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General comments

Current UNICEF draft Country Programme Document (CPD) for Turkey gives a comprehensive overview of current situation, reflecting main developments and vulnerabilities, and formulates appropriate priorities. It seems that the proposed country program strategy is appropriate to answer to the needs of Turkish and refugee children. UNICEF could add value to achieve sustainable results. It is important to support involving the civil society in addressing key questions.

We recognize that attention has be paid to mitigate the situation of refugee children, including e.g. expanding access to services for refugee children. However, many pressing challenges remain, which must be in the focus. Furthermore, we must remain vigilant to the possibility of additional migration pressure and influxes of refugees towards Turkey.

UNICEF Response:

The comment is noted with thanks. As mentioned in para 48, attention will be given within the CPD to risk-informed programming and emergency preparedness, including for new population movements into Turkey.