

BACKGROUND



- Population 80.8 million; 23% young people between 10 and 24
- 3.5 million refugees; 70% are women and children.
- 38% of women faced physical and/or sexual Intimate Partner Violence
- One of the highest rates of child marriage in Europe: 15% of girls married before the age of 18

APPROACH

Young Refugee Support Project:

- Project aims to strengthen young Syrian refugees aged between 18-30 in 4 centres in Kirikhan-Hatay, Diyarbakir, Ankara and Izmir
- Reach young people with peer education, adaptation events, awareness raising around child marriages
- Training for service providers in youth friendly approaches
- Centres provide psychologists, health personnel, guidance counselling and referral to secondary healthcare services, awareness-raising seminars, birth follow-up and neonatal information services

RESULTS

- In 2017, 3500 young people were reached with peer information and education.
- 75 young peer educators took part in Training of Trainers to provide SRHR information.
- Menstruation calendars were produced for women and 3500 of them distributed in Ankara, Diyarbakır, Kirikhan and Izmir.
- In 2018, 205 young women and 111 young men reached by SRH sessions.



PROBLEM

- ➔ Lack of social policy towards immigrants and asylum seekers.
- 👥 Stigma and discrimination affecting young refugees' access to SRHR.
- ⚠️ Numerous challenges in accessing social services
- 👤 Child marriage and early pregnancy common for young refugees

LESSONS LEARNED

- ➔ Essential to train young refugees as peer educators, project leaders and advocates: overcome language barriers; empower young people; achieve sustainable results

FUTURE DIRECTIONS

- 🤝 Strengthen network as the only NGO working on young people's SRHR
- 💰 Invest in empowering refugee youth
- ⚖️ Advocate for SRHR especially for young refugee populations