

# The Facility for Refugees in Turkey

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Türkiye's geographical location placed it on the front line of **one of the largest displacement crises** in recent history. Back in **2016**, the country was hosting **more than 3.1 million Syrian refugees**, and **nearly 4 million refugees overall**, representing a responsibility of global significance. During this period, the **European Union** remained a **consistent partner**, combining humanitarian aid with longer-term development support to strengthen Türkiye's response capacity.

The **Facility for Refugees in Turkey** was established as the EU's response to Member States' call for significant additional funding to support refugees in the country. It focused in particular on those living outside camps and in vulnerable situations after fleeing violence. It provided refugees with basic needs support, and ensured access to healthcare and quality education. It also improved public infrastructure in host communities. A central objective was to foster livelihoods and social inclusion, helping refugees move towards greater stability and self-reliance within Turkish society.

Overall, the Facility managed an **operational budget of €6 billion**, financed both by the EU budget and Member States contributions. All funds have been committed and contracted, with nearly €5.9 billion disbursed.



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The Facility for Refugees in Turkey has supported 115 key projects in areas most critical to refugees and host communities. However, even though it has now fulfilled its mandate as a dedicated coordination mechanism, the implementation of eleven interventions under the Facility continues, since some project extensions were necessary due to implementation delays caused by Covid-19, the February 2023 earthquakes and persistent inflationary pressures. Five of these projects are expected to conclude by the end of 2026, while the remaining interventions will be finalised by 2028-2029.

## HOW DID THE FACILITY FUNCTION?

To ensure the coordination, complementarity and efficiency of the assistance, the Facility Steering Committee provided strategic guidance on the priorities and the type of actions to be financed. The Steering Committee was chaired by the European Commission and composed of EU Member State representatives, with Türkiye attending in an advisory capacity. Decisions were taken on the basis of an assessment of needs, and projects were implemented according to the procedures of the financing instruments mobilised, mainly HUMA and IPA III.



## Key figures\*

Close to

**1.3 million**

refugees receiving support for their basic needs

Over

**930,000**

refugee children enrolled in school

More than

**3.6 million**

individuals benefiting from Facility-funded protection services

Close to

**250,000**

education staff trained

**196**

new schools built to respond to education needs

**179,959**

children benefitted from catch-up training and **153,006** children provided with back-up training

More than

**51.3 million**

primary health care consultations delivered

Close to

**9.6 million**

vaccination doses provided to refugee children

**177**

Facility-supported Migrant Health Centres (MHCs) operational

**3,506**

healthcare service staff mobilised

- HUMANITARIAN SUPPORT
- EDUCATION SUPPORT
- HEALTH SUPPORT

\*Source: All Facility results in the Factsheet are based on the Facility Results Framework [Monitoring Report No.14 December 2025](#) (Results Achievements Progress as of 30 June 2025): [14th Facility Results Framework Monitoring Report \(as of 30 June 2025\)](#) and [Annex - Enlargement and Eastern Neighbourhood](#)