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provides **emergency assistance** and fosters **economic development** inside Syria



23,214,027
Services Provided to Beneficiaries

\$109,945,856
Total Value of Implemented Projects



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offers **job placement** services and **vocational training** for Syrian refugees outside of Syria



12,876
Employed



68,061
Total Beneficiaries



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conducts **comprehensive training** and **certification programs** for Syrian individuals and institutions



4,508
Training Hours



7,557
Trainees



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organizes **cultural activities, community service, and sports** programs for Syrian refugees



331
Sports Activities



152
Cultural, Social & Service Activities

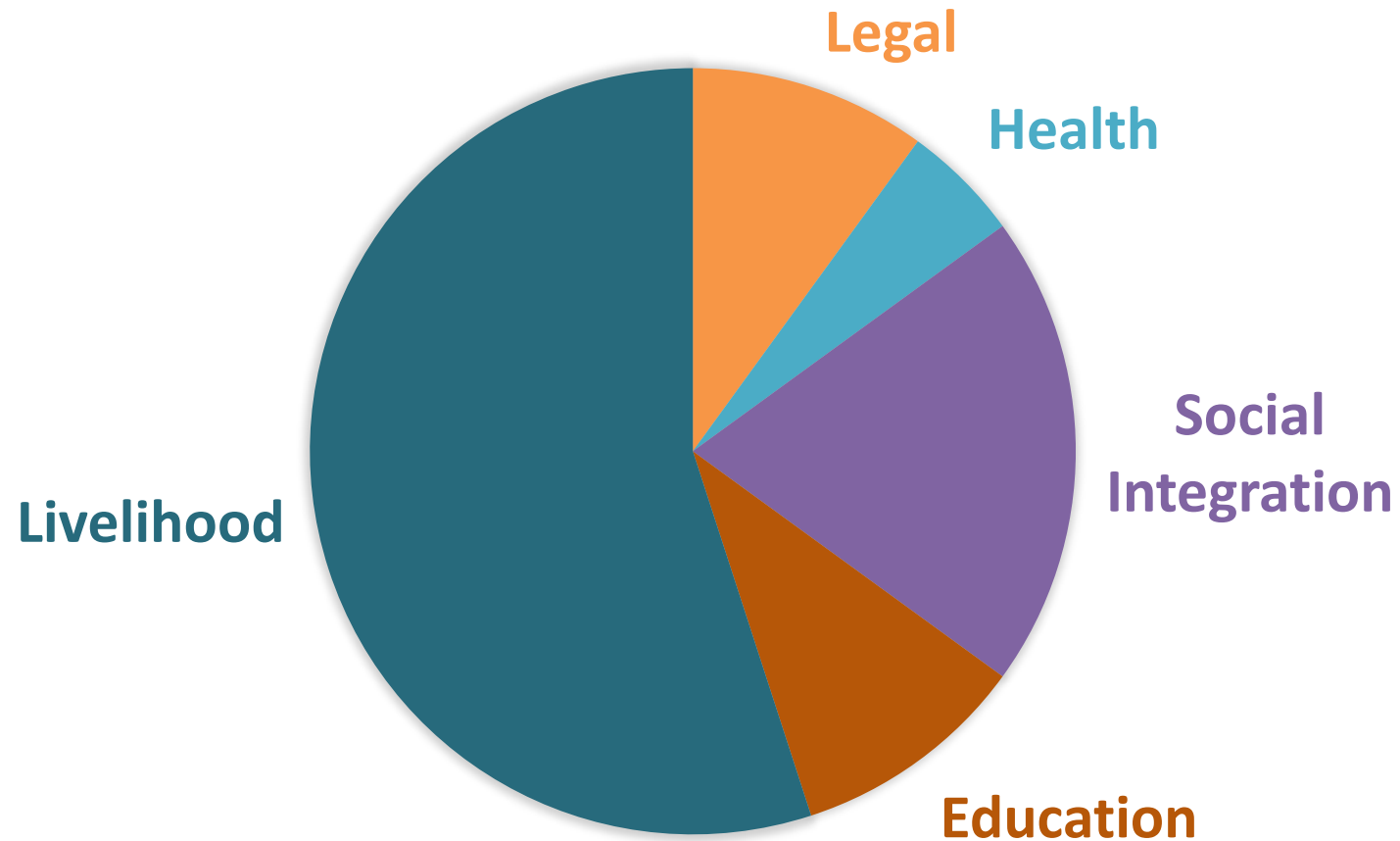
Omran

- Omran for Strategic Studies was founded in 2013 as a policy research center focusing on Syria and the region.
- Support decision-making mechanisms and presenting strategies on Syrian affairs.
- Provide practical solutions and policy recommendations to decision-makers.
- Publish policy studies that identify challenges within the Syrian context and the region, and foresee scenarios and alternative solutions.
- Three tracks:
 - politics and international relations,
 - economic development,
 - and local administration & promotion of democratic practices.

Challenges in Turkey

- High unemployment rate: Working-age Syrian refugees constitute 61% of the total, and the unemployment rate among them is estimated at 17%.
 - Tension in relatively poor rural regions of Turkey.
- Lack of economic and social empowerment programs: A significant proportion of Syrian refugees rely on assistance with no path toward employment.
 - Lack of Turkish language mandatory courses.
- Lack of legal and social awareness programs: Syrian refugees do not know their responsibility or rights.
 - Turkish labor laws, social security, wages, compensation and the physical work environment.
- Difficult access to financial institutions: Limited access to the Turkish banking sector for loans and microfinance.
- Education: Perception of difficult integration into Turkish schools.

Perception of Challenges



2011 - 2018

- Increase in coordination and cooperation between the Turkish government agencies and representative bodies of Syrian refugees.
- Progress in providing health care to Syrian refugees in Turkish government hospitals.
- Increase in governmental interest in the organization and drafting of laws concerning the Syrian refugees within the labor market.
- Organizing the educational situation of the Syrian refugees and opening the Turkish government schools to Syrian children.
- Increase in the proportion of social assistance provided to Syrian families outside camps.
- Regulation of the Syrian civil society organizations operating in Turkey.

Improvements

- **Enabling Syrian refugees to access the banking sector and opening bank accounts in Turkish banks (Ziraat Bank).**
- **Improving the legal status of refugees by regulating marriages and births registration, driving licenses, etc.**
- **Creating a legal procedure for legalizing certificates and scientific qualifications to be recognized within Turkey.**
- **The regulation of the labor market through issuing a law to grant refugees official work permits.**
- **Providing Syrian refugees with vocational training courses through the Turkish labor organization “İŞKUR” and other Turkish and Syrian organizations.**

Priorities

- **livelihoods:** facilitate the implementation of current labor laws, and work on establishing business incubators to exploit the skills and expertise of refugees in large cities.
- **Awareness:** inform the public through local Turkish local media outlets about the status of the Syrian refugees and the kind and amount of assistance provided to them.
- **Integration:** introducing mandatory Turkish language courses for Syrian refugees.
- **Legal:** further development of appropriate legal provisions for the work of Syrian refugees in line with the Turkish labor market environment.

Collaboration

- **Establish a cooperative financial fund to provide microfinance and small grants to entrepreneurs from Syrian refugees (SMEs and Micro).**
- **Involve the Syrian CSOs in Turkey in the development of the livelihoods of Syrian refugees within the regional response plans of international donors (mediators).**
- **Establish livelihood programs aimed at providing job opportunities for vulnerable groups of refugees (women, the elderly, people with special needs etc.).**
- **Support programs to protect Syrian children from child labor.**
- **Further encourage access to the Turkish primary education system.**