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Forced Migrants and Public Health

This report will focus on the overview and analysis of forced migrants' access to healthcare in Turkey in line with the political, social, and economic develop- ments at local, regional, and global levels. The Syrian Crisis and increasing Syrian population seeking protection in Turkey forced the Government of Turkey to design legal instruments for migrants. This legislation process resulted in different migrant groups entitled to different statuses with varying forms of access to services. Refugees and asylum-seekers under International Protection, Syrians under Temporary Protection, Iraqis coming after 2014 under humanitarian residence, and the unregistered are the main groups who are dealing with this ever-changing structure. In this report, I will analyze how this uneven and complica- ted landscape is promoted by global, international, and European institutions and their political concerns. This process will be examined in periods before the Syrian Crisis, during the emergency Syria response, national legislation process, Refugee Crisis in the Mediterranean and Europe, and the State of Emergency after 15 July 2016. In addition to the evaluati- on of the legislative process, it is also important to mention how this uneven landscape is reflected in the lives of migrants in Turkey with very concrete legal, political, and humanitarian consequences. Access to healthcare is one of the main grounds of increasing social tension where local and non-local population come across seeking for the same service. I will analyze how local versus non-local people go along with each other while political and economic discussions at the higher level carry on where the Trump Government suspended the resettlement quotas, EU-Turkey Deal failed, and Turkey's cross-border operations in Syria continue.



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