**Enhancing Analysis and Operational Capacity to Improve Legal Migration Policy in Turkey (ANAPOL)**

CROSS-CUTTING 2022–2023

Executive Summary

“Enhancing Analysis and Operational Capacity to Improve Legal Migration Policy in Turkey (ANAPOL)” project is aimed to strengthen Turkey’s overall migration management in the area of legal migration through revisions in the legal, policy and procedural frameworks and enhancement of technical and operational capacity.

The project is being funded by the UK Embassy for the period of 01 April 2022 – 31 October 2023. Counterpart in Turkey is the Presidency of Migration Management (PMM).

Current Context

The total number of legal migrants residing in Turkey with different types of residence permits reached 1.334.376 as of 18 January 2022 . The breakdown of the total number of persons residing in Turkey on different types of residence permits shows that there are 987.305 persons under short-term residence permit; 118.701 under student residence permit; 90.043 under family residence permit; and 142.327 under other types of residence permits . The Presidency of Migration Management (PMM) is the responsible authority to issue visas to foreigners wiling to visit or migrate to Turkey for valid reasons, as well as for the issuance of residence permits and humanitarian residence permits.

Turkey is home to a massive number of persons under international protection and temporary protection, irregular and legal migrants, which altogether surpassing 5 million, which is becoming difficult to absorb considering the available means. When such situation becomes more challenging to manage, the risks of irregular migration, in different patterns, are increasing. As a result, the country is faced with the challenge to adopt a stable and efficient migration management system as well as to improve capacity in adopting measures to address the irregular migration flow simultaneously. While the PMM has undertaken many efforts to improve and strengthen its policy and procedures in the area of irregular migration and return in the past years, complementary steps need to be undertaken also in the area of legal migration for purposes of improving the current framework in the area of legal migration, and prevention of irregular migration through also promoting ways for legal migration or carefully enforcing legal migration to avoid an increase in irregular migration. Therefore, support in revisions within different areas of legal migration with the overall aim of reducing the irregular migration flow through preventing attempts to irregular entry into Turkey is necessary.

Objectives

The general objective of the project is strengthening Turkey’s overall migration management in the area of legal migration through revisions in the legal, policy and procedural frameworks and enhancement of technical and operational capacity.

The specific objectives are as follows:

* Improving instituitional knowledge through analysis of current policies and procedures in the area of legal migration;
* Improving instiutional capacities through tailor-made capacity-building activities in the area of legal migration with a specific focus on coordination of international airports;
* Enhancing the instituional capacities in legal migration data analysis for development of an evidence-based and data-driven migration policy and strategy;
* Supporting the development of Legal Migration Strategy Framework Document through facilitating institutional knowledge-base and informed policy making, including assesment of the situations in countries of origin and destinations, which may effect Turkey’s legal migration policies.

Beneficiaries

The beneficiary of the ANAPOL project is the Presidency of Migration Management (PMM).

Project Duration

The ANAPOL project is running for the duration of 18 months from 01 April 2022 to 31 October 2023.