



**Letter of Understanding
between
the Abdullah Gül University
and**

**the Representation of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in Turkey
for the period 01.06.2021 – 31.12.2022**

This LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING ("LoU") is hereby signed between the Abdullah Gül University "AGU" and the Representation of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in Turkey ("UNHCR"), hereinafter individually referred to as "the Party" and collectively as "the Parties".

RECOGNIZING the complementarity of each other's work and acknowledging the benefits of closer cooperation and strategic partnership within the context of services provided to refugees¹;

NOTING that both entities share a number of areas of concern and will explore collaboration with each other in order to better serve the needs of the refugee population in Kayseri.

TAKING NOTE of the specific mandate of each organization and the respective role that each organization plays in ensuring that activities for peaceful coexistence and social cohesion are enhanced and coordinated;

WISHING to convene regularly to identify the needs and means of cooperation initiated by this Letter of Understanding;

NOW AGREE to conclude this Letter of Understanding governed by the following principles and provisions:

1. Purpose and Objectives of Collaboration

This collaboration aims to strengthen UNHCR's support to the AGU in the protection and the provision of services to temporary protection beneficiaries, international protection applicants and status holders and asylum-seekers in Kayseri and eventually in Turkey, as well as to support vulnerable local communities to promote social cohesion.

The purpose of this Letter of Understanding is to establish a framework for strengthening operational collaboration between the Parties in the areas of education, livelihoods, social cohesion, protection, assistance and solutions, empowerment opportunities for young people, in particular young women and refugees, enforcement of student involvement, self-reliance and other relevant areas mutually agreed upon.

2. Areas of Collaboration

This collaboration will support the inclusion of refugees into the services provided within the national system.

¹ The term 'refugees' in this Letter of Understanding refers to international protection applicants, international protection status holders and temporary protection beneficiaries.

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The activities carried out under this collaboration will be built on protection-appropriate, gender- and age-sensitive, community-based and participatory approaches, and will include, but are not limited to, the following activities:

- Organizing social cohesion interventions for refugee and host communities,
- Organizing informative meetings and awareness raising activities on the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals,
- Opening an office within AGU to promote the activities of the United Nations.

3. Resources and Partnership

The intervention will be co-funded by the Parties and implemented through AGU.

Each Party will bear its own costs and expenses generated as a result of the Letter of Understanding or any intervention initiated under this Letter of Understanding, unless otherwise specifically agreed by the Parties.

Specific collaborative interventions undertaken are to be governed by a separate agreement which will be appended to this Letter of Understanding as and when established and the Parties shall negotiate funding, deliverables, timelines and other terms as required by each specific collaborative intervention.

4. Duties and Responsibilities of the Parties

UNHCR will be responsible for:

- Carrying out joint studies, interventions, activities, and organizing trainings for refugees and disadvantaged groups, particularly under temporary protection status in Kayseri,
- Providing logistical support and participation in the organization of a roundtable meeting within AGU Creative Hub to ensure the social adaptation of disadvantaged groups in Kayseri and to determine the needs within this framework,
- Supporting the initiation of the development of dialogue and realization of interventions between AGU and other specialized organizations of the United Nations,
- Supporting academic studies and teaching carried out by AGU academicians and related to UNHCR's field of study.

AGU will be responsible for:

- Planning the interventions to be organized within the framework of social cohesion,
- Organizing a roundtable meeting within AGU Creative Hub to ensure the social adaptation of disadvantaged groups in Kayseri and to determine the needs within this framework,
- Dedicating an office space for promoting the United Nations and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals,
- Supporting academics in their research and studies on UNHCR's fields of work,
- Promoting studies in the areas of migration and asylum by the academics and students.

For specialized support, interventions and activities, the Parties shall conclude annexes to the present Letter of Understanding in line with the present provisions.

The implementation of this Letter of Understanding shall be in compliance with the respective administrative and financial rules, regulations and procedures of the Parties and shall be subject to availability of funds.

The Parties shall be cooperating closely throughout implementation of this intervention and make decisions by consensus. They may share information as deemed necessary with due respect to the data protection policy in Turkey.

The Parties shall mutually agree on the scope of public information and visibility in line with the requirements of the intervention. The logos of both Parties may be used in activities covered by this Letter of Understanding and the Parties agree that any public statement, oral or written, that contains the other party's logo shall be subject to prior consultation and approval between the Parties.

The Parties shall conduct joint monitoring of implementation of the intervention and may compile a joint report.

The Parties shall use their best efforts to resolve any disputes that may arise through consultations. Should there be a need to change or modify the contents of the intervention governed by this Letter of Understanding, the Parties shall sign an amendment as an annex to this Letter of Understanding.

5. Term and Termination

This Letter of Understanding will come into force on the day it has been signed by both Parties and remain in force until 31.12.2022. The Letter of Understanding will not renew automatically at the end of the term unless the Parties agree to extend it through an exchange of letters.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, duly authorized representatives of the respective Parties, have reviewed and signed this Letter of Understanding in two equally authentic copies in the English language, one copy for each of the Parties.

On behalf of the Representation of the Office of the
UN High Commissioner for Refugees in Turkey

On behalf of the Abdullah Gül University


Philippe LECLERC
Representative


Prof. Dr. Cengiz YILMAZ
Rector

Date: 02/06/2021

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