



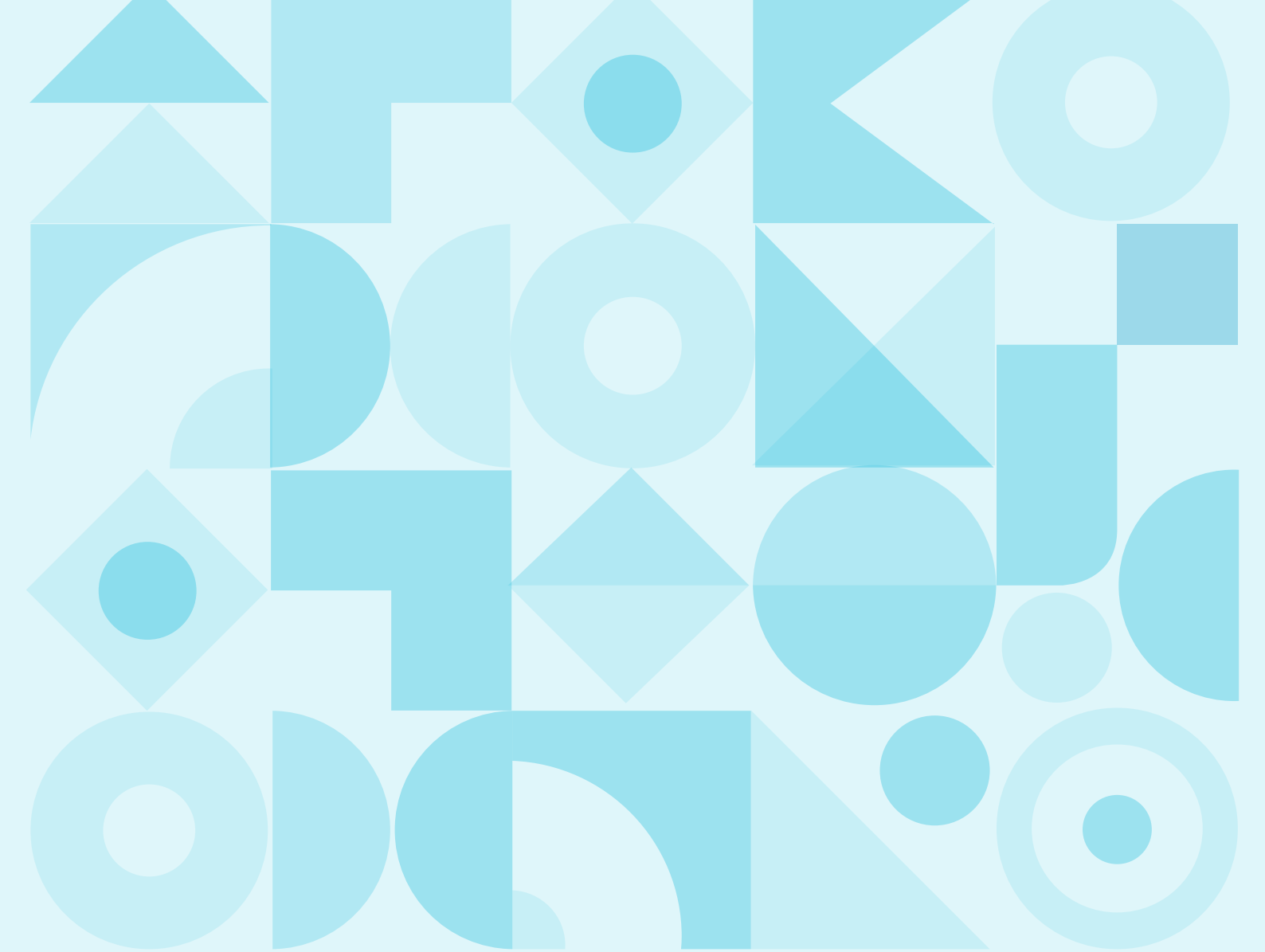
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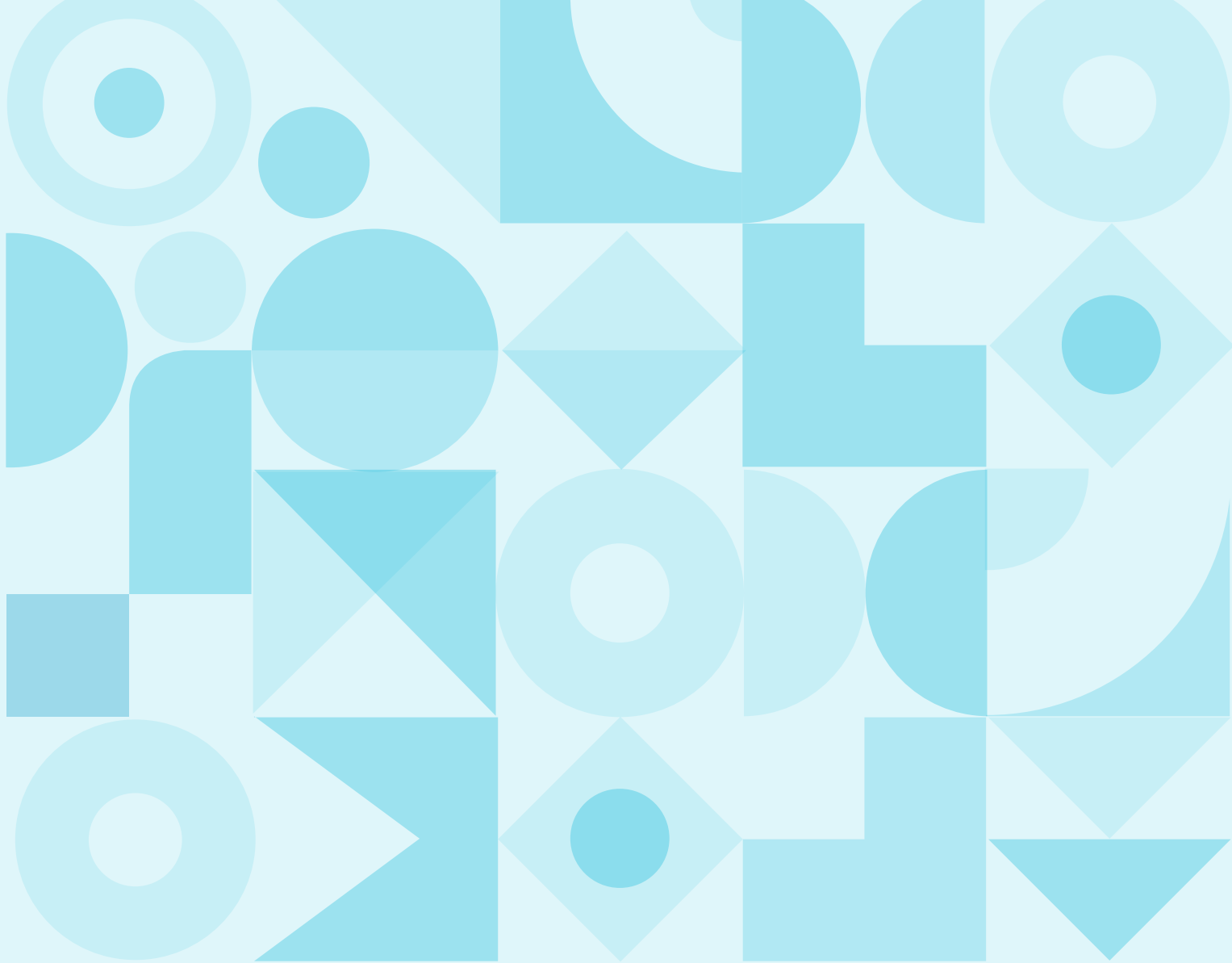
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UNDP AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



1. No Poverty

End poverty in all its forms everywhere



2. Zero Hunger

End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture



3. Good Health and Well-Being

Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages



4. Quality Education

Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all



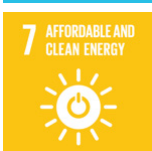
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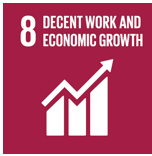
6. Clean Water and Sanitation

Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all



7. Affordable and Clean Energy

Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all



8. Decent Work and Economic Growth

Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all



9. Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure

Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation



10. Reduced Inequalities

Reduce inequality within and among countries



11. Sustainable Cities and Communities

Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable



12. Responsible Consumption and Production

Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns



13. Climate Action

Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts



14. Life below Water

Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development



15. Life on Land

Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss



16. Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions

Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels



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Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development



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ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

3RP	Regional Refugee and Resilience Plan
APF	Asia Pacific Forum of National Human Rights Institutions
B4G	Business for Goals
BINGO	Business and Industry Non-Governmental Organization
BLS	Blended Learning System
CA	Capacity Assessment
ÇATOM	Multi-Purpose Community Center
CBi	Connecting Business Initiative
CCA	Climate Change Adaptation
CIS	Commonwealth of Independent States
CO	Country Office
CoC	Court of Cassation
COP	Conference of the Parties of the Basel Convention
COVID-19	Coronavirus Disease 2019
CPD	UNDP's Country Programme Document
CSO	Civil Society Organization
EBRD	European Bank for Reconstruction and Development
EE	Energy Efficient
EOC	Equal Opportunities Commission
ESCO	Energy Service Company
ESSN	Emergency Social Safety Net
EU	European Union
EUD	European Union Delegation to Turkey
EUTF	EU Trust Fund in Response to the Syria Crisis
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization
FMPs	Forest Management Plans
GANHRI	Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions
GAP	Southeastern Anatolia Project
GBV	Gender Based Violence
GDF	General Directorate of Forestry
GEF	Global Environment Facility
GENSED	Solar Energy Industrialists and Industry Association (Turkey)
GES	Gender Equality Seal
GETS	Private Sector Technical Support
GEWE	Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment
GHG	Greenhouse Gas
GIZ	German Corporation for International Cooperation
GNAT	Grand National Assembly of Turkey
GoT	Government of Turkey
GTW	Göksu-Taseli Watershed
GÜNDER	International Solar Society Turkey Section
HRBA	Human Rights Based Approach
HRP	UNDP/UNFPA/WHO/World Bank Special Programme of Research, Development and Research Training in Human Reproduction
HTI	High-Temperature Incineration
IAS	Invasive Alien Species
IBM	Integrated Border Management
IFAD	International Fund for Agricultural Development
IFIs	International Financial Institutions
IICPSD	Istanbul International Center for Private Sector in Development

ILO	International Labour Organization
INGEV	Human Development Foundation
IOM	International Organization for Migration
IPA	Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance
IRE	Integrated Resource Efficiency
IsDB	Islamic Development Bank
ISF	Internal Security Forces
IVD	International Volunteer Day
JRS	Judicial Reform Strategy
KfW	German Credit Institute for Reconstruction
KOSGEB	Small and Medium Enterprises Development Organization
LAR III	Local Administration Reform III Project
LDCs	Least Developed Countries
LFC	Land Forces Command
LMS	Learning management systems
LPSBs	Local Prevention and Security Boards
LTS	Long-Term Strategies
M&E	Monitoring and Evaluation
MEKSA	Foundation for the Promotion of Vocational Training and Small Industry in Turkey
MoAF	Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry
MoEU	Turkey's Ministry of Environment and Urban Planning
MoH	Ministry of Health
MoI	Ministry of Interior
MoIT	Ministry of Industry and Trade
MoNE	Ministry of National Education
MSME	Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
NASAP	National Climate Change Adaptation Strategy and Action Plan
NCCAP	National Climate Change Action Plan
NCCS	National Climate Change Strategy
NDP	National Development Plan
NEET	Not in Education, Employment, or Training
NGOs	Non-Governmental Organizations
NHREI	National Human Rights and Equality Institution
OHCHR	Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
OIZs	Organized Industrial Zones
ÖRAV	Teachers Academy Foundation
PCR	Polymerase Chain Reaction
PEC	Public Education Center
PERYÖN	People Management Association of Turkey
POP	Persistent Organic Pollutants
PPE	Personal Protective Equipment
PSA	Public Service Announcement
PV	Photovoltaic
RCO	Resident Coordinator Office
RPA	Responsible Party Agreement
RR	Resident Representative
SDGs	Sustainable Development Goals
SEIA	Socio-economic Impact Assessment
SGBV	Sexual and gender-based violence
SME	Small and medium-sized enterprise
SS	Signature Solution
STEM	Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics
SuTP	Syrians under Temporary Protection
TEPAV	The Economic Policy Research Foundation of Turkey
ToT	Training of Trainers
TRP	UNDP Turkey Resilience Project in response to the Syria Crisis
TÜREB	Turkish Wind Energy Association
TÜRKONFED	Turkish Enterprise and Business Confederation
TÜSİAD	Turkish Industry & Business Association
UASAP	Urban Adaptation Strategy and Action Plan
UN	United Nations
UNDCS	United Nations Development Cooperation Strategy
UNDP	United Nations Development Project
UNEP	United Nations Environment Programme
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
UNFCCC	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
UNFPA	United Nations Population Fund
UNHCR	UN High Commissioner for Refugees
UNIDO	United Nations Industrial Development Organization
UNOSSC	United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation
UNSDCF	United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework
UNV	UN Volunteers
VAWG	Violence Against Women and Girls
VET	Vocational Education and Training
VPCs	Violence Prevention Centers
WB	World Bank
WHO	World Health Organization

foreword

A SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IS THE WAY OUT FROM THE CRISIS

As the pandemic marked its first year on the globe, the damage it inflicted on countries is becoming clearer. Having taken advantage of the global system built upon a development that employs planetary pressures on the earth, the health crisis quickly spread over all the other aspects of life, depriving us of the things we took for granted such as our livelihoods, physical events, and even our wellbeing. However, the crisis did not bring humanity on its heels. Indeed, an unprecedented effort to reverse the crisis by governmental and civil actors stimulated the hopes and created the base to ease the crisis.

The way forward is clear, we will either take bold steps to reduce the immense pressure that is being exerted on the environment and the natural world, or humanity's progress will stall. UNDP was granted the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) integrator role in support of countries in their efforts to achieve the 2030 Agenda. In order to realize this, UNDP rendered an overview, #NextGenUNDP, to push the boundaries of how we think, deliver, invest and manage our operations. This new overview will reflect on the following pages that show the results achieved in Turkey in 2020.

We have 10 years to achieve the 2030 Agenda. To succeed, we orient our work around the 'Six Signature Solutions', Poverty, Governance, Resilience, Environment, Clean Energy, and Gender.

Our efforts to support Turkey, the country with the largest refugee population in the world, have continued with the consideration that refugees are one of the most vulnerable groups hit by this unprecedented crisis. The Regional Refugee and Resilience Plan (3RP), coordinated by United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), offers integrated responses to complex development challenges in line with six signature solutions. This would include a mix of policy advice, technical assistance, finance, and programs tailored to the country's needs to accelerate progress towards the pledge to "Leave No One Behind" in the 2030 Agenda. Taking account of the new necessities the pandemic has brought and in line with HRP, 3RP reoriented and reorganized its operations. The Global Task Force on Migration was established in 2020 as a follow-

up mechanism to achieve the commitments signed by Municipalities in Gaziantep Declaration on Migration and Displacement and translate them into action. This is an important result of the common UN position on Syria Crisis Response and New Way of Working, promoting humanitarian-development nexus.

The Country Programme Document for Turkey (2021-2025) was launched in 2020. It illustrated that the eleventh National Development Plan (NDP) of Turkey integrated SDGs into its policies. The plan strongly emphasizes Goals 4, 8, 9, 13, 16, and 17, which cover the themes of strengthening physical and human infrastructure and developing the legal-institutional superstructure. Clean energy is also a significant feature in NDP due to its strategic importance. Regarding a risk-informed economy and environment, durable solutions and governance, the document upholds the principle of leaving no one behind and prioritizes those with special needs including the poor, migrants, women, youth, unemployed, people with disabilities, and those worst affected by the climate change and disasters. The focus of our work will be partnerships across government, the private sector and civil society and action through inclusive platforms. Partnerships with international financial institutions (IFIs) in areas like Sustainable Development Goal financing, rural development and green industrial development will be reinforced. The adoption of green growth policies and regulatory frameworks in specific sectors and localities, particularly in key cities, will drive new sustainable economic models to encourage innovative, targeted financing that will create environmentally friendly business models and promote private sector engagement.

In line with the NDP, the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF) 2021-2025 pledged support for four priority areas, Inclusive and equitable social development; Competitive production, productivity and decent work for all; Climate change, sustainable environment, liveable cities; and Good governance and quality of judiciary services, to complement national development priorities and efforts towards achieving the SDGs.



on small landholders and rural resilience. The joint policy report of the UNDP and Atlantic Council for the economic inclusion of Syrians in Turkey contributed to the policy discussions on durable solutions for refugees. The knowledge and innovation pillar of UNDP's SDG Integrator offer was reflected in the SDG Impact Accelerator initiative. The pilot phase of the initiative has promoted entrepreneurship, innovation, and technology to address the challenges of refugees in Turkey and Least Developed Countries (LDCs) (Uganda and Bangladesh), and it also paved the way for the first formal cooperation with the UN Technology Bank for LDCs. Supporting the digital livelihoods for the refugees and host communities, UNDP Turkey Country Office (CO) and Bangladesh have started cooperating in innovation and e-commerce.

In order to better respond to the impacts of COVID-19, UNDP has extended its partnership and cooperation with several UN Agencies such as World Health Organization (WHO), FAO, IFAD, UN Women, United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), International Labour Organization (ILO), Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in form of development of joint programmes and joint strategies.

As UNDP Turkey, we are fully committed to UNDP's Climate Promise aiming to tackle the climate crisis by reducing emissions of the greenhouse gases that cause global warming. In this respect, we collaborated with the EU Delegation to Turkey in our campaign for the 2020 Climate Diplomacy Week. As a result, we managed to reach millions of people, representatives of public and private institutions, and civil society to share a common commitment to change behavior and say “#WearetheClimate, #WewillChange”. The appointment of UNDP Turkey Life Below Water Advocate Şahika Ercümen and Gender Equality Advocates Bahar Toksoy and Giovanni Guidetti, partnership with Turkish Basketball Federation for Climate Action and the Mission 1.5 Turkey launch with sports celebrities were important steps in terms of reaching wider audiences and accelerating our advocacy efforts on SDGs. Our efforts brought about success in media visibility at national and international levels. Particularly important was the phenomenal dive of Şahika Ercümen in Istanbul's Bosphorus to raise awareness on the increased plastic pollution in the seas during the pandemic.

UNDP developed an SDG Investor Map with technical support of Istanbul International Center for Private Sector in Development (IICPSD) to strengthen CO's support to SDG financing in Turkey. As a member of the technical working group for the establishment of the National Advisory Board for Impact Investment, CO transferred international know-how and experience in the field.

I am also pleased to share that the hard work and committed efforts of UNDP Turkey in 2020 for delivering gender equality were recognized, and rewarded with a silver seal.

UNDP Turkey achieved so much and demonstrated how committed it is to achieve what it aims for in 2020. Had our colleagues not exceeded their limits in this pandemic, these achievements would not be possible. They adapted to remote working swiftly and worked hard to make Turkey and the world a better home for people in 2020. I would like to thank all members of UNDP Turkey for their efforts in this difficult period.

As UNDP Turkey, we would like to convey our sincerest gratitude for the collaboration of the Government of Turkey and our partners. Our support to Turkey in its sustainable development will continue in line with the “Leave No One Behind” Principle.

CLAUDIO TOMASI
RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE OF UNDP IN TURKEY

The first think-do-tank platform of the private sector, Business for Goals fully operationalized in 2020 and UNDP's engagement in the circular economy, gender equality and Covid-19 recovery have been strengthened with the private sector. UNDP's private sector partnerships are unique in terms of being a one-stop-shop for the private sector on sustainability issues and the accumulated experience has been utilized by the Government of Turkey in SDG reporting in the High-Level Political Forum.

We made important progress under four streams of SDG integration. In terms of UNDP's integrated policy solutions, the COVID-19 Socio-Economic Impact Assessment (SEIA) report, which was prepared by UNDP Turkey and Resident Coordinator Office (RCO) in line with UN Secretary-General's COVID 19 Socio-Economic Response Framework, addressed the problems that stemmed from the pandemic and offered ways to cope with them as part of UNDP's integrated policy solutions. In terms of health support, we employed rapid assessments, which uncovered the real needs of firms such as the digitalization agenda for recovery. Further, we introduced a home-based care delivery system, and it optimized medical visits to the patients who receive home-based services. Also, we provided 14 units of real-time Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) to the Ministry of Health (MoH). To demonstrate the further increased and unequal burden on women during the pandemic, we conducted a time use survey regarding the domestic division of labor. Responding to the increased demand on the waste collection capacity during the pandemic, we provided vehicles and equipment to Municipalities. Also, cooperation with Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) yielded a sectoral analysis regarding the effects of COVID-19

KEY RESULTS ACHIEVED IN 2020

UNDP Turkey achieved several results with a positive impact on SDGs in 2020.



Consultations with the Government on the UN Socio-Economic Impact Assessment (SEIA) Report centered on the need for a coherent response and measures to be taken for long term impacts of the COVID-19 crisis.

In terms of health support, a home-based care delivery system was introduced, and it optimized medical visits to the patients who receive home-based services. 14 real time PCR equipment were provided to MoH.

The impact of the pandemic on the private sector was uncovered through rapid assessments, which locate real needs of firms for recovery, such as the digitalization agenda. To demonstrate the further increased and unequal burden on women during the pandemic, a time use survey regarding the domestic division of labor was conducted.

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In response to the Elazığ Earthquake on 24 January 2020, post-disaster situation analysis reports were prepared and a field mission, aiming to analyse the current situation, was undertaken by the Business for Goals (B4G) team to Elazığ. Upon return from the field, a mutual letter signed by presidents of B4G, TÜRKONFED, TUSİAD and Resident Representative of UNDP Turkey was released to address businesspeople to financially contribute to the national donation campaign.



As part of Syria Crisis Response, 76 small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) were established, 1,019 SMEs (31 % female-led) received training and mentoring support. 6,907 Syrians (20 % women) benefited from job counselling and 2,972 Syrians and host community members (7 % women) found jobs through Employment Agency via UNDP interventions.

In Model Factories, 1,343 Syrians and Turkish host community members found jobs and 1,945 individuals benefitted from awareness raising activities.

Within the framework of the UNDP Turkey Resilience Project in response to the Syria Crisis (TRP) funded by EU Trust Fund in Response to the Syria Crisis (EUTF), 1,629 Syrians and host community members were employed, and 992 Syrians and host community members gained awareness and knowledge about entrepreneurship and employment.



UNDP directly contributed to the “qualified people, strong society” pillar of 11th National Development Plan (NDP) and SDG 4 by continuing to elevate the skillset of vulnerable populations. The blended language education model reaching 22,406 Syrians (6,600 male and 15,806 female) has become an integral part of the Adult Learning system of the Ministry of National Education.



To support municipalities hosting Syrians and facing an increase in waste pressure, many important infrastructure works were completed. Samandağ conveyor belt waste transfer station delivered to Hatay Municipality is giving 334,700 people access to safely managed municipal solid waste. Hassa Wastewater Treatment Plant has been operating since December 2019 giving 40,000 (66% of households) people access to safely managed municipal sanitation.



For the elimination of Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs), UNDP undertook many important groundworks such as the qualification of İZAYDAŞ High-Temperature Incineration (HTI) facility which is historic for Turkey and globally as this expands the current network of HTI facilities capable of irreversibly destroying POPs waste. UNDP eliminated 2,781 POPs and hazardous waste between 2016-2020.



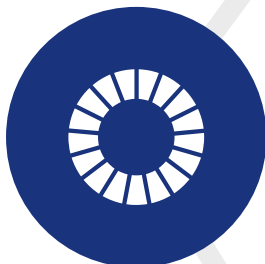
In 2020, UNDP continued its efforts in the realm of legal aid by setting up 7 Violence Prevention Centres with the ultimate objective of providing easier access to justice and quality counselling for women subjected to violence. Out of 3,985 persons provided with legal aid in 2020, 81 % were women.



UNDP introduced a Gender Equality Seal (GES), a certification program for the private sector. In 2020, Gender Mainstreaming piloting study was completed in Limak Investment and was scaled up to additional 4 Limak tourism companies.



Creative SDG solutions are implemented under SDG Impact Accelerator in the fields of Digital ID and Sanitation through the cooperation with local partners including Human Development Foundation, Istanbul Chamber of Commerce, Gaziantep Chamber of Industry, Turkish Red Crescent and Kilis Municipality.



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UNDP assisted Land Forces Command to improve individual and institutional capacity on Integrated Border Management by introducing both face-to-face and distant learning modules available to all border professionals. 208 professional staff of Land Forces Command (LFC) were trained face to face on border surveillance and control procedures and migrants' rights. Distance learning pilot trainings were delivered to 103 border professionals to increase individual capacity of border professionals.

UNDP'S RESPONSE TO THE **PANDEMIC**

The COVID-19 pandemic was the determining factor in shaping the development context in Turkey in 2020. The response of the country for the health-related needs was swift due to the effective crisis management mechanism. Nevertheless, the omnipresence of the pandemic in all aspects of life rendered the need of development actors such as UNDP to support the socio-economic recovery efforts in the country, especially for the most vulnerable groups including women and refugees.

UNDP's response to the crisis was swift and comprehensive:

Cooperation with WHO (World Health Organization), WB (World Bank) and the Government was re-purposed for health system strengthening.

UN released the COVID-19 Socio-Economic Impact Assessment Report (SEIA) with the joint leadership of UNDP Turkey and RCO and with the consultation of the government to assess the impact of the crisis in Turkey and to adjust its programming to respond to extra demands and emerging needs stemmed from the COVID-19 crisis.

UNDP uncovered the effects on the private sector through rapid assessments which locate real needs of firms for recovery such as the digitalization agenda.

UNDP continued its investment in new skills needed by firms and individuals alike.

UNDP also diversified its refugee response to respond to the effects of the crisis including support provided to municipalities on medical waste management and business advisory services provided to Syrian owned small

and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs).

UNDP Country Office (CO) developed a deeper focus on unemployment of youth and women, two structural problems of the Turkish economy, and launched a partnership with International Labour Organization (ILO) to respond to this issue.

To provide an evidence base to the pandemic, UNDP completed a time use survey on domestic division of labor that shows the increased and unequal burden on women during the pandemic.

UNDP also launched a series of surveys to uncover the effects of the pandemic on the private sector.

An impact assessment on the rural sector was prepared in partnership with Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) to find out the effects of COVID-19 on rural resilience.

To support the response of the health system to the crisis, a home-based care delivery system has been prepared that enables medical personnel to optimize the route of the medical visits to patients receiving home-based services.

UNDP Turkey also provides needed equipment support to the MoH, 14 units of real time PCR were delivered to the ministry in 2020.

by the order of the central government as part of COVID measures, the municipalities increased their waste collection capacity, ensuring more frequent waste

collection and disposal. A contingency reserve was allocated by UNDP for supporting municipalities in their response to COVID-19. 1 waste collection vehicle and 2 waste transfer semi-trailers were delivered to the Kilis Municipality. Personal protective equipment (PPE) and environment disinfectants were delivered to four municipalities.

32 Region-based Fragile Sector Analysis Reports and Guidelines are prepared in collaboration with 26 development agencies to manage the disruptive effects of the pandemic on the economy. UNDP also provides technical and advisory support to local businesses by business development and digitalization trainings and recovery grants as well as setting up a freelance working platform to increase employability of Syrians. A trusted vendor list has been created to connect SMEs that want to produce PPE equipment and PPE investors.



A RESILIENT AND INCLUSIVE SOCIETY

By 2020, relevant government institutions operate in an improved legal and policy framework, and institutional capacity and accountability mechanisms assure a more enabling (competitive, inclusive and innovative) environment for sustainable, job-rich growth and development for all women and men.

Interventions of UNDP contribute to important pillars of 11th NDP in two main areas:

1

Competitive Production and Productivity

Regarding this, UNDP invested in:

7 Model Factories (AKA SME Capability Centers)

6 Innovation Centers

3 Organized Industry Zones

UNDP not only invested in their physical capacities but also drafted their individual roadmaps and piloted flagship programs such as Learn and Transform via high quality business consultancy services.

2

Qualified People, Strong Society

UNDP continued its efforts to elevate the skillset of vulnerable populations to increase their access to decent jobs as new digital tools were made available to increase access of individuals to demanded skills such as vocational training, certification and language proficiency.

The blended language education model initially prepared for SuTPs (Syrians under Temporary Protection) has become an integral part of Adult Learning system of the Ministry of National Education. The system is fully integrated into the Ministry's Education-Information Network which is adapted to other course content such as digital literacy.

UNDP invests in the capacities of Vocational Education and Training (VET) Centers in non-traditional sectors such as Renewable Energy to create the needed qualified workforce for desired sectors of the new economy. UNDP also invests in Education Technologies for VET that integrate official certification systems that signal individual's skills and knowledge to employers.



In the GTW project, 23% of matching grants realised to date have been attributed to women through the “women” window offering a high subsidy level.



As part of a community-based recycling initiative in Kemer district of Antalya, 4 school trainings reaching 1,271 students and 37 teachers were completed.



In 2020, 971 women and 4 ÇATOMs benefitted from the inclusive business model of Koton. A total amount of \$82,000 was generated in 2020 through Koton's HandMade Collection. The female beneficiary target of language education (40%) has been exceeded with over 70% female participation into the courses.



To support community driven recycling, zero waste trainings were delivered to 4,223 Syrians and host community members. The conveyor belt waste transfer station (Samandağ) was delivered to Hatay Municipality giving 334,700 people access to safely managed municipal solid waste. Kirikhan and Yayladağı Waste Transfer Stations were delivered to Hatay Municipality. Hassa Wastewater Treatment Plant has been operating since 2019 giving 40,000 people access to safely managed municipal sanitation.

Göksu-Taşeli Watershed (GTW) reached a total of 10,943 farmers in need, to date (34% of the total target), mostly achieved in 2020. 2,614 men and 5,733 women benefited from matching grants in 2020. GTW organized demonstrations of improved technology for farmers' uptake (10 greenhouses, 4 vineyards, 8 strawberry orchards and 7 solar irrigation systems).

As part of Integrated Resource Efficiency (IRE), UNDP contributes to the improvement of the competitiveness of Southeast Anatolia by ensuring efficient use of factors of production in agricultural production. 8 resource use efficiency analyses were conducted on strategic products such as Cotton, Corn, Red Pepper, Olive and Milk. 10 agro-businesses signed agreements to receive financial support to improve industrial resource efficiency.

Investment in Model Factories continued with Ankara and Bursa fully operational. 4 Model Factories (Gaziantep, Izmir, Konya and Kayseri) and 1 SME Capability and Innovation Center (Mersin) have been constructed with operationalization ongoing.

In order to support national and sub-national capacities for crisis management during COVID-19, preparation of guidelines for fragile sectors (tourism, automotive, machinery, textile, food and logistics) is ongoing. 6 working groups were established with participation of 44 development agency experts for the preparation of 35 sector-based reports.

Turkey has become the largest refugee hosting country with over 3.6 million registered Syrians under Temporary Protection as the result of the protracted crisis in Syria. This resulted in a significant increase in the population of the municipalities mainly located in the South Eastern Anatolia region bordering Syria.

UNDP made a great progress in its ongoing efforts to ease the pressure on local governments after the mass migration

of Syrians as well as the effects of COVID-19. In this regard, 14 waste collection vehicles, 15 recyclable collection automat machines, 18 mobile civic amenity centres were delivered to Kilis and Şanlıurfa Municipalities.

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UNDP invested in critical human resource capacities by investing in vocational education and trainings (VETs) and public education centers (PECs) that educate graduates, a critical feature for the continuity of renewable energy (RE) sector in Turkey. Vocational and Technical High Schools in Bursa, Kocaeli, Konya and two PECs in Mersin and Hatay have been supported in 2020. 5 existing curricula of PECs as well as the training materials were reviewed in collaboration with 10 private sector companies; a new program on Photovoltaic Solar Panels Installation and Integration of Hybrid (Solar-Wind) System was developed. Establishment of 5 laboratories, 5 training venues in Bursa, Konya and Kocaeli and 2 PECs in Hatay and Mersin are ongoing based on the need analysis conducted in 5 pilot provinces.

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Gender Dimension

As a result of the gender mainstreaming efforts of GTW project, women attained greater visibility in rural/agricultural activities and raised awareness about project opportunities for women. The project has witnessed a spike in the number of women applying and obtaining matching grants. 23% of matching grants realised to date have been attributed to women through the “women” window offering a high subsidy level.

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In order to increase economic resilience of Syrian and host community women, Multi-Purpose Community Centers (ÇATOMs) were supported in Southeast Turkey through developing inclusive business models. In 2020, 971 women and 4 ÇATOMs benefitted from the inclusive business model of Koton. A total amount of \$82,000 was generated in 2020 through Koton's HandMade Collection. The female beneficiary target of language education (40%) has been exceeded with over 70% female participation into the courses.

In Hatay Municipality, establishment of an Equal Opportunities Commission and Migration Unit has been included into five years strategy plan and a Migration Unit was established. Brochures in Arabic and Turkish on violence against women and referral mechanisms have been disseminated widely in Gaziantep and Hatay Municipalities. Five podcasts were produced and disseminated on basic concepts of gender equality, violence against women, employment, women's health and Covid 19. A training on principles of women's shelter services has been delivered to staff of Hatay Municipality.

The Stakeholder Analysis Report on Renewable Energy Sector identified possible challenges and opportunities to ensure VETs are gender sensitive and allow for women and youth participation. This includes the development of appropriate curriculum as well as creating an environment that allows trainings to be accessible for women. It involves strategies such as organisation of activities and awareness raising campaigns to be designed by considering traditional gender roles, offering flexible online training opportunities and preparation of gender sensitive and nondiscriminatory curriculum and training materials to allow women's and youth participation. Within the context of the Integrated Resource Efficiency Project, a report was prepared indicating how and where gender issues are relevant in agricultural and agri-food industry supply chains and what policy proposals could be derived from them.



CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENT

“By 2020, improved implementation of more effective policies and practices on sustainable environment, climate change, biodiversity by national, local authorities and stakeholders including resilience of the system/communities to disasters”



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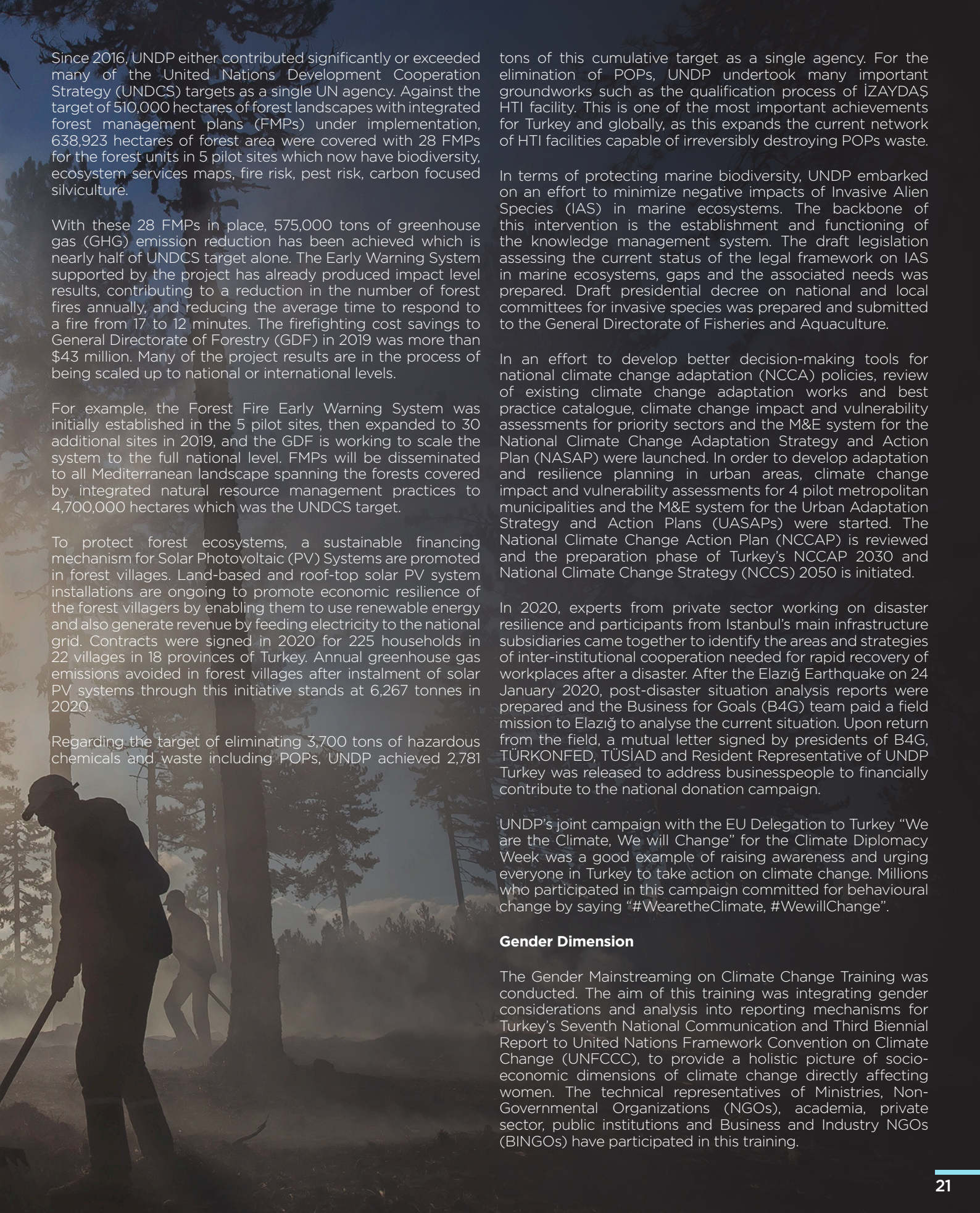
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Since 2016, UNDP either contributed significantly or exceeded many of the United Nations Development Cooperation Strategy (UNDCS) targets as a single UN agency. Against the target of 510,000 hectares of forest landscapes with integrated forest management plans (FMPs) under implementation, 638,923 hectares of forest area were covered with 28 FMPs for the forest units in 5 pilot sites which now have biodiversity, ecosystem services maps, fire risk, pest risk, carbon focused silviculture.

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For example, the Forest Fire Early Warning System was initially established in the 5 pilot sites, then expanded to 30 additional sites in 2019, and the GDF is working to scale the system to the full national level. FMPs will be disseminated to all Mediterranean landscape spanning the forests covered by integrated natural resource management practices to 4,700,000 hectares which was the UNDCS target.

To protect forest ecosystems, a sustainable financing mechanism for Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Systems are promoted in forest villages. Land-based and roof-top solar PV system installations are ongoing to promote economic resilience of the forest villagers by enabling them to use renewable energy and also generate revenue by feeding electricity to the national grid. Contracts were signed in 2020 for 225 households in 22 villages in 18 provinces of Turkey. Annual greenhouse gas emissions avoided in forest villages after instalment of solar PV systems through this initiative stands at 6,267 tonnes in 2020.

Regarding the target of eliminating 3,700 tons of hazardous chemicals and waste including POPs, UNDP achieved 2,781

tons of this cumulative target as a single agency. For the elimination of POPs, UNDP undertook many important groundworks such as the qualification process of İZAYDAŞ HTI facility. This is one of the most important achievements for Turkey and globally, as this expands the current network of HTI facilities capable of irreversibly destroying POPs waste.

In terms of protecting marine biodiversity, UNDP embarked on an effort to minimize negative impacts of Invasive Alien Species (IAS) in marine ecosystems. The backbone of this intervention is the establishment and functioning of the knowledge management system. The draft legislation assessing the current status of the legal framework on IAS in marine ecosystems, gaps and the associated needs was prepared. Draft presidential decree on national and local committees for invasive species was prepared and submitted to the General Directorate of Fisheries and Aquaculture.

In an effort to develop better decision-making tools for national climate change adaptation (NCCA) policies, review of existing climate change adaptation works and best practice catalogue, climate change impact and vulnerability assessments for priority sectors and the M&E system for the National Climate Change Adaptation Strategy and Action Plan (NASAP) were launched. In order to develop adaptation and resilience planning in urban areas, climate change impact and vulnerability assessments for 4 pilot metropolitan municipalities and the M&E system for the Urban Adaptation Strategy and Action Plans (UASAPs) were started. The National Climate Change Action Plan (NCCAP) is reviewed and the preparation phase of Turkey's NCCAP 2030 and National Climate Change Strategy (NCCS) 2050 is initiated.

In 2020, experts from private sector working on disaster resilience and participants from Istanbul's main infrastructure subsidiaries came together to identify the areas and strategies of inter-institutional cooperation needed for rapid recovery of workplaces after a disaster. After the Elazığ Earthquake on 24 January 2020, post-disaster situation analysis reports were prepared and the Business for Goals (B4G) team paid a field mission to Elazığ to analyse the current situation. Upon return from the field, a mutual letter signed by presidents of B4G, TÜRKONFED, TÜSİAD and Resident Representative of UNDP Turkey was released to address businesspeople to financially contribute to the national donation campaign.

UNDP's joint campaign with the EU Delegation to Turkey "We are the Climate, We will Change" for the Climate Diplomacy Week was a good example of raising awareness and urging everyone in Turkey to take action on climate change. Millions who participated in this campaign committed for behavioural change by saying "#WearetheClimate, #WewillChange".

Gender Dimension

The Gender Mainstreaming on Climate Change Training was conducted. The aim of this training was integrating gender considerations and analysis into reporting mechanisms for Turkey's Seventh National Communication and Third Biennial Report to United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), to provide a holistic picture of socio-economic dimensions of climate change directly affecting women. The technical representatives of Ministries, Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), academia, private sector, public institutions and Business and Industry NGOs (BINGOs) have participated in this training.

HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEMOCRATIC GOVERNANCE

“By 2020, central and local administrations and other actors more effectively protect and promote human rights, and adopt transparent, accountable, pluralistic and gender sensitive governance systems, with the full participation of civil society, including the most vulnerable.”



The establishment of Violence Prevention Centers (VPCs) in 7 pilot cities in 2020 serves as a milestone for the legal aid system.



The total number of users of the E-Consulate System was 7,529,943 in 2020 of which 60.7% were male, and 39.3% female.



Since 2016, the total number of citizens applying for legal aid via 7 pilot local bars is 22,049.



Urban Awareness Training modules were prepared and delivered to approximately 350 social service staff of Women, Child, Disabled, Elderly and Youth Centers based on the major take-aways of urban satisfaction surveys reaching 10,005 respondents in 30 metropolitan municipalities.



208 professional staff of LFC were trained face to face on border surveillance and control procedures and migrants' rights. Distance learning pilot trainings were delivered to 103 border professionals to increase individual capacity of border professionals.



For the first time since legal aid interventions were launched by UNDP, sex disaggregated data started being collected in 7 pilot bars in 2020. According to this data, 81% of legal aid recipients are women.



10 Local Prevention and Security Boards (LPSBs) have been established. Of these 10 LPSBs, 9 of them include at least one women's CSO. The total number of women's CSOs in these 10 LPSBs is 18.



Training to 500 professionals of Ministry of Interior (MoI) and Internal Security Forces (ISF) was delivered on civilian and democratic oversight of ISFs and citizen-focused security services.



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One of the most important aspects of Turkey's Judicial Reform Strategy (JRS) of 2015-2020 was that unlike the previous one, it started addressing the legal needs of specific groups such as women and children. The JRS was amended for a second time in May 2019 which includes provisions related to legal aid quality and performance standards. UNDP had an influence on JRS as its interventions directly contributed to the new legislative framework on legal aid. For instance, the wage scale for legal aid attorneys was raised by 7% as a result of UNDP's Support to the Improvement of Legal Aid Practices for Access to Justice for All in Turkey Phase II project. A performance monitoring system is promoted among Bar Associations to enhance satisfaction from services by legal aid recipients which is also an integral part of the new JRS.

In terms of implementing the recommendations emanating from treaty bodies and the Human Rights Council, Turkey took the important step of establishing a National Human Rights and Equality Institution (NHREI) in 2016. UNDP provided technical support for the Capacity Assessment (CA) of the NHREI in 2020 and continued its coordination support for finalization of the CA Report. The assessment aims to help NHREI to prepare for the application to Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions (GANHRI) for accreditation.

Turkey aims to improve its border management in line with EU Acquis based on a human rights based approach (HRBA) towards illegal immigrants. UNDP assisted Land Forces Command (LFC) to improve individual and institutional capacity on Integrated Border Management (IBM) by introducing both face-to-face and distant learning modules and providing infrastructural support to make distant learning available at all times. 208 professional staff of LFC were trained face to face on border surveillance and control procedures and

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UNDP works for a systematic and structured approach for legal aid services via implementing and further improving best practices in 7 Bar Associations that will serve vulnerable groups in the most efficient and effective way possible. Since 2016, the total number of citizens applying for legal aid via 7 pilot local bars is 22,049.

In 2020, it has been UNDP's mission to ensure enhanced coordination between women's CSOs, public bodies, lawyers and bar associations to improve the legal aid system in Turkey. The establishment of Violence Prevention Centers (VPCs) in 2020 serves as a milestone for the legal aid system. The centers aim to eliminate the lack of quality legal counseling to people subjected to violence, especially for women and girls. Bar Associations have now been fully refurbished to operate as VPCs in 7 pilot cities of Turkey. 15 women's CSOs are fully on board to serve as a referral mechanism between these VPCs and women subjected to violence.

UNDP also contributes to the institutionalization of civilian and democratic oversight of internal security forces. Training to 500 professionals of Ministry of Interior (MoI) and Internal Security Forces (ISF) was delivered in 2020 on civilian and democratic oversight of ISFs and citizen-focused security services. As part of Strengthening the Civilian Oversight of Internal Security Forces Project Phase III, 10 Local Prevention and Security



RIGHTS DEMOCRATIC INCE

Boards (LPSBs) have been established in 2020 in various districts and provinces of Turkey. With their contribution, the voice of citizens are heard at the local level as contributors to local security policies and action plans, especially targeting vulnerable groups, and as partners in crime prevention and as evaluators of the actions implemented.

Local Administration Reform III Project (LAR III) launched an urban satisfaction survey reaching 10,005 respondents in 30 metropolitan municipalities of Turkey, asking respondents about their satisfaction with local government services. Urban Awareness Training modules were prepared and delivered to approximately 350 social service staff of Women, Child, Disabled, Elderly and Youth Centers based on the major take-aways of urban satisfaction surveys.

In terms of promoting IT based service delivery models, UNDP's Project for the Institutionalization and Broader Use of the E-Consulate System for Increased Efficiency in the Service Delivery of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs enhanced e-governance applications and increased the accessibility of government services by facilitating visa applications online. The total number of users was 7,529,943 in 2020 of which 60.7% were male, and 39.3% female.

Gender Dimension

UNDP's Legal Aid intervention is gender-responsive both in design and execution. The VPC guideline was also designed in line with gender equality standards. Special attention was given to the fact that VPCs should prioritize women and girls subjected to violence. For the first time since legal aid interventions were launched by UNDP, sex disaggregated data started being collected in 7 pilot bars in 2020. According to

this data, 81% of legal aid recipients turn out to be women. That is why collaboration between Bar Associations and women's CSOs is so vital for the success of legal aid interventions because, CSOs as trusted figures for Gender Based Violence (GBV) victims will act as referral mechanism for recipients of legal aid services.

In the domain of Civilian Oversight, LPSBs focus on the prevention of various crimes like domestic violence, responding to the challenges faced by specific vulnerable groups like children, women, people with disabilities and contribute to the awareness raising among society. Of the 10 LPSBs set up in 2020, 9 of them include at least one women's Civil Society Organization (CSO). The total number of women's CSOs in these 10 LPSBs is 18. By facilitating the participation of women's CSOs in the LPSBs, women's representation in policy and decision-making processes and women's empowerment is promoted.

The intervention on integrated border management was proactive to mainstream gender equality into the project through the face-to-face and distant learning materials, especially on subjects such as body search of migrants and combatting human trafficking as most victims are women. UNDP also encouraged LFC to assign female border professionals and include more female officers and staff to participate in project events, meetings and trainings. Good practices in the EU was shared to raise awareness of upper level managers in project beneficiaries.

EMPOWERED WOMEN AND GIRLS

“Improved legislation, policies, implementation and accountability mechanisms to enable equal and effective social, economic and political participation of women and girls by 2020”

The Eleventh National Development Plan contains specific measures that advance women's participation in political decision-making. For example, a concrete target of 20% has been set for the percentage of women in Parliament in 2023, compared to 17.3% following the 2018 elections. One of five policy areas stated in the Women's Empowerment Strategy Paper and Action Plan (2018-2023) is increased participation of women in decision-making mechanisms. The Action Plan includes various measures and activities for achieving this. A total of 79 draft law proposals have been submitted to the Grand National Assembly of Turkey (GNAT) to be reviewed with a gender lens. None of these have been adopted as they were proposed but discussions on some of them are continuing within the Equal Opportunities Committee of the GNAT.

For UNDP, local interventions work better than national level interventions when it comes to enabling female participation in political decision making. Within the framework of the UNDP Turkey Resilience Project in response to the Syria Crisis (TRP) funded by EU Trust Fund in Response to the Syria Crisis (EUTF), the Equal Opportunities Commission (EOC) of Gaziantep Municipality Women Council and the relevant Social Unit of Hatay Municipality have been supported throughout 2020. As a major result, Hatay Municipality included an EOC and a Migration Unit in their 5-years strategic plan.

UNDP contributed to three gender action plans for line Ministries in 2020. One of them is the Gender Mainstreaming Strategy and Action Plan prepared for the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MoAF) as part of IFAD funded Göksu-Taşeli Watershed Project. Gender action items derived from the Gender Mainstreaming Strategy were put into district investment plans in 2020. The project has witnessed a spike in the number of women applying and obtaining matching grants. In 2020, of the farmers who applied to agricultural grants, 5,733 were women and 2,614 were men. MoAF has also benefited from Gender Equality Strategy and Action Plan for Wooden Building prepared

by UNDP assistance. Lastly a Gender Responsive Analysis in Addressing Invasive Alien Species Threats at Key Marine Biodiversity Areas project was prepared for the Ministry of Environment and Urbanization.

UNDP also invested in the involvement of women in manufacturing industries where there are traditional barriers to women's employment. A study titled “Female Employment and Labor in the Turkish Manufacturing Industry” was completed with concrete policy proposals. A strong base has been established for evidence based decision making on women's employment in the manufacturing industry with this study.

UNDP introduced a Gender Equality Seal (GES) methodology, a program for the private sector which aims to assist and promote Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment (GEWE) efforts of companies. In 2020, Gender Mainstreaming piloting study was completed in Limak Investment and UNDP's pilot experience was scaled up to additional 4 Limak tourism companies. Garanti BBVA accepted UNDP Seal benchmarks for company performance assessment by granting a gender loan for tourism companies. As illustrated by these examples, GES will contribute to women's economic empowerment by setting a standard for the private sector and transforming businesses from within.

UNDP also facilitated the entry of girls in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) through a comprehensive empowerment program both for high school and university students. The program provides scholarship and mentoring to female students who want to excel in STEM fields but who might experience traditional barriers. Over 2,000 beneficiaries including teachers, students and their parents benefited from awareness raising activities on women in STEM through Training of Trainers (ToT). 383 female students continue to benefit from the program and are part of UNDP networks to continue their future careers in STEM.

As part of Support to the Improvement of Legal Aid Practices for Access to Justice for All in Turkey Phase II Project, a whole of society partnership approach is adopted in the sense that in 7 pilot provinces of the project, women's CSOs, Bar Associations, Municipalities and provincial directorates of the Ministry of Justice act in a concerted manner to counteract GBV and provide legal aid services to women subjected to violence. Protocols are going to be made between Municipalities, CSOs working in the field of women's rights and Bar Associations in order to institutionalize their cooperation and maintain sustainability. Currently there are 17 CSOs that will be the backbone of the local referral mechanism for people subjected to GBV in 7 pilot provinces. They will actively collaborate with Violence Prevention Centers which will be operational in 2021. Within the scope of the Enhancing Access to Public Services and Recourse for Violence Against Women (VAW) Survivors Project, UNDP is supporting the only hotline managed by a non-governmental organization, which is the Federation of Women Associations of Turkey (TKDF). This hotline was established in order to provide immediate support to people subjected to violence. UNDP also created activities to raise

awareness about the hotline and psycho-social counselling services provided to people subjected to GBV. Furthermore, UNDP designed capacity building trainings for counsellors working at NGOs who provide psycho-social support.

In 2020, UNDP completed a nation-wide time use survey on domestic division of labor that shows the increased and unequal burden on women during the pandemic. The study received wide coverage in international media and the findings were converted into a list of recommendations and utilized for design of joint interventions with ILO and UN Women in care economy.

In Engineer Girls of Turkey project, to raise awareness on gender stereotypes among high school students, in partnership with Middle East Technical University a board game called "Decision is Yours" was developed with design thinking method. A good example of youth engagement and peer learning, the game encourages players to think and decide like engineers and aims to develop problem-solving skills in cases to be faced in construction sites.



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PASSWORD: INNOVATION



UNDP interventions including SDG Impact Accelerator, Samsung Youth Innovators and entrepreneurship projects utilize challenge prizes that bring out the best innovators and system entrepreneurs.

Mobile based feedback mechanisms or small financial incentives were successfully utilized for community-based recycling projects both in touristic cities and also in municipalities in Southeast Anatolia hosting Syrians.

In response to COVID-19, UNDP worked with a leading university to develop a home-based care model prototype in order to plan the timing and routing of the household visits by field teams as part of healthcare delivery. A decision support system using smart technology and innovative methodology was used. If found feasible by the Ministry of Health, this prototype can be replicated to all over Turkey and in other areas such as elderly care.

In terms of promoting human centred design, Project for the Institutionalization and Broader Use of the E-Consulate System for Increased Efficiency in the Service Delivery of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs is a best practice. Turkey ranks among the top 10 countries in terms of use of e-consulate services which attests to the quality of services provided to citizens.

UNDP built a freelance working platform to connect employers mainly in Bangladesh with Syrian entrepreneurs residing in Turkey.

Lastly, especially with the spread of the pandemic, UNDP deepened its investment in blended and distant learning technologies in a vast number of fields spanning from language education to Syrians, to vocational training and online certification of skills.





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UNDP TURKEY'S ACCELERATOR LAB in 2020

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- UNDP Turkey Accelerator Lab (AccLab) supported the #kahvemtermosta movement which aims to eliminate the use of single-use beverage cups as a scale up strategy of its coffee cup experiment conducted in 2019. In 2020, AccLab prepared a [welcome pack](#) for coffee shops, inviting them to act on the problem of plastic pollution. A social media campaign was held with UNDP Turkey's Life Below Water Advocate Şahika Ercümen. Following this campaign, various competitions will be organized in the first half of 2021 in partnership with the social entrepreneur who started the #kahvemtermosta movement to engage the public on using eco-friendly living to tackle irresponsible consumption.
- AccLab partnered with Turkish Society for Quality's (KalDer) "GençKal" (StayYoung) initiative. KalDer, an NGO working towards sustainable business practices which has representatives from leading companies on its board, supports university students to interact with the business world through GençKal. AccLab ran a challenge inviting students from 20 universities to work on SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities.
- AccLab collaborated with METU Interdisciplinary Design Studio (IDS). IDS is an elective course running for one semester in which selected students work in groups of four or five to redefine real-life problems and come up with innovative solutions using design thinking approach. AccLab chose two teams to work with which involved bi-weekly mentoring sessions: one focusing on transforming an underutilized public space (a.k.a. a [ghost space](#)) in the city of Ankara and the other working on public awareness raising on SDGs. The prototypes that came out of this initiative were introduced to UNDP Turkey.
- In the area of food security, the Lab conducted an urban farming experiment in a public school in Ankara with the intention to start an urban farming community and train the students. The first crops will be harvested in spring 2021. An online training package on food and agriculture was prepared for students, and soon will be tested at the same school. If successful, the same material will be distributed

widely to other schools in the country. In a similar vein, a vertical garden is being built in the school premises to showcase another method of urban agriculture. Once up and running, these facilities will be sustained by the school community.

- With AccLab's support, Buğday Association's publications on eco-friendly living, urban farming and composting were updated and re-printed.
- The AccLab also designed a new experiment on compost production in partnership with an NGO (Çiğdemim Association) and a local authority in Ankara; in this innovative initiative (called "Pedal for Soil"), electric bikes are used to transport compost, locally sourced from businesses, to a community garden run by volunteers. The aim is to reduce the amount of waste that goes to landfill, enrich the soil quality in the said garden, and educate the locals on the techniques and benefits of composting. Once established as a practice, the locals are expected to continue to produce compost with a view to use it in their own gardens or pots.
- The Lab continued to run workshops on innovation methodologies for the CO to enhance the innovation capabilities within the projects. Experimentation tools, solutions-mapping and the importance of using data were introduced to the CO.
- Finally, in December 2020 a pioneering initiative was launched to crowdsource solutions to address urban challenges. In partnership with various ecosystem partners, the AccLab ran a women-led social innovation challenge (bit.ly/UNDP2021) to identify solutions that are effective, just, and sustainable. The programme itself is designed as an educational tool (with its challenge guide, website, and webinars) that contributes towards mainstreaming social innovation in Turkey. Some of the winning solutions will be tested in the field in 2021.

UNDP TURKEY AND OUR GLOBAL STRATEGIC PLAN

UNDP's support platforms for Turkey

UNDP's partnership with the private sector through its platforms Business for Goals (B4G) and Connecting Business Initiative (CBI) have been exemplary in times of COVID-19 in terms of having early impact analysis on businesses and development of coordination and collaboration mechanisms in response to crisis management.

B4G also expanded its cooperation with other UN Agencies namely ILO, UN Women and UNIDO in design of quick surveys to assess the impacts of COVID-19 on enterprises.

B4G had a specific focus on circular economy and conducted dialogues with relevant stakeholders addressing circular economy models in textile, agriculture and food sectors. These discussions pioneered to establish a Circular Textile Platform in Turkey, which is currently in form of a working group to concretize the governance of the platform and its priorities.

Transforming B4G to a knowledge platform has been advanced; a strategy and action plan was developed for this purpose. The idea is about being a one stop shop for private sector and sustainability issues while creating a platform for stakeholders to exchange information and experience.

UNDP Turkey's support for the Agenda 2030

UNDP Turkey has important progress under 4 streams of SDG integration. In terms of providing integrated policy solutions, the UN COVID-19 SEIA Report puts forward the main impacts of the pandemic and provides recommendations to policy makers for recovery.

UNDP also cooperated with FAO and IFAD to develop a sectoral analysis about the effects of COVID-19 on small landholders and rural resilience.

The joint policy report of the UNDP and Atlantic Council for economic inclusion of Syrians in Turkey contributed to the policy discussions on durable solutions for refugees.

The knowledge and innovation pillar of UNDP's SDG Integrator offer was well reflected in SDG Impact Accelerator initiative. The pilot phase of the initiative has promoted entrepreneurship, innovation and technology to address the challenges of refugees in Turkey and Least Developed Countries (LDCs), namely Uganda and Bangladesh. It also resulted with the first formal cooperation with the UN Technology Bank for LDCs.

Supporting the digital livelihoods for the refugees and host communities, UNDP Turkey Country Office and Bangladesh have started cooperating in innovation and e-commerce.

UNDP developed SDG Investor Map with technical support of UNDP Istanbul International Center for Private Sector in Development (IICPSD) to strengthen UNDP Turkey Country Office's support to SDG financing in Turkey. As a member of the technical working group for the establishment of the National Advisory Board for Impact Investment, UNDP Turkey Country Office transferred international knowhow and experience in the field.

UNDP also localized existing SDG reporting tools and applied it in a large company.



UNDP'S SIGNATURE SOLUTIONS IN TURKEY

UNDP Turkey Country Office's interventions in Inclusive Sustainable Growth and Syria Crisis Response are directly applying signature solutions #1, #3 and #6. All interventions are serving increased resilience to COVID-19 impacts, Syrian influx, global and internal challenges.

Signature solution #6 is being addressed in all GEN3 Projects, in which the achievement of gender equality is an explicit objective of the output, as well as throughout all programme interventions with comprehensive gender screening and gender mainstreaming actions.

UNDP Turkey Country Office's flagship programme on access to justice through legal aid and sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) contributes to signature solution #2.

Signature solution #1 is embedded in almost all initiatives in rural development, private sector and sustainable tourism initiatives.

UNDP Turkey Country Office applied signature solutions #4 and #5 particularly in areas of climate change and environment. For signature solution #4, UNDP has been supporting the development of a National Climate Change Adaptation Strategy and Action Plan. In addition, climate change projections are being provided for nature-based solutions for 7 geographical regions of Turkey. For signature solution #5, solar PV system instalments in forest villages demonstrated with a solid financial sustainability plan.

Responding to the protracted crises at the nexus of development and humanitarian activities, the 3RP, which is coordinated by UNDP and UNHCR offers integrated responses to complex development challenges in line with six signature solutions. This would include a mix of policy advice, technical assistance, finance and programmes, tailored to the country's needs to accelerate progress towards the pledge to leave no one behind in 2030 Agenda.

Six Signature Solutions:

1. Keeping people out of **POVERTY**
2. **GOVERNANCE** for peaceful, just, and inclusive societies
3. Crisis prevention and increased **RESILIENCE**
4. **ENVIRONMENT**: nature-based solutions for development
5. Clean, affordable **ENERGY**
6. Women's empowerment and **GENDER** equality








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WORKING WITH THE SISTER AGENCIES FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT



UNDP reflected its integrator offer to design new priorities of the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF). UNDP has supported and actively contributed to the ad-hoc working groups established by UN Resident Coordinator Office (RCO) in priority setting, partnerships and SDG financing, results groups and monitoring mechanisms. UNDP also co-lead the development of COVID-19 Socio-economic Impact Analysis and Response Plan together with RCO.

UNDP has extended its partnership and cooperation with various UN Agencies (FAO, IFAD, ILO, OHCHR, UN Women, UNEP, UNESCO, UNFPA, UNIDO, WHO) in response to impacts of COVID-19. This has been either in form of development of joint programmes such as the one on establishment of an impact fund in Turkey; or joint strategies such as sectoral analysis on rural resilience.

Responding to the global cooperation frameworks between UNDP and ILO, FAO and IOM, UNDP Turkey Country Office has agreed joint priority actions with three sister Agencies. The cooperation with ILO has been exemplary in addressing youth unemployment in times of pandemic and human rights due diligence for the private sector.

UNDP's co-leadership role in 3RP strengthened UN's position in Syria Crisis Response. The Global Task

Force on Migration was established in 2020 as a follow up mechanism to achieve the commitments signed by Municipalities in Gaziantep Declaration on Migration and Displacement and translate them into action. This is an important result of the common UN position on Syria Crisis Response and New Way of Working, promoting humanitarian-development nexus.

UNDP and UN Women worked closely while developing the SEIA report in terms of mainstreaming gender equality aspects all throughout.

Private sector business monitoring surveys are being regularly conducted following the design and execution of the first joint template with gender components. This survey is keeping the pulse of the work and employment impacts of COVID-19 on women and guides and records the business response.

UNDP and UN Women worked together to conduct a roundtable discussion with the private sector on the occasion of UN's 75th Anniversary. The event focused on women's full and effective participation and equal opportunities for leadership at all levels of decision making that play a key role in post-pandemic recovery. The discussions of the event will be converted into a report that will be disseminated broadly.

INNOVATIVE PARTNERSHIPS: SHAKING HANDS WITH TURKEY AND THE WORLD

The first think-do-tank platform of the private sector, Business for Goals fully operationalized in 2020 and UNDP's engagement in circular economy, gender equality and COVID-19 recovery have been strengthened with the private sector.

UNDP's private sector partnerships is unique in terms of being a one stop shop for the private sector on sustainability issues and the accumulated experience has been utilized by the GoT in SDG reporting in the High-level Political Forum.

SDG Impact Accelerator has been exemplary in terms of achieving a multi-partner environment. The partnerships established in Turkey with private sector, international organizations, civil society have been expanded to two LDCs and a broad stakeholder platform was established with the participation of the innovation ecosystem in two countries. In addition, it is also unique to form the first cooperation with the UN Technology Bank for LDCs.

UNDP introduced Gender Seal in the Private Sector as an equivalent gender marker for the "gender loan" provided by the biggest private bank in Turkey.

The cooperation with IFAD has reached a strategic level with joint sectoral analysis in the aftermath of the pandemic in addition

to UNDP's support to implementation of credit programmes.

UNDP has reached an agreement with the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation (UNOSSC) and Islamic Development Bank to have joint actions for exchange of experience and knowledge of Turkey's COVID-19 pandemic management in health and socio-economic sectors.






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COMMUNICATING UNDP: AN INTEGRATOR AND A PARTNER OF CHOICE

In 2020, the appointment of UNDP Turkey Life Below Water Advocate Şahika Ercümen and Gender Equality Advocates Bahar Toksoy & Giovanni Guidetti, partnership with Turkish Basketball Federation for Climate Action and the Mission 1.5 Turkey launch with sports celebrities were important steps in terms of reaching wider audiences and accelerating advocacy efforts on SDGs.

Şahika Ercümen made her first dive with her new title in Istanbul's Bosphorus to raise awareness on the increased plastic pollution in the seas during the pandemic.

UNDP Turkey's communication efforts brought about success in both digital and conventional media. BBC News, Reuters, New York Times, The Guardian, The Times picked some of the content produced by UNDP Turkey on the research "Gender Gaps in the Care Economy during the COVID-19 Pandemic in Turkey" and increased water pollution during the pandemic.

During the lockdown days, UNDP Turkey started livestreaming online events very early and thus achieved a head start on the concept. 16 online events - COVID-19 Exclusive Broadcasts and Conversations in Climate-ish were held with UNDP Turkey Goodwill Ambassador Mert Firat, to discuss how to build a healthier future for ourselves and our planet.

On May 1st International Workers' Day, UNDP Turkey published a photo-story on the lives of devoted people who are on the frontline amid pandemic days, keeping the country alive.

UNDP Turkey e-newsletter New Horizons reached almost 34,000 subscribers in December 2020. Launch of UNDP Turkey mobile application Devents, podcast platforms Devents and New Horizons and Telegram channel were among other major improvements in the field of digital communications. In September 2020, UNDP Turkey started producing podcast versions of New Horizons issues.

With an aim to raise awareness on how to cope with disinformation on COVID-19, UNDP Turkey translated 8 audio messages that UNESCO published to Turkish and 3 of these radio spots were broadcasted by radio channels

and podcasts in Turkey as Public Service Announcements (PSAs).

Turkey's first digital festival "Festtogether AtHome", supported by UNDP Turkey, took place on May 9th to meet the needs emerging with COVID-19. The festival, led by UNDP Turkey Goodwill Ambassador Mert Firat, attracted almost 12.5 million views.

UNDP's joint campaign with the EU Delegation to Turkey for this year's Climate Diplomacy Week contributed to strengthening the position of UNDP as a prominent player in climate action in Turkey. Millions of people have been reached and representatives of public and private institutions and civil society committed for behaviour change by saying "#WearetheClimate, #WewillChange".

The 16 Days of Activism campaign featured interviews with lawyers and NGO representatives working to combat violence against women in the Support to the Improvement of Legal Aid Practices for Access to Justice for All in Turkey Phase II Project. "9 Provinces 48 Women" digital photo exhibition presented stories of women's empowerment and standing against violence from Multi-Purpose Community Centres. Men at UNDP Turkey said #IVersusViolence to emphasize the importance of their role for achieving gender equality against violence against women.

With respect to the Syria Crisis Response, UNDP has strengthened its position by communicating its best practices to other countries. UNDP Turkey Life Below Water Advocate Şahika Ercümen's dive in Halfeti increased visibility of UNDP's work on zero waste under Syria Portfolio.

The 2020 Human Development Report launch event that we organized in partnership with Habitat Association, INGEV and TEPAV, was followed by thousands of people, raised awareness and fostered discussion on how to achieve human development in balance with the planet in the Anthropocene.





UN VOLUNTEERS PROGRAMME IN TURKEY IN 2020

UN Volunteers (UNV) in numbers:

- In 2020, UNV Turkey deployed 117 volunteers for 11 UN Agencies.

International Volunteer Day (IVD) Event:

- On 5 December 2020, an online IVD event was organized.
 - 8.5 hours of live broadcast
 - 55 gender-balanced panelists
 - 40 institutions
 - Total number of audience: 3000+
 - Average viewers for each session: 500
- During IVD,
 - 16 Days of Activism was remarked with participation of UN Women Volunteers and the UNDP Turkey Goodwill Ambassador Mert Firat
 - Climate Crisis was also highlighted by the young climate activists and the UNDP Turkey Climate Change and Environment Portfolio Manager Nuri Özbağdatlı
- World Food Day and IVD were jointly celebrated by FAO and UNV Turkey, with the “Food Heroes: Volunteers Among Us” Panel. The event showcased 8 human stories that contributed to Goal 2: Zero Hunger from different perspectives, with moderation of Dilara Koçak, FAO’s ‘Zero Waste, Zero Hunger’ project supporter.

Online Volunteering:

During 2020, due to the pandemic, online volunteering opportunities were on demand. Volunteer registrations as well as the number of opportunities in UNV’s Online Volunteering Platform have increased incrementally compared to previous years. Visit onlinevolunteering.org to explore opportunities and find volunteers ready to support your organization.

Knowledge Portal:

In 2020 UN Volunteers launched the Knowledge Portal on Volunteerism. Visit <https://knowledge.unv.org/country/Turkey> to access the latest global, regional, national data and evidence on volunteerism, including from Turkey.

Global Technical Meeting:

The Global Technical Meeting (GTM) on Reimagining Volunteerism for the 2030 Agenda was organized between 13-16 July 2020 by UN Volunteers as a side event of the High-level Political Forum. In this meeting, Sabancı Holding CEO Cenk Alper showcased Sabancı Volunteers as a best practice for corporate volunteerism from Turkey during the Europe and Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) plenary session.

UNV's role in creating an enabling environment for Volunteerism in Turkey

- First Steering Committee Meeting on Volunteerism in Turkey was conducted by the Ministry of Interior, Directorate General for Relations with Civil Society in November 2020. As a member of the committee, UN Volunteers Turkey Office delivered a keynote speech.
- UNV initiated the partnership between German Corporation for International Cooperation (GIZ) Turkey and National Volunteering Committee. Empowered by the partnership, the visual identity and the internal structure of the committee was revised to deliver solid results.
- Following the declaration of 2019 as the Year of Volunteerism by Ministry of Youth and Sports and UNV, Turkish Red Crescent extended it to 2020 and dedicated the year for volunteerism studies by conveying a research to measure the economic value of Turkish Red Cross/Crescent volunteers into the economy.







RESOURCE MOBILIZATION

UNDP has exceeded its resource mobilization target by reaching around \$80 Million.

The EU remained a point of strategic interest to UNDP Turkey. UNDP has developed project proposals for Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA) 3, addressing COVID-19 impacts, governance, digitalization and green deal. UNDP Turkey Country Office also mobilized EU and Government funding for the third phase of the Demining Program. Three EU IPA II funded Projects for Civic Engagement, Social Entrepreneurship and National Human Rights Institution are expected to be signed by Q2 of 2021.

The negotiations with the Government and IFAD about a €50 Million credit programme on rural development concluded positively in 2020.

Based on a supply and demand analysis on COVID-19, UNDP conducted intense discussions with bilateral and multilateral donors including EU, Japan, Sweden, United States as well as International Financial Institutions (IFIs) including EBRD, KfW, WB, IsDB. In addition to core funds for COVID-19 response, mobilization of Japan and contingency EU funds strengthened UNDP's position in areas of health, economic and climate sensitive recovery.

UNDP provided seed/catalytic funds to respond to early and medium term impacts of COVID-19 in Turkey. With these efforts, UNDP made available two funds totalling US \$617,500 to support the COVID-19 recovery efforts of Turkey.

- UNDP Funding Window - Rapid Response Facility (RRF): US \$267,500
- UNDP Funding Window - Rapid Financing Facility (RFF): US \$350,000

In 2020, for the Regional Refugee and Resilience Plan (3RP) which is coordinated by UNDP and UNHCR, a total of US \$235,000 was budgeted and the same amount was realized.



UNDP IN TURKEY: 2021 AND BEYOND

With its role of SDG integrator, UNDP Turkey Country Office will provide integrated policy support to the Government on the SDGs, especially in areas that are mostly related with COVID-19 pandemic, including poverty, inequalities, green economy, and digitalization.

UNDP will continue to co-lead the work of the UN on socio-economic impacts of COVID-19 and transfer the accumulated knowledge and experience to the Result Groups under new UNSDCF.

UNDP Turkey Country Office strategically positioned itself to provide integrated and innovative solutions in 2021 on climate change mitigation and adaptation as well as resilient systems and communities to shocks and disasters.

UNDP will advance gender equality agenda in private and public sector including enhanced focus on care economy, violence against women and inclusive business models.

UNDP will develop a more articulated youth strategy to concretize its course of action in skill formation, entrepreneurship and job creation.

Based on its strong and unique position in Syria Crisis Response, UNDP Turkey Country Office will ensure the sustainability of its Portfolio through closer dialogue with key partners and donors.

2021 will be the year to materialize UNDP's integrated offer to private sector including tools for SDG financing and test the sustainability of the two leading private sector platforms namely B4G and CBI. UNDP Turkey Country Office will continue to showcase its unique partnership model with the private sector and innovation ecosystem including transfer of its capacity and knowhow to LDCs in 2021.





OUR COMMUNICATIONS IN 2020



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Şahika Ercümen**



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**#WearetheClimate
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**Şahika Ercümen's dive
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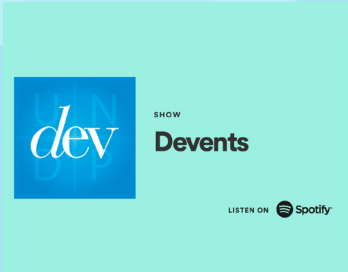
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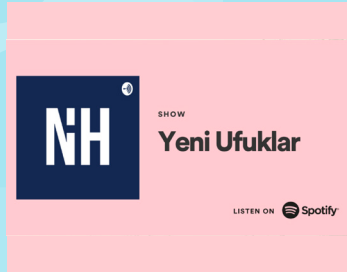
**UNDP Turkey Monthly
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**UNDP Turkey Mobile
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UNDP Turkey Podcast Platforms "Devents" and "New Horizons"



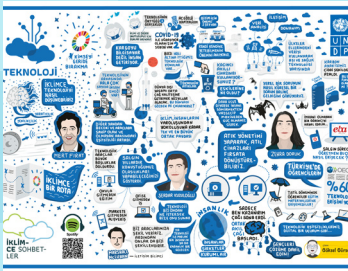
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UNDP Turkey Telegram Channel



UNDP Turkey COVID-19 Exclusive Broadcasts



Conversations in Climate-ish



Human Development Report 2020 Turkey Launch



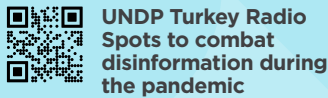
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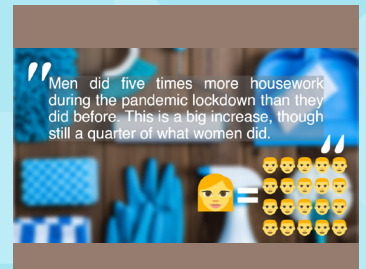
I vs Violence



UNDP Turkey Radio Spots to combat disinformation during the pandemic



Mission 1.5 Turkey Launch



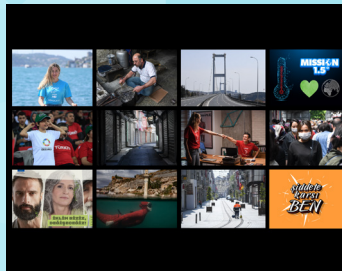
Research on "Gender Gaps in the Care Economy during the COVID-19 Pandemic in Turkey" in international media



17 Runs for 17 Global Goals



Festtogether AtHome



More on:

LENDING STAR POWER TO THE SDGs

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From the beginning of the pandemic, UNDP Turkey aired 11 COVID-19 Exclusive Episodes and 4 Conversations in Climate-ish live with the Goodwill Ambassador Mert Fırat on YouTube and Instagram to highlight the fact that the health of people and our planet are intimately connected.



UNDP Turkey declared Şahika Ercümen as Life Below Water advocate, and Bahar Toksoy Guidetti & Giovanni Guidetti as Gender Equality Advocates in 2020.



UNDP Turkey Life Below Water Advocate Şahika Ercümen drew attention to the pollution in our seas and the importance of sustainable urban waste management by diving in the Bosphorus and Halfeti.



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14 LIFE BELOW
WATER



ADVOCATE

STORIES



BREATHTAKING PLASTIC

Warning: No Pun Intended

World-record holder free-diver Şahika Ercümen, became UNDP Turkey's Life Below Water Advocate this June.

She made her first dive with her new title to bring attention to water pollution in Istanbul's Bosphorus in late June.



THE PEOPLE WHO KEEP TURKEY ALIVE

The ones on the frontline amid coronavirus days



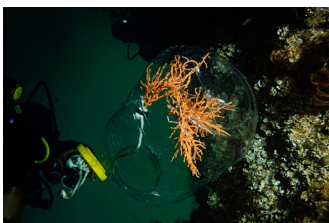
Turkey has been dealing with an unprecedented health crisis that impacts our lives since the first case was announced in the country. There are people who are obligated to leave home and go out to work every day since the beginning of this period. On May 1st International Workers' Day we turned our objectives on lives of these devoted people.



CHAMPION DIVER ON ACTION FOR ZERO WASTE AT TURKEY'S SYRIA BORDER



Şahika Ercümen, world record holder free-diver and Life Below Water Advocate of UNDP Turkey, performed a dive as part of UNDP's "Zero-Waste Project" under Syria Portfolio, in historical sunken-city of Halfeti, to raise awareness about waste management issues stemmed from the environmental impacts of Syria crisis.



LIFE BELOW WATER IN TAVŞAN ISLAND ENTRUSTED TO GHOST NET HUNTERS



Tavşan (Neandros) Island is located in the northeast of the Sea of Marmara. The island is a region characterized by high biodiversity, which includes a variety of alcyonaria, gorgons, sponges, and pinna shells. However, there is high human pressure on the site, mainly due to industrial fishing.

FESTTOGETHER
AT HOME



A FESTIVAL VS A VIRUS: FESTTOGETHER AT HOME

Turkey's first digital festival "Festtogether AtHome" took place on May 9th to meet the needs emerging with COVID-19.



On Saturday, May 9th, Turkey witnessed its first-ever live online music festival "Festtogether AtHome", in a format of a telethon, raising funds to meet essential needs of the most vulnerable, emerging with the pandemic.



PREHISTORIC RESIDENTS OF ANATOLIA

Good news for desert monitors and striped hyenas representing a great but endangered biodiversity that is even reflected on ancient reliefs

Days of pandemic gave us a unique opportunity to assess, both quantitatively and qualitatively, the standards of a good life, and take a fresh look at our world, nature and all living creatures. In our daily hassles, we make adverse impact on creatures away from eyes that we even do not know are living on the same planet with us.



THE UNBEARABLE WEIGHT OF WASTE

Understanding Zero Waste at the Local Level

Our resources are limited. And yet, we are consuming more and more every day. In the socio-economic order in which we live, consumption is an indispensable part of the system. When the rapidly increasing world population is added to this, the situation gets even worse. As a result, today, we have come to the point where deepening climate crisis and the accompanying destructive natural events, increasing hunger, growing poverty and many other global problems threaten our world in an unprecedented way.



NATURE OF BOLKAR MOUNTAINS ENTRUSTED TO NOMADIC YORUKS

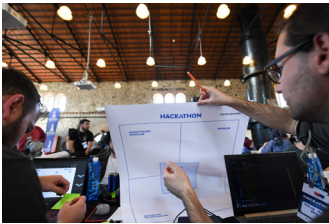
Works continue in the context of project aiming to sustain an ancient way of living showing that it is actually possible for human beings to live in harmony with nature. Interviews are held with nomadic yoruks in the Bolkar Mountains of Mersin to capture the natural conditions and links with nomadic life.



DISTANCE LEARNING IN TIMES OF CRISIS

As Coronavirus forces in-classroom learning to go online across the world, a project on Syrian refugees in Turkey might already set an example.

While the growing COVID-19 pandemic closed all schools, universities, public and private education centers, the outbreak also could spur a new wave of education logic and system for millions. An education project with Syrians in Turkey sails through an uncharted digital territory and the results are promising.



INVESTING IN NEXT GENERATION INCLUSIVE URBAN TRANSPORTATION NETWORKS

UNDP brings together innovative minds for change

More than half of the world's population today lives in urban settlements. In just two decades, it will be two-third of our Earth's inhabitants. That brings us to rethink on city planning and urban infrastructures. We basically talk about the cities of future, where no one is left behind. And UNDP is a driver of this change in Turkey.

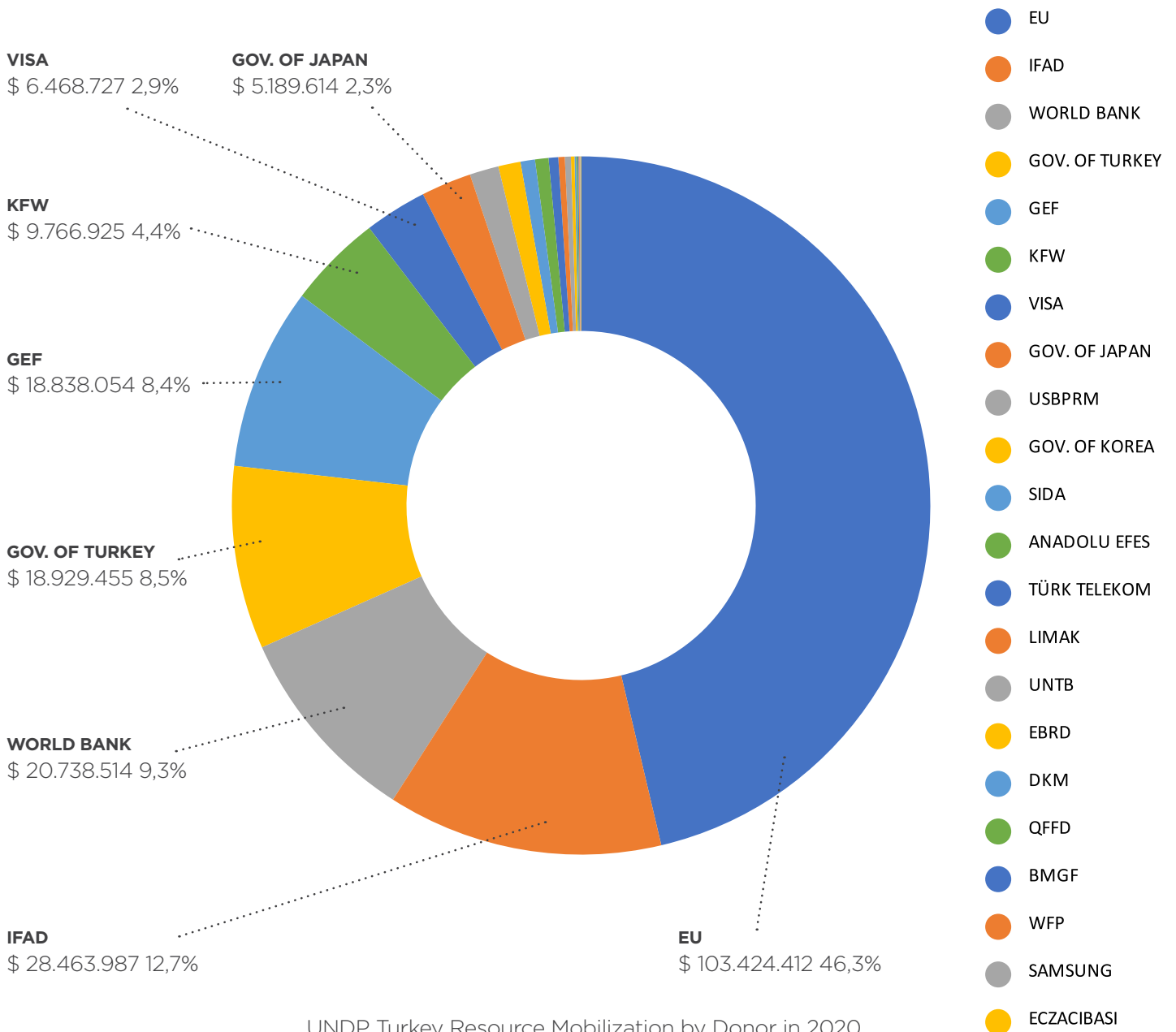


BIG DREAMS COME TRUE IN THE SMALLEST DISTRICT OF TURKEY

The story of a brave woman who remigrated from a metropolis to a small district and started producing mushrooms with the grant she received from Göksu Taşeli Watershed Development Project (GTWDP)

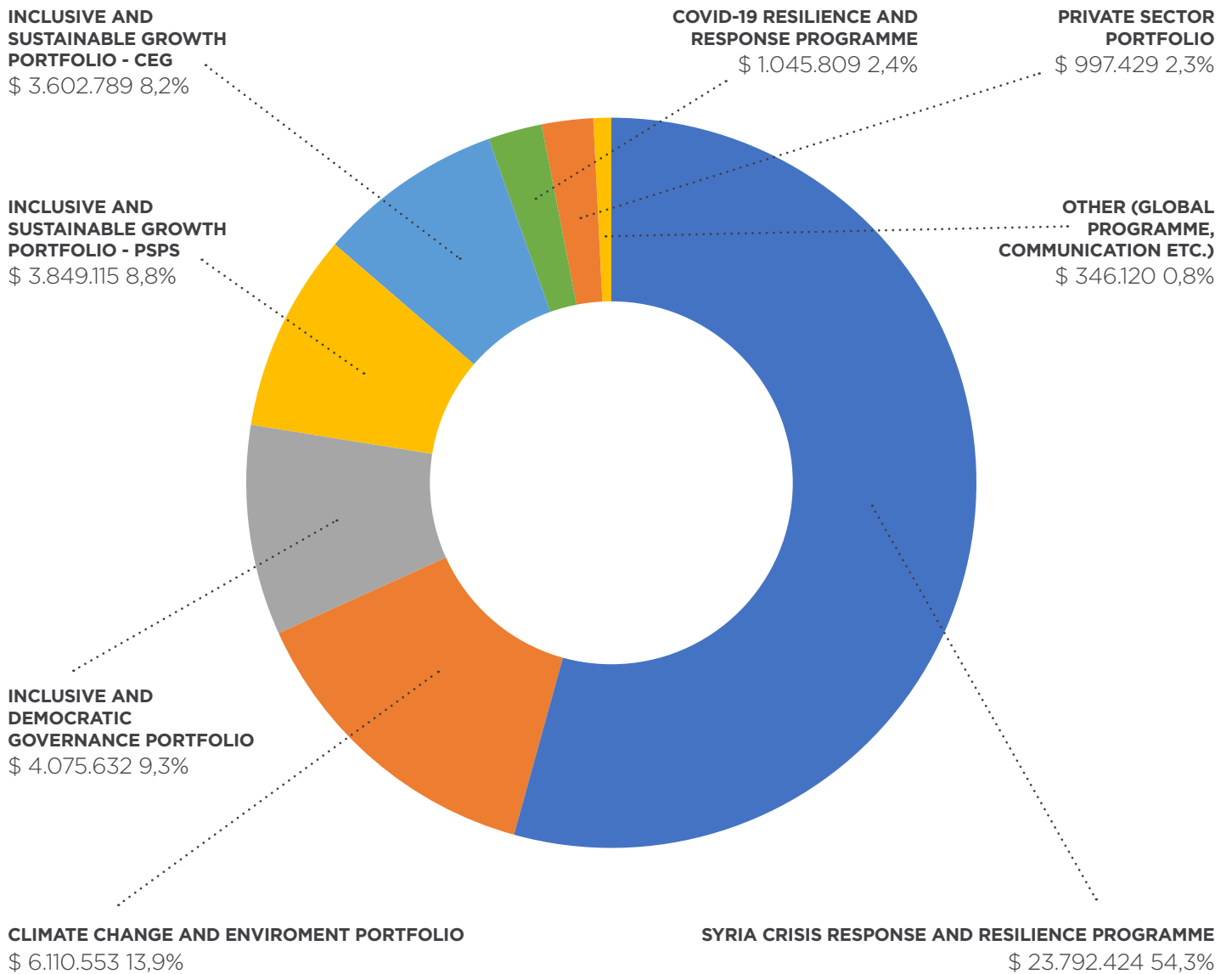
Meltem Gözel is 34 years old and has been cultivating mushrooms for two years. She has 3 children; one girl and two boys at the ages of 16, 13 and 5. When she decided to get divorced in 2017, she returned to her hometown, Yalıhüyük district of Konya from Istanbul, to live with her parents. This is the least populated district of Turkey. Her story of self-reliance and becoming a hope for many women begin here.

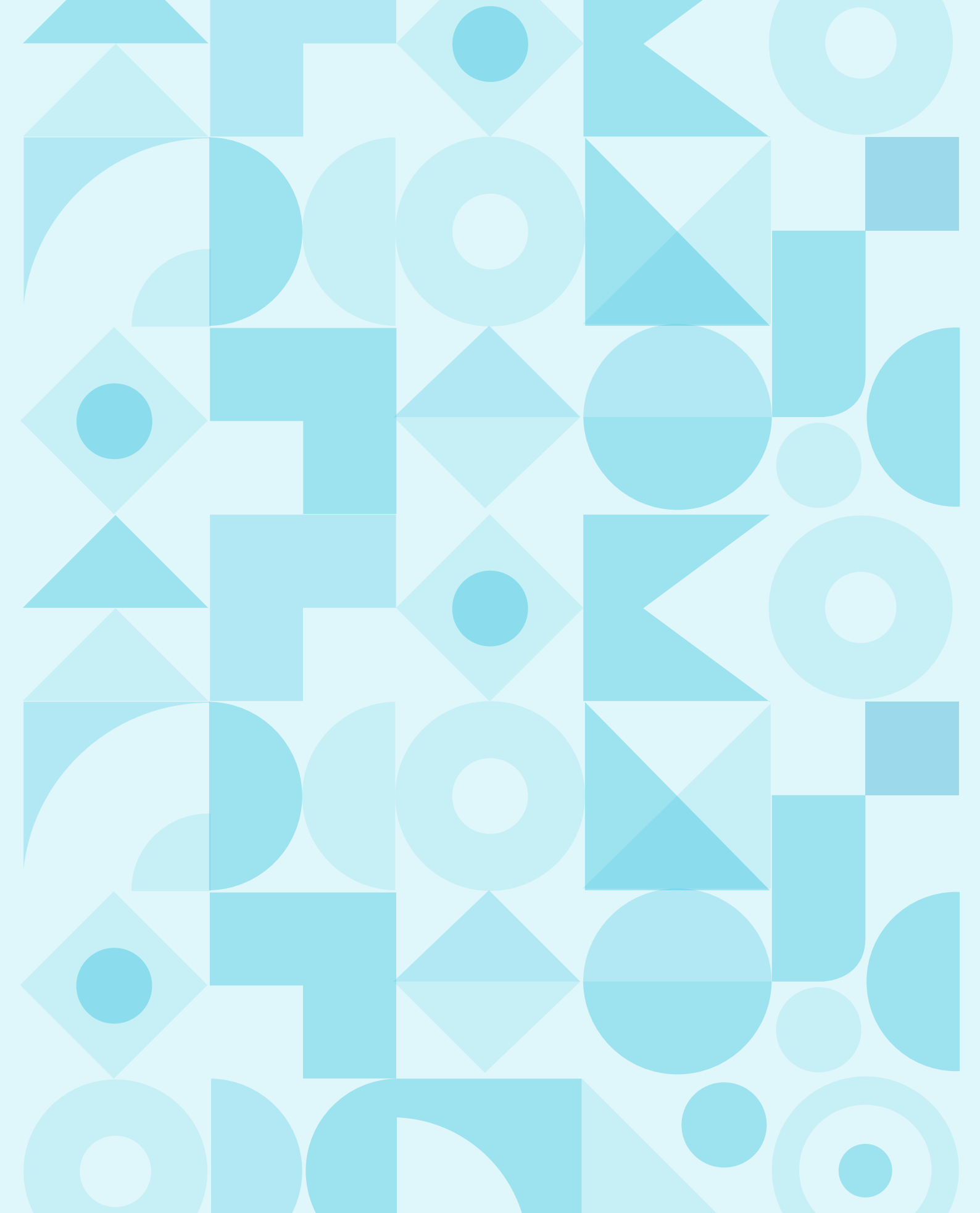
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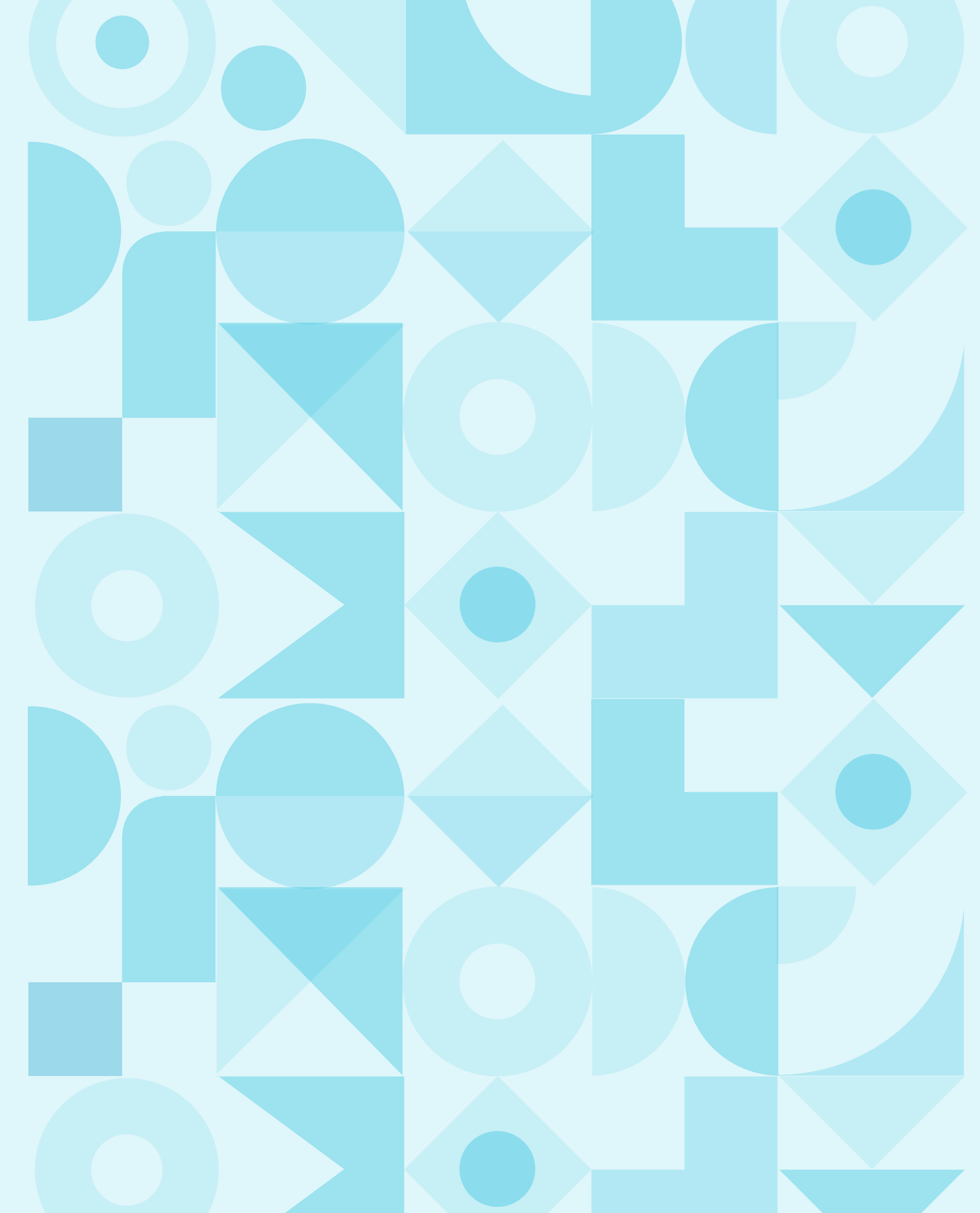


UNDP Turkey Resource Mobilization by Donor in 2020

- SYRIA CRISIS RESPONSE AND RESILIENCE PROGRAMME
- CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENT PORTFOLIO
- INCLUSIVE AND DEMOCRATIC GOVERNANCE PORTFOLIO
- INCLUSIVE AND SUSTAINABLE GROWTH PORTFOLIO - PSPS
- INCLUSIVE AND SUSTAINABLE GROWTH PORTFOLIO - CEG
- COVID-19 RESILIENCE AND RESPONSE PROGRAMME
- PRIVATE SECTOR PORTFOLIO
- OTHER (GLOBAL PROGRAMME, COMMUNICATION ETC.)









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