Project Description

Research on Child Trafficking and Labour Trafficking in Turkey to Support Evidence-Based Policy Formulation and DGMM Decisions on Turkey’s Anti-Trafficking Response

(Research on Combating Trafficking in Human Beings)

# Duration

1 September 2020- 31 March 2022 (19 months)

# Implementing Partner

International Centre for Migration Policy Management (ICMPD), in close cooperation with the Directorate General of Migration Management (DGMM)

# Donor

British Embassy, Ankara

# Background and Justification

Research on Combating Trafficking in Human Beings project aims to significantly enhance the knowledge base on child trafficking and labour trafficking in Turkey in order to act to prevent and respond to trafficking in human beings (THB) in this context. The research will contribute in increasing the reliability of data to inform actions to address THB and vulnerability to trafficking among Syrians under Temporary Protection (SuTPs) and Turkish nationals, and to support evidence based policy and operational responses and DGMM decisions on Turkey’s anti-trafficking response.

The following nine pilot provinces were selected as the majority of the Syrian population in Turkey are residing as well as because these are also significant provinces for Turkish children affected by trafficking, given their socio-economic and cultural importance: Istanbul, Hatay, Gaziantep, Şanlıurfa, Kilis, Adana, Izmir, Konya and Bursa. **Thematically**, the research will analyse the risk factors for child trafficking and labour trafficking among Syrian and Turkish people, forms of trafficking and profiles of victims as well as profiles of traffickers and their modus operandi. Regarding the labour trafficking aspect of the research, the focus will be on the agriculture and industry sectors.

The research study will apply desk and field research, with a mixed-methods approach. This interdisciplinary methodology will combine primary research in the field with secondary desk research, as well as analysing qualitative and quantitative sources. Data and information from diverse sources will be weighted and triangulated with a view to determining its accuracy.

Based on the research findings and the action-oriented recommendations, targeted capacity building activities will be conducted to contribute to enhanced knowledge and skills of the key actors in line with the 4P approach (Prevention, Protection, Prosecution, Partnerships) in the fight against THB.

# Objectives

The **overall objective** of the project is to contribute to the evidence base to inform policy formulation and decisions concerning Turkey’s fight against trafficking in human beings (THB) with regards to child and labour trafficking through the research conducted in the selected provinces, focusing on both the Syrians and Turkish nationals as well as to catalyze their implementation through targeted capacity building.

The **specific objectives** are as mentioned below:

**Specific Objective 1**: To develop the knowledge base to fill key evidence gaps around child trafficking and labour trafficking in industry and agriculture affecting SuTPs and Turkish nationals in Turkey.

**Specific Objective 2**: To draw conclusions and action-oriented recommendations from the research in order to enhance Turkey’s anti-trafficking response and improve trafficking prevention, identification and prosecution, and victim protection.

**Specific Objective 3**: To provide specialised trainings for DGMM and other relevant stakeholders on human trafficking including child trafficking and labour trafficking in order to ensure that trafficked people or those who have potentially been trafficked, are screened, identified and referred to protection and given access to justice.

# Activities

This project aims to reach its objectives through the below-mentioned activities to be conducted in four phases:

**Phase I : Preparation**

1. Brief desk-based analysis & development of the research methodology and its instruments
2. Consultation meeting with relevant stakeholders to finalize the research methodology
3. Research training workshop for the researchers about the research and concerned methodologies
4. Literature review & map stakeholders and potential informants for the research

**Phase II : Field Research**

1. Field research in 9 pilot provinces
2. First round of peer review: Research methodology & Preliminary findings

**Phase III : Analysis and Reporting**

1. Analysis of research findings and composition of the Studyand recommendations
2. Second round of peer review: Final report & Recommendations
3. Finalisation and submission of the Study to DGMM
4. Validation meeting

**Phase IV : Trainings**

1. Three targeted trainings as per the identified needs

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