protection )

UN Agencies (mainly UNDP and UNHCR)

International and local NGOs, foundations and private sector actors

**Municipalities**

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## MUNICIPALITIES AS THE FRONTLINERS

There should be a clear recognition that local authorities are frontliners in addressing the migration challenge.

Local governments are the closest levels of government to the problems of the citizens which makes them the best of understanding and feeling the problem that face the refugees and the host community in the same time

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## ROLES OF MUNICIPALITIES

- Prepare implementation plans;
- Street upkeep and hygiene;
- Collect domestic waste;
- Issue building licenses;
- Social municipal services (reducing poverty, social aid, skills training for the unemployed);
- Promote amateur sports;
- Education, sports and culture services.

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## LEGAL BASIS FOR MUNICIPALITIES

Municipalities remain uncertain whether delivering social aid for Syrians fall within their legal scope of work.

### 5393 Municipal Law

Article 13- Everyone is a townsman of the town in which he lives. Townsman shall be entitled to take part in municipal decision making and services, receive information on municipal activities and benefit from the aids distributed by the municipal administration.

Article 38 – The Mayor can set up a budget for social aid directed to the poors and indigents settled in its district.

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## CHALLENGES

### Funding and Budget

Revenues of municipalities of Turkey are generated through two sources

- allocation by central government
- locally-generated revenues

Certain criteria such as population, number of villages in the city, rural population and city development index

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## CHALLENGES

### Funding and Budget

While international organizations have direct access to donors and funds, most of municipalities have much less access to donors and funds.

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## CHALLENGES

### **Lack of Knowledge & Statistics Regarding Refugee Population Settled in Municipal Territories**

The constant movement of migrants limits the ability of the municipality to identify refugees under its responsibility. And limit their ability to identify the needs of the region

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## CHALLENGES

- **Language Barriers**
- **Acceptance from the Host Community**
- **Uncertainty to Stay in Turkey**

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## ONGOING EFFORTS

- Aid-in kind (food baskets, blankets, clothing)
- Access to information and social services
- Free language courses
- Institutionalizing social support programs
- Encouraging Syrians to participate in advisory city councils
- Direct support to refugees via establishing NGO's
- Opening existing facilities to refugees

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