

Objectives

According to 2022 data, there are approximately one billion immigrants worldwide today, and approximately one in eight people fit this definition. In the report which published by WHO in 2022-World Report On The Health Of Refugees And Migrants- worldwide, millions of refugees and migrants in vulnerable situations, such as low-skilled migrant workers, face worse health outcomes, particularly from places where living and working conditions are substandard. This eliminates possibility of achieving sustainable development goals. There is also urgent need to address root causes of poor health and radically reorient health systems to respond to an increasingly mobile world. Urgent collaborations and investments are needed for quality and improvement of health services for refugees and migrants.

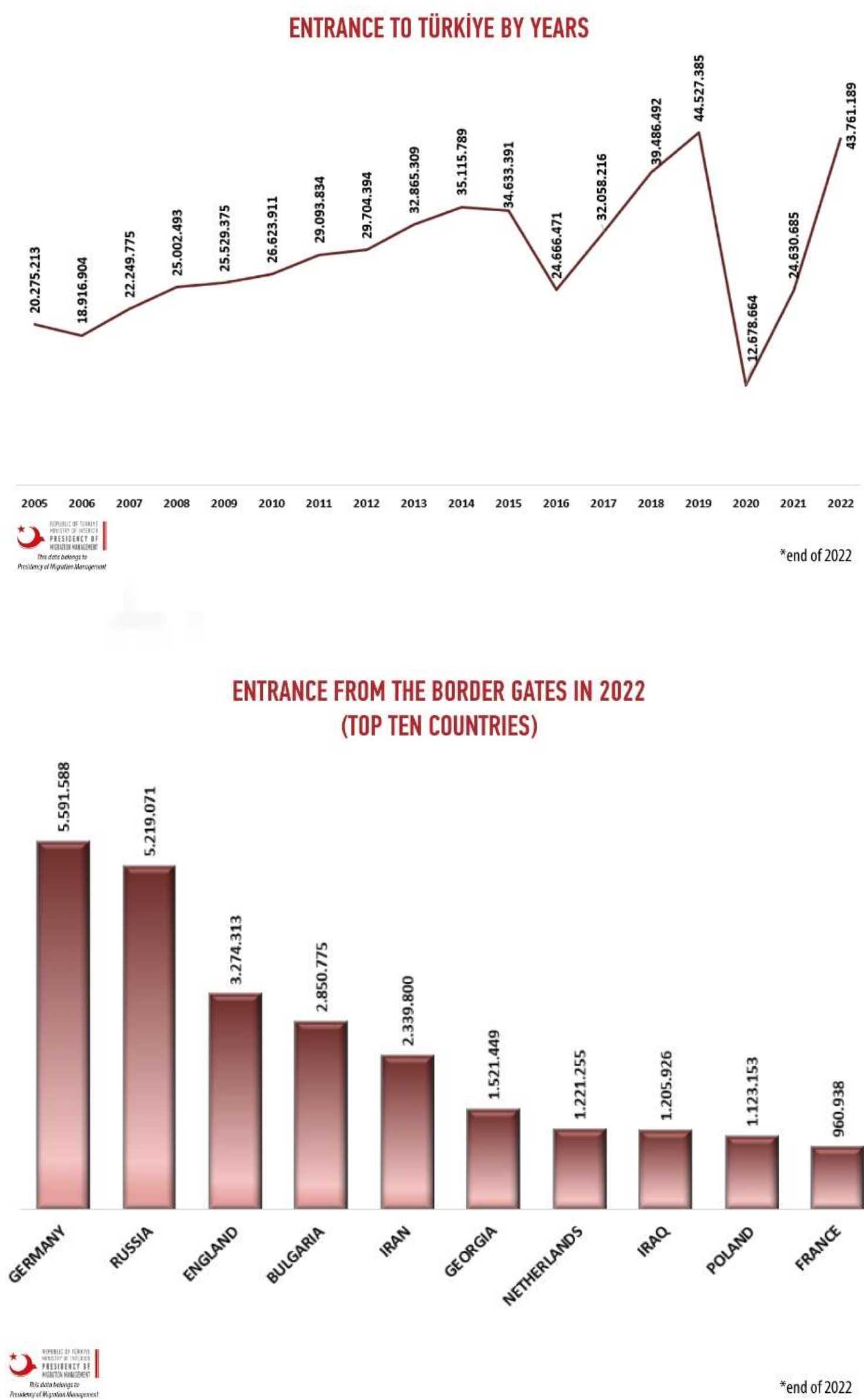
Methods

Undoubtedly, one of the most affected countries in migrant and refugee wave is Türkiye. The number of Syrians, who started their forced mass migration to Türkiye in 2011, reached today in twelve years; from security to future of urban areas, settlement, housing, education, health, labor force participation, language problem, communication, housing and cohesion policies, it has revealed need to develop serious public policies. In this study, examples will be given about health policies and measures taken to ensure that immigrants and refugees in Türkiye can receive quality health services, and also, what needs to be done in order to receive equal and quality health care is discussed.

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Figure 1. Entrance to Türkiye by Years (<https://en.goc.gov.tr/entry---exit>)



Results

Migration movements towards Türkiye are primarily related to Türkiye's geographical location. Türkiye is a bridge connecting Asia, Europe and Africa continents and has important sea routes, and many immigrants (whatever the reason for migration: war and social reasons) migrate to developed countries in West, and they use Türkiye as a transit country. While some of these migrations are registered, most of them can be unregistered migrations. Türkiye has made some legal arrangements for immigrants and refugees in the field of health, with the entry into force of Law No. 6458, the Presidency of Migration Management was established and people with international protection status, those who do not have any health insurance or those who do not have ability to pay, have been granted the right to benefit from health services free of charge. Health professionals are provided with training on refugee and immigrant health. Since migration wave is mostly from Arabic speaking countries, Arabic speaking personnel are employed. Measures are taken to prevent chronic diseases related to nutrition and to improve life style and environmental conditions.

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