JRS ROMANIA

Migration and asylum nowadays

What we do
ASYLUM REQUESTS 2018: 2138

Number of persons being granted a form of protection in 2018: 464

1146 - persons registered in the integration programme

AMIF projects: 82 projects of a total value of €18 mil.

106 voluntary repatriations

73 tolerated persons

Main COUNTRIES of origin of asylum-seekers: Iraq (965), Syria (356), Iran (157), Bangladesh (70), Turkey (66), Afghanistan (46), India (39), Pakistan (34), Somalia (23), Georgia (9), stateless persons (6).
WHAT WE DO

Access to asylum procedure

Reception

Integration
Projects implemented by JRS Romania in 2018
Objective

Supporting the integration process in two regions

Creating infrastructure for integration

Bridge the gap between local community and the community of migrants (TCN/BIP)

Activities

- socio-cultural activities (tours, trips, movie-going, theatre, workshops etc)
- Language courses
- Medical assistance for vulnerable cases
- Educational activities
- Labour-market insertion (individualised counseling)

MY PLACE - A bridge for integration - ongoing (Constanta and Galati city)
Objective
Integration of beneficiaries of international protection by enhancing independence, offering resources, assistance in navigating bureaucracy and overcoming language barriers; Prevention of secondary movement.

Activities
- Identification of housing
- Material assistance with rent and utilities
- Administrative assistance
- Special assistance for vulnerable cases
Objective/s:

- Ensuring access to the territory and asylum procedures
- Fair and efficient asylum procedures
- Reception conditions that meet international and regional standards
- Ending detention of children
- Putting in place alternatives to detention for asylum-seekers
- Coordinated approach amongst the relevant stakeholders within the government, NGOs and other key players in the delivery of services and assistance to asylum-seekers
- Individualized assistance
Activities:
Legal Representation
Border Monitoring
Detention Monitoring
Trainings for legal representatives
Advocacy interventions
Information Materials
Individual counseling
Meetings with (ex-officio) lawyers
Collection of jurisprudence
Objective
Linking pre-departure with post-arrival support to facilitate socio-economic integration for resettled refugees in the EU.

Activities
Job-seeking online platform for refugees
Post-arrival info video about procedures in RO
Volunteer training sessions
Volunteer meeting with resettled refugees (labour)

Beneficiaries
Resettled refugees
Host community (volunteers)
Refugees in the need of resettlement
Economic stakeholders
Civil society (local NGOs)
**Voluntary Repatriation Programme - IOM - ongoing until 2020**

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ALTERNATIVES - Temporary support for tolerated persons - AMIF - ongoing

Objective:
Providing an alternative to detention. Facilitating social adaptation and informing tolerated people of their rights and obligations.

Activities:
Material Assistance
Medical and psychological Assistance
Housing
Individual Legal Counseling

Beneficiaries:
Vulnerable cases released from detention
Cases impossible to be removed from the country
TRAINING in the domain of Migration and Returns - AMIF - ended

Objective

Creating a mechanism for informal consultations and dissemination of relevant information for practitioners.

To disseminate updates in legislation to judges and the General Inspectorate for Immigration. Discussing complex cases, gaps in legislation and providing solutions and proposing law amendments.

Activities

Trainings for lawyers and asylum authorities (General Inspectorate of Immigration)

Publications (booklets with relevant legislation)

Online platform for registration of relevant Romanian jurisprudence with comments
### Objective

**Improving humanitarian assistance for migrants arriving via the sea or at the green border.**

### Activities

- Provision of an emergency pack offered then by the Coast Guard to migrants during missions
- Provision of meals for migrants in the custody of the Border Police
- Individual counseling
- Provision of tents, blankets, air mattresses
SUNT UN STRAIN (I am a Stranger) Media Campaign - AMIF - ended

Objectives
Awareness-raising on benefits of cultural diversity and increasing tolerance, acceptance and improving perception of the public opinion towards foreigners in Romania.

Activities
Dissemination of information materials on migrants (flyers, TV spot, online campaign, banners etc)
Website
2 market research studies
Public debates
>2,000

Migrants assisted under JRS implemented projects.
PUBLIC ATTITUDES
National survey on the level of discrimination in Romania and hate-crimes

Hate-speech in Romania
From a temportal perspective, a great majority (65%) consider that in the last years, hate-speech has increased in Romania which marks an involution and a move further away from liberal European values.

Muslims - dangerous?
Over 60% of Romanian consider Muslims as being potentially dangerous, while 52% of people believe migrants should be stopped at Europe’s borders.

Nationalism
Nationalism is seen as a necessary for Romania for almost half of all Romanians and mistrust in foreigners is confirmed for 50% of all people while 36% of all Romanians believe Soros was one of the real persons who hurt Romania.

Trust
68% of people don’t trust muslims. 69% of people don’t trust immigrants.

Immigration
90% of people wouldn’t accept an immigrant to be: their relative, their friend, their coworker, to live on the same street as them, to live in the same city, or to live in RO. 91% for muslims.

Conclusion
Numbers show that the atmosphere is marked by fear and serious prejudice against anything that is not the typical Romanian orthodox, which indicates there is fertile ground for hate-speech and disavowal of liberal values to be take root.
Job-seeking website for refugees in Romania
Refugees and local community dancing together
THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

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