

# NON-FORMAL EDUCATION PROGRAMMES

NFE is a learning pathway for out-of-school refugee children and adolescents (10–17) who have never been to school or who dropped out and cannot enter formal education without catching up.



## THE EDUCATION SYSTEM IN TURKEY



Turkey is an upper-middle income country and its large Education System includes both **formal** (which includes **TVET and Open High Schools**) and **non-formal education**. Serving a child population of almost 19 million with more than 1 million teachers, formal education is divided into primary, lower secondary and upper secondary levels.

### Refugee Response by the Government of Turkey

The government leads the refugee response in the education sector. This has led to a significant success in integrating the majority of Syrian children into Turkish Public Schools.

## THE NEED FOR NON-FORMAL EDUCATION



**Over 4 million** refugees and asylum-seekers in Turkey.

**Over 3.6 million** Syrians, including **1.6 million children**.



**Over 770,000\***

Syrian and other refugee children are enrolled in school. **But more than 400,000 are out-of-school** and at heightened **risk of isolation, discrimination, child labour and child marriage**.

\*2020-2021 School Year (November 2020)



Many refugee children require **special support** to adjust to learning after having been **out of school** for several years.

## NON-FORMAL EDUCATION PROGRAMMES IN TURKEY

UNICEF works closely with the **Ministry of National Education (MoNE)**, the **Ministry of Youth and Sports (MoYS)**, **Municipalities**, the **Turkish Red Crescent** and **civil society organizations** to strengthen access to education including alternative learning pathways, for all refugee children.



### Programme Purpose and Target Group

Provide out-of-school refugee children with access to certified Learning Programmes and provide links to other relevant learning pathways (e.g. Public Schools, Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET), Open High Schools).



### 2021 Targets

**51,000 children** through **community-based outreach and referral**.



**35,000 participants** in **NFE (ALP, TLC, HWS) programmes**.

## The Three Main Components

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### Provision of NFE programmes

**Accelerated Learning Programme**  
12 provinces in 72 Public Education Centers

**Turkish Language Courses**  
Children and Youth Centers across 21 provinces

**Homework Support**  
In child- and adolescent-friendly centers in 7 provinces

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### Community-based Outreach and Referral

Outreach campaigns using Turkish teachers, Syrian Volunteer Education Personnel, and Turkish and Syrian youth volunteers identify out-of-school children and adolescents and refer them to age-appropriate education in 21 high-need provinces

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### Extra support for the most vulnerable to access education

Provision of transportation, school supplies and Conditional Cash Transfer for Education (CCTE) to promote access of OOSC to NFE

## THE ACCELERATED LEARNING PROGRAMME (ALP)

is a certified non-formal education programme implemented in 72 Public Education Centers (PEC), covering 12 provinces with the highest Syrian populations. ALP is implemented in collaboration with MoNE and it aims to support out-of-school refugee children in catching up on lost learning and accessing formal and non-formal education opportunities.

The ALP consists of 4 levels that correspond to primary and lower secondary. The first two levels focus on Turkish language and learning outcomes for the first 4 years of primary schooling. The second two levels focus on learning outcomes for lower secondary schooling as well as continuing Turkish language support.

After completion of each level, students are evaluated through written tests and equivalency commission assessments and are referred to age-appropriate formal education. ALP students who are unable to pass the assessments continue with ALP for further support.

### RESULTS

#### NFE Programmes

Number of Children Reached (5-17 years old)

# 60,707

 30,221

 30,486

Accelerated Learning Programme*	29,037	13,859	15,178
Turkish Language Courses*	22,033	11,074	10,959
Homework Support*	9,637	5,288	4,349

\* Results cumulative from January 2018 to end of June 2021.

#### Outreach

Number of Children Reached (5-17 years old)

# 217,527

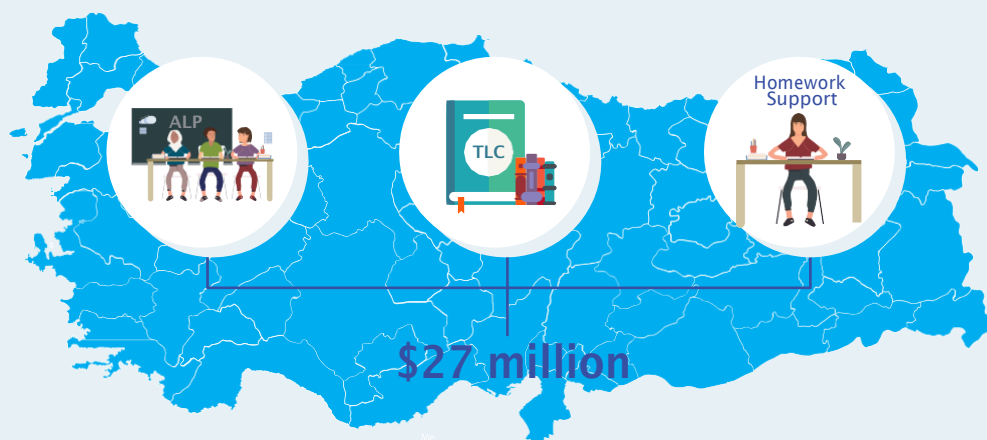
 105,045

 112,476

Non-binary: 6

## FUNDING NEEDS in 2021

UNICEF works for refugee **education** in the context of the Regional Refugee and Resilience Plan (3RP), which brings partners from across sectors including **health, basic needs, protection and livelihoods** together to support refugees in Turkey as well as the subregion.



UNICEF requires additional funding support to continue the outreach and accredited non-formal **education programmes** for all refugee children. **UNICEF requires funding of more than \$27 million\***

\*This funding needs are evolving to meet increasing demands for these education services.