



## **SCREENING CHAPTER 19 SOCIAL POLICY AND EMPLOYMENT**

### **AGENDA ITEM: SOCIAL INCLUSION**

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## SOCIAL SITUATION



## Demographic Features

- Population of Turkey is approximately 72 million.
- Estimated to be 76,5 million in 2010 and 84 million in 2020.
- Annual growth rate of population was 2 % in 1980, decreased to 1.41 % in 2000, 1.26 % in 2005.
- Estimated to be 1.1 % in 2010, 0.86 % in 2020.



## Poverty

- The risk-of-poverty rate is 25.6 % for Turkey, 25.2 % for men and 25.9 % for women in 2004.
- Poverty risk is higher in rural areas than in urban areas.
- Poverty figures indicate that poverty risk is the highest among
  - children aged between 0-15 years
  - casual employees and the unemployed
  - those living in gecekondu (slum areas)
  - the illiterate
  - crowded households.



## POVERTY RATES

|                                     | 2002  | 2003  | 2004  |
|-------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Food poverty                        | 1,35  | 1,29  | 1,29  |
| Complete poverty<br>(food+nonfood)  | 26,96 | 28,12 | 25,60 |
| Below 1 \$ per<br>capita per day    | 0,20  | 0,01  | 0,02  |
| Below 2,15 \$ per<br>capita per day | 3,04  | 2,39  | 2,49  |
| Below 4,3 \$ per<br>capita per day  | 30,30 | 23,75 | 20,89 |
| Relative poverty                    | 14,74 | 15,51 | 14,18 |



## DISADVANTAGED GROUPS

## 1. The Children in Need

- Although there are several public institutions and NGOs working specifically for children, there is need for data to define common policies.
- According to the results of Child Labour Force Survey carried out by TURKSTAT in 1999; 1,6 million children at the age of 6-17 are working in income generating activities.
- While the working children and the young between ages of 12-17 were 1,3 million according to the results of 2000 Household Labour Force Survey (HLFS), it decreased to around 700 thousand in 2003.
- TURKSTAT is planning to carry out Child Labour Survey together with HLFS as a module in 2006.





## 1. The Children in Need (cont.)

- General Directorate of Social Services and Child Protection (SHCEK) renders protection and care services to approximately 31 500 children in need of protection.
- Currently, as a result of institutional incapacity, 3 993 children in need of protection is waiting for these services.
- For children in need of protection, “childcare under family surveillance model” has been developed as an alternative to the care services in the Institution.



## 2. People With Disabilities

- According to the results of 2002 Disability Survey conducted by TURKSTAT and Administration for Disabled People, there exists 8,4 million people with disabilities in Turkey, which constitute 12.3 % (these figures include people with chronic illnesses) of the total population.
- Only 1 out of 5 people with disabilities participates in the labour market.
- The unemployment rate among people with disabilities is 15.5 %.
- Between January-October 2005, approximately 20 thousand people with disabilities have been registered for job seeking.



## 2. People With Disabilities (cont.)

- 60.2 % of people with disabilities have the right to benefit from social security services. 45 % of them benefit from the services through their own registration to social security institutions and 55 % of them benefits from the services as dependants.
- Disability Law introduces provisions to improve their access to education, training, health, care and employment.
- The Law also improves the monthly allowances for the people with disabilities.



### 3. The Old-aged

- Population at the age of 65 and over is 3.8 million which constitutes 5.7 % of the total population.
- The share of old-aged in the total population is estimated to be 7 % in 2012 and 14 % in 2039.
- 75 % of men and 38 % for women have an income.
- Care, rehabilitation and leisure time services are rendered.
- The old aged in need have right for monthly allowance.



# **SOCIAL SERVICES AND SOCIAL ASSISTANCE**



The groups benefiting from the social services and social assistance are

- Children
- Old-aged
- People with disabilities
- Women
- The young
- The people and families who are in need.



## Main Institutions providing social services and social assistance

- SHCEK

Main institution in the field of social services with 81 provincial and 35 sub-provincial directorates; has orphanages for children and the young, nursing homes for the old-aged, rehabilitation centres for disabled people, women shelter houses, child and youth centres

- General Directorate of Social Assistance and Solidarity (SYDGM)

Performs its functions through 931 foundations established in provinces and sub-provinces, governed jointly by relevant public institutions, local administrations and NGOs; provides conditional cash transfers, health and education benefits and project supports

- Ministry of Health (Green Card)



## **Institutions providing social services and assistance (cont.)**

- Social Insurance Institution (education benefits are given to families)
- Pension Fund (education benefits are given to families, assistance for the old-aged, disabled etc.)
- General Directorate for Foundations (monthly assistance to the people in need, orphans, people with disabilities as well as food services)
- NGOs (several in cash and in kind benefits)





## **Institutions providing social services and assistances (cont.)**

- Municipalities (Coal, food, education, clothing, etc.)

Some Municipalities (nursing, child and youth centres, old-aged houses, centres for people with disabilities)

- Associations and Foundations (nursing homes, rehabilitation centres, child and youth centres)
- Pension Fund (nursing homes)



# JOINT INCLUSION MEMORANDUM (JIM)



## Medium-Term Programme (MTP) (2006-2008)

- The term of “social inclusion” was first used as officially in MTP.
- In previous Development Plans and Annual Programmes, social inclusion concept was indirectly included under the headings such as:
  - income distribution and combatting poverty
  - social insurance
  - employment
  - women, child and family
  - working life
  - social services and assistance
  - population



## JIM

- The process for JIM, launched on 3 December 2004, is carried out by the coordination of MoLSS with the contributions of approximately 60 institutions including public institutions, social partners, universities and NGOs.
- The revision of the draft of first 6 chapters (including economic and social background, key challenges, policy issues, gender equality, statistical system) was completed in February 2006.



## JIM (cont.)

- The revision studies have been underway. Chapter 7 on EU funds is being prepared by European Commission and the conclusion will be written down jointly by Turkey and EU.
- The final version of JIM is envisaged to be approved and signed in the second half of 2006.
- JIM will be the basic document for Turkey in determining the strategy to combat social exclusion and poverty and will improve the cooperation between all relevant institutions through open method of coordination.



## Community Action Programme

- Turkey has been participating in the Community Action Programme on Combating Social Exclusion since 2003.
- Turkey has also participated in two events within the framework of the Programme



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