

Herkes için Eşitlik ve Liderlik Platformu Derneği (HelpZone)

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General Information

What is HelpZone?

- Founded in Gaziantep, Turkey in 2015
- Non-governmental organization
- Gaziantep, Şanlıurfa, Kilis, Hatay; composed of experts, consultants, volunteers and members supporting:
 - capacity building of civil society,
 - social integration of disadvantaged groups within their communities.



Mission

- Solutions to social and economic inclusion of all disadvantaged groups including children, women, youth, people with disabilities, internally displaced people (IDPs) and refugees



Vision

- Forming a civil society with high social awareness, skilled labour and full of individuals who are beneficial to society, socially and economically integrated, successful, active, equitable



Collaboration with other NGOs

- Wide networking with civil society organizations in South East Anatolia (Gaziantep, Kilis, Hatay and Şanlıurfa)
- Constant participation with different UN Working Groups and EU conferences and Information Sessions.



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Hand in Hand Organization

Main Projects and Activities

What HelpZone does

- Social and economic inclusion of target groups
- Designing, developing and implementing civil society activities,
- Awareness raising activities, events,
- Conducting studies, needs assessment and research,
- Delivery of training and capacity building programmes,
- Activities promoting employment for disabled people



Syrian refugees

Training and awareness sessions for male and female Syrian refugees based on:

- knowing their human rights
- understanding and respecting the Turkish culture and
- living as active citizens within their host communities.



Research – Current situation of Syrian Refugees in Turkey

- To understand the situation of Syrian Refugees especially in Gaziantep.
- To find social, economic, health, awareness and capacity building needs of refugees



Higher Education and Career Mentoring for Syrian Youth (HEM4SY) – by HOPES&EU

- In partnership with Hasan Kalyoncu University
- Empowering Syrian youth aged 18-32
- Şanlıurfa, Hatay, Kilis and Gaziantep
- Main goal
 - designing and provision of required educational support
 - career mentoring activities
- Interactive web portal, social media and training activities



Awareness Raising on Refugee Rights

- June-September 2017
- Funded by Open Society Foundation
- Targeted unemployed Syrian refugees on refugee rights



Mother Child Inclusive Sessions

- To promote self-expression
- Helping children 'live their childhood'
- Children draw their dream of safe future
- Play time
- Interaction with others



Social and Cultural Activities for Turkish and Syrian people

To show similarities & differences between the cultures to promote living together through:

- folklore dance and songs,
- cuisine,
- discussion of similar customs, celebrating marriage, receiving a new baby,
- discussion of values of each community,
- games and competitions



WEglobal ran on behalf of HelpZone



Other Activities

- Focus Group Discussion Meetings- Biroya University – Gaziantep
- Turkish Language training for 100 students conducted in 4 provinces of Gaziantep, Sanliurfa, Kilis and Hatay
- Group mentoring about employment



Success and Failure Stories

Success Stories

- Training to more than 1000 disadvantaged people
- Career activities covering 500 high school students, 400 university students
- Activities for 200 kids
- Personal development

More is yet to come!

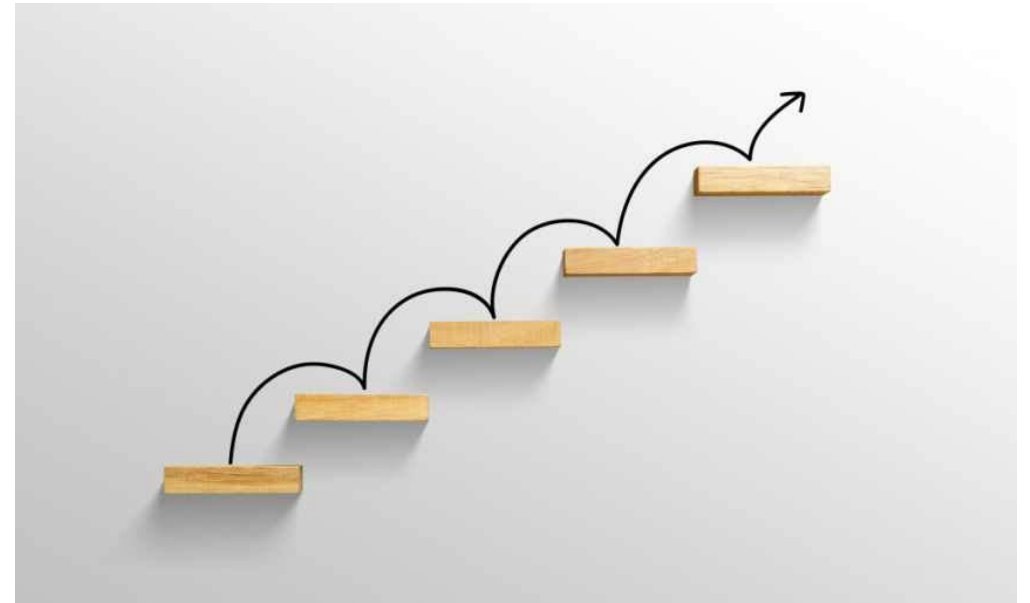


Failure Stories

What could be improved?

Over-demand especially for employment related activities

- More advertisement to grab the attention of potential educators and volunteers



Current Situation

A situation analysis conducted in Gaziantep as a pilot city by HelpZone:

- Requirement of public services, livelihood and housing services
- Competition between Syrian refugees and Turkish workers for non-qualified jobs
- Need of interventions for Syrian teaching centres to improve education of children.



Fields

- Education
- Turkish Culture
- Awareness of refugee rights



Partners

- Ankara University, TED, NGOs working with Syrian refugees
- NGOs/ CSOs in Europe for future partnership in efficient way,



Supports

Financial Support

- Capacity Building grant – 10000 TL (2016)
- Capacity Building grant – 30000 TL (2017)

In-Kind Support

- In-kind contribution of 200 work days of Senior Advisor for 16 months (half time) 200 euro/day

Logistic Support

- Procurement, equipment, facilities, technical information, help by experienced personnel, project planning and implementation, etc.

Similar NGOs



- Supporting Syrians for basic development and service projects that address the needs of daily life while looking to have long-lasting impacts
- Developing innovative education programs for Syrian refugee youth, distribute smart aid to Syrian families, and fund sustainable development projects
- Empowering every Syrian in need by strengthening resilience, distributing humanitarian aid, reconstructing vital infrastructure and implementing sustainable livelihood programs

Q&A

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