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17 MILLION AFFECTED BY “CLIMATE MIGRATION” IN A YEAR

According to the report published by the Switzerland-based Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre (IDMC), 17.2 million people in 144 countries were internally displaced due to natural disasters merely in 2018.

The climate change, with its effects more pronounced every day is now a global phenomenon. The report by IDMC reveals that 17.2 million people migrated due to climate only in 2018, with the total figure reaching 265 million in the period of 2008-2018.

According to the “Climate Change, Migration and Displacement” report published in 2017 by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and Overseas Development Institute, the 10 largest migration movements in 2016 were triggered by climate, with the Philippines, China and India most affected by such migration.

The UNDP report predicts that larger mass movements will occur due to climate change. It is expected that about 200 million will have to abandon their localities in 2050 due to rising sea level, drought and floods.

IDMC reports mention Turkey as well. While climate- or disaster-triggered migration rate is lower in Turkey than in other regions, in the last decade, 275,313 people migrated on that account.

As a solution to such adverse scenarios arising from the studies and reports, it is proposed to devise a correct development plan that prevents greenhouse gas emissions and fossil fuel consumption.

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Today we are attacked by a huge amount of information and suggestions for a more conscious living. It is either printed as a book standing on our shelves, posted on a Facebook profile, shared by a YouTube video.. We agree that it is better to live more eco-friendly, to reduce our ecological footprint, to consume less industrial, more fair-trade products and so on. The information is there, but is it really easy to pick the correct alternative and give it a try?



Eco-friendly living is becoming an obligation rather than a good suggestion. Although sometimes, it seems to be possible to easily get lost in all this information and to feel upset that you are doing nothing to be a part of the change.

Doğa Association has identified Ida mountains and the Gulf of Edremit region as one of the important nature areas in the Marmara Region. The wastewater of olive oil factories, hotels and individuals is discharged to streams, rivers and the Gulf without adequate treatment. Moreover, the biodiversity of the region is endangered by several -planned and operational- gold mining and coal-fired thermal power plant projects.

Clean Future Association (TEGEL) was established to carry out projects focusing on the user behavior. The aim is to first raise awareness for eco-friendly, ecological, fair and sustainable products, and then make these products accessible in cities. The project, implemented in partnership with Nusratlı Village Culture, Tourism and Solidarity Association in Ida Mountains and Edremit Gulf region at the west coast of Turkey is an example to this goal.

Practical, eco-friendly alternatives for petrochemical based cleaning products

In the scope of the project "Homemade Nature Friendly Cleaning Products", supported by the GEF Small Grant Programme (SGP), a "do it yourself" kit that encourages the user to prepare nature friendly cleaning products at home by themselves was designed with the aim to present a practical and economical alternative to the expensive petrochemical based commonly used cleaning products.

Nature friendly raw materials were used in the creation of the kits: sodium bicarbonate, sodium carbonate, soft soap, soap powder and glycerin. These materials have a simple chemical formula which can be treated easily at the city wastewater treatment plants, unlike petrochemical based ones which tend to accumulate and increase the oxygen demand of the streams and seas. Using these ingredients, DIY kits can be used to create for washing machine powder, stain remover and cleaning creme.

NUSRATLI KÖYÜ
DOĞAL
ÜRÜNLER
SATIŞ MERKEZİ

Focusing on gender equality

The DIY kits were produced by women living in the Nusratlı village in Çanakkale. These past 10 years, they were selling home-made cheese, herbal teas, spices, olive oil, hand crafted textiles marked by their names in the association shop located in the village. Each of them made similar products alone and did not collaborate in the process. This project changed this and brought them together to produce the DIY kits. If the kits start to go into shelves in supermarkets, the project will be carried on by the women in the village and create an important income source for them.



After the production of the first batch, 400 do it yourself kits will be distributed to 100 men and 300 women for evaluation. Each of the evaluators will fill in a before and after test. These tests will be examined in order to create the last version of product label, explanation text and the design before reaching out to the customers in the market. Several workshops will be organized in the region, where the contributors will discuss nature friendly cleaning, endangered biodiversity, water scarcity and raise awareness for eco-friendly way of living. Moreover, it will be strongly emphasized that cleaning is not only women's responsibility but all of the family members. DIY kits were designed

from a gender equality approach and aim to engage the interest of the whole family.

At the end of the project, the hope is that these products are sold at the shelves of shopping centers at a spot closer to the food and beverages rather than petrochemical detergents. Hopefully, the whole family will enjoy preparing their cleaning products easily using these DIY kits.

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NEW DATA CHALLENGES TRADITIONAL NOTIONS OF 'RICH' AND 'POOR'

Of the 1.3 billion people who are multidimensionally poor, more than two-thirds of them—886 million—live in middle-income countries.

The traditional concept of poverty is outdated, according to a new report released today by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative (OPHI). New data demonstrate more clearly than ever that labeling countries - or even households - as rich and poor is an oversimplification.

Findings from the 2019 global Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI) sheds light on disparities in how people experience poverty, revealing vast inequalities among countries and among the poor themselves.

"To fight poverty, one needs to know where poor people live. They are not evenly spread across a country, not even within a household," says Achim Steiner, UNDP Administrator. "The 2019 global Multidimensional Poverty Index provides the detailed information policy makers need to more effectively target their policies."

The MPI goes beyond income as the sole indicator for poverty, by exploring the ways in which people experience poverty in their health, education, and standard of living.

This year's MPI results show that more than two-thirds of the multidimensionally poor—886 million people—live in middle-income countries. A further 440 million live in low-income countries. In both groups, data show, simple national averages can hide enormous inequality in patterns of poverty within countries.

For instance, in Uganda 55 percent of the population experience multidimensional poverty—similar to the average in Sub-Saharan Africa. But Kampala, the capital city, has an MPI rate of six percent, while in the Karamoja region, the MPI soars to 96 percent—meaning that parts of Uganda span the extremes of Sub-Saharan Africa.

There is even inequality under the same roof. In South Asia, for example, almost a quarter of children under five live in households where at least one child in the household is malnourished and at least one child is not.

“We need—even amongst those living in poverty—to understand people’s different experiences of deprivation. Are they malnourished? Can they go to school? Only then will poverty reduction policies be both efficient and effective,” says Pedro Conceição, Director of the Human Development Report Office at UNDP.

There is also inequality among the poor. Findings of the 2019 global MPI also paint a detailed picture of the many differences in how - and how deeply - people experience poverty. Deprivations among the poor vary enormously: in general, higher MPI values go hand in hand with greater variation in the intensity of poverty.

Results also show that children suffer poverty more intensely than adults and are more likely to be deprived in all 10 of the MPI indicators, lacking essentials such as clean water, sanitation, adequate nutrition or primary education.

Even more staggering, worldwide, one in three children is multidimensionally poor, compared to one in six adults. That means that nearly half of the people living in multidimensional poverty—663 million—are children, with the youngest children bearing the greatest burden.

But new data also shows a positive trend: those furthest behind are moving up the fastest.

“We looked at data for a group of ten middle- and low-income countries and we found encouraging news that the bottom 40 percent were moving faster than the rest,” says Sabina Alkire, OPHI Director. “A pro-poor pattern that reduces inequalities in several Sustainable Development Goals.”

Within these ten countries, data show that 270 million people moved out of multidimensional poverty from one survey to the next. This progress was largely driven by South Asia: in India there were 271 million fewer people in poverty in 2016 than in 2006, while in

Bangladesh the number dropped by 19 million between 2004 and 2014. In other countries there was less—or no—absolute reduction, with numbers of multidimensionally poor rising by 28 million across the three African countries considered. In part this was because of rapid population growth, which outstripped reductions in poverty. In fact, poverty rates (as a percentage of the population) declined in most of the countries.

The 2019 global MPI paints a detailed picture of poverty for 101 countries and 1,119 subnational regions covering 76 percent of the global population, going beyond simple income-based measures to look at how people experience poverty every day.

Access full data: <http://hdr.undp.org/en/2019-MPI>



TURKEY'S FIRST-EVER INTERNATIONAL IMPACT ACCELERATING PROGRAMME "SDG IMPACT ACCELERATOR" TO SELECT INITIATIVES TO QUALIFY FOR THE NEXT ROUND

Aiming to contribute to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Turkey's first-ever international impact accelerating programme "SDG Impact Accelerator" continues. Teams qualifying for the "Accelerator" phase will be announced on 2 August for the programme which supports both Turkish and foreign entrepreneurs to develop innovative solutions to current major challenges.

The "Pitch Day" was held in Istanbul on 26 July of the SDG Impact Accelerator programme that brings together entrepreneurs from all around the world who will develop solutions which may facilitate, through digital ID, access to basic services and means of livelihoods or technological solutions on clean water and sanitation for refugees and disadvantaged groups.

Under the SDG Impact Accelerator which took off with the Bootcamp on 6-11 July 2019 in Istanbul and Ankara, teams from all over the world have since been developing their initiatives relying on mentors' support and experience derived in field trips. 20 teams shared their work on the "Pitch Day" on 26 July and those who qualify for the "Accelerator" round will be announced on 2 August.

During the "Accelerator" round, teams will be provided technical and business development support by mentors. Following the second field trip on 20-21 August, teams will present their pilot projects on 13 September at the "Impact Accelerator Demo Day".

At the Bootcamp designed for global entrepreneurs from all around the world to set out their journey in Turkey with the highest-level support, entrepreneurs met with the national and international partners of the SDG Impact Accelerator early July, received advice from experts, and had the opportunity to exchange ideas and work with them. Entrepreneurs presented their

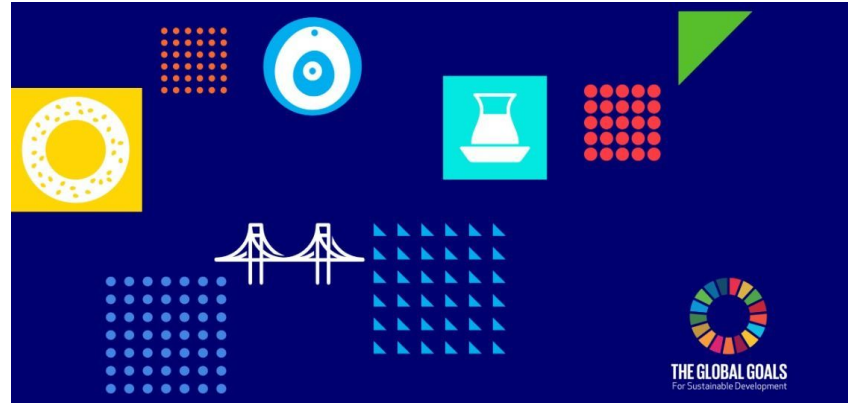
technologies and solutions to Turkish and foreign investors and mentors from the social entrepreneurship ecosystems in Turkey and the world. They met with Mr. Faruk Kaymakçı, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs; and also visited the seasonal agriculture workers camp at Polatlı, Ankara, and the community centre in Altındağ, Ankara established by the Turkish Red Crescent for people under temporary protection.

Turkey's first-ever international impact accelerating programme "SDG Impact Accelerator" is led by the Turkish Ministry of Foreign Affairs and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), and supported by Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Eczacıbaşı Holding, Limak Holding and UN World Food Programme (WFP).

The entrepreneurs under the program will receive financial support up to 14,000 USD, support from local and foreign mentors, field visits, opportunities for networking and partnering, finding partners from other countries, and up to 100,000 USD of impact investment facility.

Having started on 6 July with the Bootcamp, the process will continue until the "Impact Accelerator Demo Day" to be held on 13 September.

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“STRONG GROUND TOWARDS COMMON GOALS” TURKEY PRESENTS 2ND VNR REPORT

The Government of Turkey presented its 2nd Voluntary National Review (VNR) report on July 15, 2019 at the United Nations High-level Political Forum (HLPF) in New York. The report provides a review of Turkey's progress towards Sustainable Development Goals and integration of SDGs into national agenda.

UNDP contributes to the efforts of the Government of Turkey to review national progress towards the SDGs and gave support in the preparation process of the report.

The VNRs aim to facilitate the sharing of experiences, including successes, challenges and lessons learned, with a view to accelerating the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

For more information: bit.ly/turkiyevnr



THIS SEPTEMBER #HAVEFUNLEAVENOTRACE WITH FESTTOGETHER!

Turkey's first sustainable music festival Festtogether refreshes concept with new dates and new names. The festival will take place on two separate dates, September 14th and 28th.

The festival, with the tagline “have fun, leave no trace”, is bringing music and nature lovers together this September. Acoustic performances by Bob Geldof and Büyük Ev Ablukada will take place on September 14th in DasDas; Athena, UNKLE, Kimbra, Son Feci Bisiklet and Yüzyüzeyken Konuşuruz will follow in Küçükçiftlik Park on September 28th.

Follow the link for tickets: bit.ly/festtogethereylul



A FIRST IN TURKEY: “SUSTAINABLE URBAN DEVELOPMENT NETWORK” OF 20 MUNICIPALITIES

A “Sustainable Urban Development Network” was formed at the training organised by the Local Monitoring, Research and Implementation Association (Yereliz) with the participation of 20 municipalities from various parts of Turkey.

A first of its kind in Turkey and involving communications, sharing and collaboration among the municipalities which signed the Sustainable Urban Development Protocol, the network was formed upon a joint call by the participants.

The Sustainable Urban Development Network includes Şanlıurfa Ceylanpınar Municipality, İzmir Metropolitan Municipality, Bursa Gürsu Municipality, İstanbul Küçükçekmece Municipality, Eskişehir Tepebaşı Municipality, Zonguldak Çaycuma Municipality, İstanbul Sultanbeyli Municipality, Kars Municipality, Rize Fındıklı Municipality, Muğla Fethiye Municipality, Mardin Metropolitan Municipality, İzmir Çiğli Municipality, İzmir Konak Municipality, Denizli Acıpayam Municipality, Siirt Municipality, Giresun Espiye Municipality, İstanbul Avcılar Municipality, Van Metropolitan Municipality, Bursa Nilüfer Municipality and İstanbul Maltepe Municipality.

Izmir Metropolitan Municipality assumed the first-term secretariat of the Network; and networked municipalities declared that they would further their collaboration.

Training for Municipalities on Strategic Plans and Sustainable Development Goals

At the “Training for Municipalities on Strategic Plans and Sustainable Development Goals” held at a time when municipalities were making their strategic plans, it was emphasised that the municipal agenda for 2020-2024 must converge on the global agenda. Participants at the two-day training hosted by Kadıköy Municipality worked on the localisation of the Sustainable

Development Goals, and presented good practices.

The presentations included “What are Sustainable Development Goals? Why Is Their Localisation Important?” by Mr. Faik Uyanık, Communications Officer, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Turkey; “Nilüfer Municipality’s Strategic Planning Process” by Ms. Aslıhan Çöpoğlu, Head of Strategic Management and Planning Office; “Kadıköy Municipality: ‘Tell me Kadıköy’ and Integrated Report” by Mr. Can Akbal, Strategy Development Director; “Maltepe Municipality’s Sustainable Development Goals Research Report” by Mr. Bahadır Keşan, Director of Strategy Development; and “Strategic Planning for Sustainable Cities” by Mr. Barış Doğru of EkolQ magazine.

Mr. Ruhisu Can Al, Advisor to İzmir Metropolitan Mayor, presented “Sustainable Development Journey” emphasising the contribution of the sustainability perspective to the institutionalisation and development of cities.

It was underlined that local governments should connect with the agendas of global scale, and formulate policy papers on such matters as climate crisis, poverty, inequalities, and strengthening institutional resources and structures.



“SUSTAINABLE TOURISM FOR OUR COMMON FUTURE”

A memorandum of understanding (MoU) on cooperation for sustainable tourism was signed between the Association of Turkish Travel Agencies (TURSAB) and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) on 23 July 2019 at the press conference at Grand Hyatt Istanbul Hotel. A first of its kind in Turkey, the MoU was signed by Mr. Firuz B. Bağlıkaya, President of TURSAB, and Mr. Sukhrob Khojimatov, Deputy Resident Representative for UNDP Turkey. The instrument calls for the use of sustainable tourism as an important tool for regional and local economic development and emphasizes the importance of ensuring the transformation of traditional tourism practices into sustainable ones and promoting sustainable tourism initiatives.

Sustainable tourism is a concept standing as a natural result of increased sensitivity across the world for protecting environmental and cultural assets. Sustainable tourism is defined as an approach to tourism that aims to protect environmental, social and cultural assets while responding to the needs of host communities as well as tourists, and thereby provide permanent economic benefits, not short-term ones.

In this context, TURSAB and UNDP documented, through this MoU, the shared vision for promoting sustainable tourism as a tool to increase competitiveness in tourism, shape tourism policies in a sustainable tourism approach, adopt and promote sustainable business models, and achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.

Under the MoU signed by Mr. Firuz B. Bağlıkaya, President of TURSAB, and Mr. Sukhrob Khojimatov, Deputy Resident Representative for UNDP

Turkey at the press conference of 23 July 2019, TURSAB and UNDP aim to cooperate in various initiatives.

Objectives to be pursued under the MoU include raising awareness on sustainable tourism among travel agencies through trainings, workshops, events, creating a platform to support community based sustainable tourism destinations, sharing best practices that will positively impact and inspire the sector on sustainable tourism, increasing the number of TURSAB-member travel agencies that commit to the Global Code of Ethics for Tourism (GCET), promoting the concept of responsible travel and responsible tourist, working on formulating sustainable tourism criteria and certification scheme for travel agencies, integrating such communities as local producers and suppliers into value chains, and adopting innovative approaches to make tourism a key actor to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.

Mr. Firuz B. Bağlıkaya, President of TURSAB, stated that being in cooperation with UNDP, the lead organisation for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, would be very effective and important in transforming the tourism sector by sustainability perspective. He added that sustainability in tourism was not a type of tourism, but a principle for developing policies and practices.

Underlining that the objective of sustainable tourism was to focus on local economic development on the basis of social, economic and ecological equity, Firuz B. Bağlıkaya said: "In the framework of sustainable tourism, our priority objective is to minimise the adverse impact of tourism on environment, and build a model that respects the local people's cultural rights, life cycle, cuisine, handicraft, customs and traditions."



Mr. Sukhrob Khojimatov, Deputy Resident Representative for UNDP Turkey said in his speech: "We see the current cooperation between TURSAB and UNDP as a longer-term strategic partnership and give utmost importance. TURSAB is an umbrella organization of 11,000 travel agencies in Turkey and lead agency shaping tourism sector in Turkey. With this MoU, we strongly believe that we will be able to combine UNDP's experience at both global and local level in sustainable tourism development with TURSAB's vast experience and widespread tourism network. In line with 17 Sustainable Development Goals that draw a new global development framework, we will hopefully

be working on shaping tourism sector using community-based sustainable tourism approach and contribute to the regional and local economic development."

The Memorandum of Understanding signed by TURSAB and UNDP is in line with Turkey's Tourism Strategy 2023 which prioritises the diversification of tourism activities in coordination with global tourism and development trends; and contributes to the implementation of the Sustainable Tourism Principles laid down by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO).

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International Day of the World's
Indigenous Peoples

12 August

International Youth Day

17-28 August

CITES CoP18 - Geneva

19 August

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23-24 August

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25-30 August

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29 August

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30 August

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