



SUPPORT FOR SCHOOL ENROLMENT (SSE) PROGRAMME



Objective of the Programme

Out-of-school refugee children (OOSC) have increased access to relevant and appropriate education opportunities through the Support for School Enrolment (SSE) programme.

With generous support from ECHO, UNICEF in partnership with Association for Solidarity with Asylum Seekers and Migrants (ASAM) – a Turkish NGO – implements the SSE programme to support out-of-school refugee children in accessing a broad range of services which address barriers restricting their participation in education. All services provided under the SSE programme are free of charge.

Activities

Counselling and Referral Services

Children should be registered and attending school where they can learn, socialize, and benefit from their right to education. ASAM SSE teams target Syrian children aged 5-17 and support them to enroll in the most appropriate learning programme for their age. SSE programme teams assess each child's educational needs, provide counselling about available education opportunities, refer OOSC to appropriate educational pathways available in their area (including pre-school education) and provide transportation, translation, and in-person support during the process when required. School bags and stationery kits are provided to enrolled children. ASAM works in coordination with provincial Ministry of National Education (MoNE) authorities to ensure effective support to out-of-school children in accessing education opportunities.

Child Protection Services

Psychosocial support is provided to children and their families. As needed, families are referred to appropriate services offered by either ASAM or other service providers, including public institutions and NGOs.

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EDUCATION SYSTEM IN TURKEY

Compulsory education in Turkey begins at the age of five (preschool) and goes up to the 12th grade.

Education is divided into three levels of four years each (4+4+4 system). Children complete four years of elementary education (ilkokul) before entering middle school (ortaokul) in the fifth grade. Four years of middle school are followed by four additional years at the upper-secondary level (lise).



Key Information About School Registration

"Education gives children a chance to learn, socialize, play with their friends, and have a better life."

- ▶ According to national and international law, all children, including refugees and those under temporary protection, have the right to attend school free of charge, regardless of their nationality, language, gender, or physical and intellectual abilities.
- ▶ Attending Turkish Public Schools allows refugee children to interact socially with their Turkish peers and enhances their ability to communicate and continue their education in Turkish. This may increase children's sense of belonging and contribute to building social cohesion among communities.
- ▶ The daily routine of going to school has important emotional and psychosocial benefits for children.
- ▶ It is not necessary for a child to speak Turkish before enrolling in a Turkish Public School. There are existing mechanisms in schools that support children to learn Turkish.
- ▶ Certificates issued by Turkish Public Schools to refugee children are identical to those issued to Turkish children. Certificates document children's learning achievements throughout their schooling.
- ▶ Enrolling in and remaining in education supports individuals' and families' future prosperity. Research shows that higher levels of education are linked to accessing better jobs, potentially leading to higher earnings as well as greater life opportunities.





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“Children of school-going age are automatically registered in the closest Turkish Public School, based on their address registered with the District Registry Office.”



- ▶ The school a child is assigned to can be obtained from the District National Education Directorate or through the e-school link: <https://e-okul.meb.gov.tr/IlkOgretim/MEM/IOM00009.aspx>
- ▶ If your child has not been attending/going to school for the last few years, you can still go and apply to the local equivalency commission in the Directorate of National Education in your district/province. The equivalency commission will evaluate your child's level and then enroll her/him in a school at the appropriate level/class.
- ▶ If documentation to prove your child's education level is unavailable, your child will need to participate in a short interview or in a written test that will determine her/his appropriate grade level.
- ▶ Refugee children between 10-18 years old who have never been in school or who have been out-of-school for more than three years can apply for the Accelerated Learning Programme (ALP) implemented by the Ministry of National Education in Public Education Centers.
- ▶ Children attending Turkish Public Schools or the Accelerated Learning Program (ALP) at Public Education Centers can benefit from the Conditional Cash Transfer for Education (CCTE).