As of March 2017, Turkey hosts over 2.94 million refugees with numbers predicted to increase even further. Approximately 257,000 Syrian refugees are hosted in refugee camps (around 9 percent of the total), and more than 2.68 million (91 percent) live amongst host communities. Syrian refugees are mainly located in the Southeast Anatolia region bordering Syria, but as the crisis has continued the population has expanded to other regions as well. Turkey thereby hosts the largest refugee population in the world and continues to demonstrate strong national ownership of the response. The Government of Turkey generously allows Syrian refugees to work in Turkey following the adoption of the new Regulation for Work Permit in January 2016 for Syrians under Temporary Protection. Turkish companies, however, have a maximum quota, i.e. they can hire Syrian refugees up to a maximum of 10% of their workforce.

UNDP Turkey as lead agency on resilience co-leads the 3RP with UNHCR, including the mainstreaming of resilience across all six sectors. UNDP thereby also plays an important role in the coordination with other partners such as the World Bank and other IFIs.

In close partnership with the Government and in line with the 3RP Turkey Chapter 2017-2018, UNDP Turkey helps strengthen the resilience of refugees, host community members, local municipalities and relevant national and local institutions to cope with and recover from the impact of the large influx of Syrian refugees. A key aspect of UNDP’s resilience-based development approach is to invest in existing national and local systems to ensure they can adequately serve both host and refugee communities. Specifically, UNDP Turkey implements its Crisis Response and Resilience Programme. The programme focuses on three major areas, being: i) livelihoods, employment and local economic development; ii) municipal service delivery, including waste management, and iii) social cohesion, empowerment and protection. These activities provide targeted support to both host community members and refugees, reviving hope and ensuring stability and peaceful coexistence at a time of increasing strain.

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