KIZILAYKART is a cash-based assistance tool designed to provide support to the most vulnerable foreigners in a dignified way. Assistances are delivered to the beneficiaries via the KIZILAYKART Platform. The platform is designed to enable the simultaneous implementation of multiple cash assistance programmes.

KIZILAYKART platform is composed of work flows which starts with needs assessment and followed by Registration & Application processes. Data flow is managed by data verification team while bank related issues are followed up by transfer management. All the communication processes are carried out by beneficiary communications team. Through the TRC Call Center established within the platform information is provided, complaints are received and surveys are conducted. The implementation of the programme is being monitored by Monitoring & Evaluation team through surveys and field missions. A referral mechanism within the programme is managed by protection team. Platform is built upon humanitarian needs. It designs humanitarian strategies and programmes based on the needs assessments.

Emergency Social Safety Net (ESSN) Programme is funded by ECHO. It is the world’s largest cash-based support programme, in terms of budget and the number of people reached. ESSN is implemented in cooperation with WFP and governmental institutions. Designed as a social safety net, the ESSN Programme aims to support beneficiaries in meeting their basic needs and preventing them from being exposed to external risks. Programme has been designed to meet the basic needs of the foreigners residing outside the camps in Turkey under International Protection, Temporary Protection and humanitarian residence in a dignified way. Approximately $30 per person per month and periodic top up payments are provided through KIZILAYKART to beneficiaries. The ESSN Programme aims to provide a sense of normality to those people and to allow them to stand up again.

- ESSN Programme has an unconditional and unrestricted cash transfer model.
Data verification activities has a direct impact on the functioning and transparency of the programme functions. Monthly application data is managed by data verification team through an integrated system.

Turkish Red Crescent has established an integrated database system which includes the personal data of 2.2 million applicants. In order to reach the most vulnerable refugees, the process of assessing all the eligible and ineligible files based on the demographic criteria has been carried out without interruption. Data Verification processes also include routine data analysis based on monthly figures of programme applicants.

- 1.3 million people receive regular cash assistance as of April 2018. Total amount of assistance since the beginning of the programme reached $ 456,3 Million.
ESSN Programme has been operating nationwide in Turkey. Each month, demographic analysis is conducted based on eligible individuals. As of April 2018, most of the beneficiaries are located in Istanbul, Gaziantep and Şanlıurfa (Southeastern Anatolia Region) provinces.
Turkey established ESSN Programme on national capacities by supporting vulnerable people in need and it contributes to its own social safety network through its programme. Applicants’ eligibility for the ESSN Programme is checked against demographic criteria based on the number of children, disabled individual, the number of people who are able to work, age and gender. The eligibility analysis of the beneficiaries made by the data verification team, is based on the monthly data received.

Results of the analysis prepared according to demographic criteria are as follows;

- Beneficiaries are mostly eligible against the “at least 4 children” criteria
- Syrian nationality is in the first place with a rate of 92.54%
- The Syrians are followed by Iraqis, Afghans and Persians
- Approximately 85% of the beneficiaries are vulnerable people such as children, women, disabled and over 60 years old

**Age Breakdown**

- 0-17: 728,679 (60,75%)
- 18-59: 436,354 (36,38%)
- +60: 32,449 (2,87%)

**Gender Breakdown**

- Female: 542,498 (51,055%)
- Male: 520,071 (48,945%)

**Nationality Breakdown**

- Syria: 90,55% (1,080,084)
- Iraq: 6,85% (81,702)
- Afghanistan: 2,39% (28,552)
- Iran: 0,21% (2,470)
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REGISTRATION & APPLICATION CENTERS

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Within the scope of the ESSN Programme, applications are received through the TRC SCs or Social Assistance and Solidarity Foundations (SASFs) maintained by MoFSP.

Registration and Application activities are carried out to follow registration and application figures of programme and support relevant workstreams on beneficiary data management. Turkish Red Crescent provides translator and transportation support to related governmental institutions to improve their capacity in receiving applications and conducting household visits.

Registration and Application team is following up translator and transportation needs regularly to ensure the capacity in the field for the implementation of the programme is fulfilled. Application to the programme is received through approximately 1000 SASFs and 9 TRC SCs which have been established to support SASFs where refugees are mostly located in. These TRC SCs are responsible for receiving applications, providing consultancy, supporting SASFs in undertaking household visits and making referrals when identified. For those who cannot apply to our programmes due to registration barriers are reached through outreach teams.
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TRANSFER MANAGEMENT

Transfer Management activities include following up bank procedures like fund transfer, card distributions, monthly uploads and coordination between Turkish Red Crescent and financial service provider, Halkbank.

Transfer Management team conducts regular analysis on card distribution and bank reports to measure efficiency of transfer and bank procedures. Halkbank is responsible for providing a secure and effective card distribution and cash disbursement solution which allows Turkish Red Crescent to upload cash assistance which can be accessed by beneficiaries.

An online bank reporting platform has been established which enables Turkish Red Crescent to monitor bank reports online. Within ESSN Programme, Halkbank provides services for beneficiaries through 3,936 ATM and 966 branches.

**Top-ups on quarterly basis:**
- $62 per household if there are 4-1 members
- $37 per household if there are 8-5 members
- $12 per household if there are 9 or more members

Since the launch of the Programme, the total amount of assistance paid to the beneficiaries reached to TL $ 456,31 M

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Beneficiary Communications team is responsible for accountability to affected populations with the help of 168 TRC Call Center, social media channels, printed materials and SMSs. Through these channels, provision of information, announcements and programme updates are provided to both applicants and non-applicants.

Regular reports on calls and messages received through social media channels and website are reported regularly to ensure feedback loop works efficiently.

Applicants are informed through both routine and ad-hoc SMSs.
TRC Call Center houses the operators that accept incoming calls from beneficiaries and non-beneficiaries and conducts outgoing calls as needed for data collection. Refugees are encouraged to reach out to the Call Center for further information and guidance as well as to provide feedback and register complaints on the application process and the programme in general. Call Center, as well as being a source of information on the programmes, is the main avenue for complaints and feedback for the affected population.

TRC has developed Call Center operators’ skills in handling calls with different potential caller groups, dealing with difficult scenarios and how to respond to and refer complaints within the programmes structure. There is also an integration between financial service provider’s and TRC’s 168 Call Center which enables call center operators to direct card related issues to Halkbank’s Call Center.

Call Center, Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E), and Outreach operators are assigned in Call Center to carry out their activities. In Call Center, M&E operators have been assigned to conduct ad-hoc or regular surveys. Outreach operators are making outgoing calls to verify and follow-up outreach cases in order to support outreach field teams.

### Gender Distribution of Callers

- 55 Unknown 0.01%
- 296,388 Female 47.39%
- 328,933 Male 52.60%
- Total Call 625,376

### Call Categories

- 369,712 Information Requests 59.12%
- 133,322 Complaints 21.32%
- 58,898 Question Regarding Card 9.42%
- 39,421 KIZILAYKART (old) 6.27%
- 24,223 Other 3.87%

* About 95% of total complaints belongs to ineligible applicants.
M&E Activities

A multi-dimensional and comprehensive monitoring system has been designed around the basic needs approach to cash assistance.

Monitoring and Evaluation team is conducting routine field visits and surveys to monitor the implementation of the programmes. On-site and card distribution monitoring are conducted on a regular basis to ensure efficient and timely implementation of the programmes in line with humanitarian principles.

M&E field staff conducts on-site monitoring of the services being provided to applicants at the SASFs and Service Centers through site visits, interviews with staff and applicants and also visits governmental institutions like Provincial Directorate of Migration Management (PDMM), Directorate General of Population and Citizenship Affairs (DGPC) offices. Pre Assistance Baseline (PAB) and Post Distribution Monitoring (PDM) surveys are conducted to increase the quality of the programmes.

Total: 8,694 rPAB 6,994 rPDM (1. quarter) 6,545 rPDM (2. quarter) surveys and 1 2018) 4285. quarter) are completed by Turkish Red Crescent 168 Call Center M&E Operators.
Focus Group Discussions are administered on monthly basis in selected locations with the aim of investigating more in-depth issues arising from outputs, issue based on-site monitoring and PDM findings. In this regard, the households applied to the surveys of PAB (Pre-Assistance Baseline) are re-called based on specific and regular periods and the changes in the quality of their lives and improvements are followed up. (PDM; Post-Distribution Monitoring).

**Outreach Activities**

Outreach activities are operational activities that are aiming to remove obstacles for the applications of those who cannot apply to the ESSN Programme, or start benefitting from the assistance as well as raising the awareness of targeted groups or relevant institutions/organizations about the programme. Outreach aims to reach the goal of the programme in the shortest time and in the most appropriate way by informing the beneficiaries, local authorities and non-governmental organizations as necessary and facilitating the necessary procedural steps, basically with advocacy and sensitization activities.
Coordination activities are conducted to establish inter-actor cooperation and share current statistics. Participative actors are expected to provide feedback on the implementation of the programme in order to facilitate the achievement of programme’s objectives. Turkish Red Crescent is co-chairing ESSN Task Force under Basic Needs Working Group.

Task Force meetings are taking place in 4 provinces to disseminate the up-to-date information regarding the cash programme. Also, in several locations, information sessions are taking place for the same purpose. Data verification team cross-checks the beneficiary lists provided by coordination actors against KIZILAYKART’s database in order to avoid duplication.

Within the scope of the “Beneficiary Cross-Checks” to decrease the duplications, 594,318 people received from 10 international NGO’s have been cross-checked.