

ANNEX 2 - FACILITY FOR REFUGEES IN TURKEY

From an operational perspective, the full Facility envelope - EUR 3 billion - was committed and operationally contracted¹ at the end of 2017 through 72 projects. For all these contracts, implementation is underway. Since the last report in March 2018, disbursements increased from EUR 1.85 billion to more than EUR 1.93 billion, or 64% of the total envelope, with the balance to be paid in the course of implementation of Facility projects, and final payments made no later than by the end of 2021. More details can be obtained from the updated online projects table². Ongoing activities have already had a significant impact on the ground:

*Humanitarian assistance*³

Under the Emergency Social Safety Net, over 1.3 million refugees currently benefit from monthly cash-transfers through the programme. The Conditional Cash Transfer for Education is now benefitting the families of over 290 000 refugee children who all attend school on a regular basis.

The Emergency Social Safety Net and Conditional Cash Transfer for Education are complemented by other projects focusing on health, including specialised services, non-formal education and protection. Other projects focus on informing about, and facilitating information on and access to government services. In total, 45 humanitarian projects have been agreed under the Facility.

Non-humanitarian assistance

Under the direct grant with the Ministry of Health, 12 migrant health centres are operational and help improve primary healthcare services. 813 staff are employed in these centres and in the 86 other centres already established. Refugees have benefitted from 763 963 primary health care consultations and 217 511 Syrian refugee infants were fully vaccinated⁴. In addition, implementation of the projects to build two hospitals in Kilis and Hatay has started, with a capacity of 300 and 250 beds respectively.

Under the direct grant with the Ministry of National Education, 312 151 children have received Turkish language training by 5 486 Turkish language teachers employed thanks to the Facility. The distribution of stationery and course books for 500 000 students and the construction of 175 schools have started.

Second tranche of the Facility

The EU-Turkey Statement of March 2016 stipulates that "once these resources are about to be used to the full", the EU would "mobilise additional funding ... of an additional 3 billion euro up to the end of 2018". The mobilisation of the second tranche of EUR 3 billion is now under way. Swift implementation will be needed to ensure any gaps in Facility funding, so the first contracts under the next tranche can be signed over the summer of 2018. An updated needs assessment is under preparation and should be ready by June 2018.

¹ In line with the Financial Regulation, administrative expenditure and technical support, as well as monitoring, evaluation and audit, may be contracted beyond 2017.

² https://ec.europa.eu/neighbourhood-enlargement/news_corner/migration_en

³ The provision of humanitarian assistance under the Facility is implemented in line with EU humanitarian aid law and according to the principles laid down in the European Consensus on Humanitarian Aid.

⁴ As of 31 October 2017.