

REMARKS OF SOCIETY AMONG REFUGEE CHILDREN ISSUES AND TO DETERMINE THE SOLUTION PROPOSALS IN OUR COUNTRY; A PRELIMINARY STUDY

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Because of its geopolitical location Turkey has always been in the center of refugee movements. RESİM

The attitude against refugees in Turkey sets the world an example.

By year 2014 Turkey has been hosting the largest number of refugees around the world. (2. place Pakistan, 3. place Lebanon). The estimated number of refugees living in İstanbul is about 400.000.

The number of refugees in Turkey is above 3 million and 70% of those are women and children

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The aim of our study is collecting remarks of society among refugee children issues and to determine the solution proposals.



Methods:

Data was collected via a questionnaire filled by volunteers whom were selected among 304 parents admitted to 5 different hospitals in İstanbul during May-June 2017 period.

The following questions were asked to parents:

1) What is the most important problem of refugees?

2) What would be the possible recommendations to this problem?

Results:

304 parents were admitted to our study. 274 of 304 were stated problems below. 30 of 304 parents reported nothing.

- 1. Inconvenient conditions for children (31%)**
- 2. Educational problems (17,1%)**
- 3. Language related problems (13,8%)**
- 4. Financial problems (10,2%)**

(Results):

5. Health and hygiene problems (7,9%)

6. Large family pattern, insufficient family planning (6,5%)

7. Psychological problems, war trauma (3,6%)

8. Cultural differences (2,9%)

Parents reported reccomandations to those problems in the survey such as;

****Family and children education including family planning (30%)**

****Solutions for the problems in their country, being able to go back to their country (21,2%)**

**** Others are;**

- psychological support**
- reintegration to the society**
- making them being involved in the employment/production process**
- giving them identitiy record in Turkey**

Conclusion:

Children need to have competent parents and good social environment in order to become healthy adults. Therefore, programmed education of parents and psychological support to minimize war trauma are crucial steps in providing a healthy environment.

