



Other countries: WESTERN BALKANS, EGYPT, ARMENIA AND SYRIA

The Trust Fund has funded four actions in the Western Balkans (three in Serbia and one in North Macedonia), all of them now closed. The overall level of output achievement (Figure 20) in the Western Balkans has been relatively high against planned targets (82%) with most categories already met, as noted in the previous reporting period. The only area with a lower level of performance is in access to health services – this explains the lower progress in access to services in general, compared to the full achievement of capacity-building outputs. The highest targets were defined in access to health services. Local improvements in WASH infrastructure also displayed a low achievement of outputs: this could be explained by the ambitious, unadjusted targets set for these interventions during implementation.

Targets in seven areas (out of ten) had been met: Access to basic education, educational personnel training, improvements in educational infrastructure, livelihoods support, access to

protection services, improvements in the protection infrastructure and protection training, as well as social cohesion-related services. Improvements in WASH infrastructure and access to health consultations show the slowest progress. In general terms, the Western Balkans region varies from the trend in other countries regarding access to services. Mostly refugee men accessed services here. This may be related to the type of interventions targeting migrants and refugees in asylum centres, where most beneficiaries are men. Women from host countries were accessing training substantially more than men.

In Egypt, the Trust Fund had funded two actions, which are now closed, and the planned goals have already been achieved (96%). Access to services has already delivered all planned outputs in higher education scholarships, health services, and livelihoods' support (three out of four categories), while training of educational personnel achieved 83% of their targets. The highest targets were defined in the health sector.

Figure 20: Trust Fund progress in Turkey (as of 31/03/2023)



The Trust Fund has only funded one action in Armenia. To date, the overall targets have been practically achieved (97%). More specifically, outputs in access to protection services and capacity building in the sector, as well as social cohesion services, have been already delivered (three of five categories). The project displays high level of achievement also in the delivery of livelihoods' support -cash transfers, work opportunities, and MSME training- (92%) and the upgrade of local MSME infrastructure (94%).

In Syria, the Trust Fund had funded only one component in the higher education sector. As a completed action, it had achieved 79% of the planned figures. Although not fully met, this result at the level of outputs displays a relatively high degree of achievement. Regarding the award of certificates, the project had reached 30% of the planned outcomes (Figure 21).

Figure 21: Trust Fund progress in Turkey (as of 31/03/2023)