

PROJECT BRIEF

This project is a prototype for Community Centre in Reyhanlı for Syrian Refugees. Hosting refugees in Turkey is a very humanitarian and costly challenge. In order to ease the transition process for Syrian refugees, we are proposing this community centre called “Passageway” with an extra program of orphanage. In the site analysis process, we found out in Hatay& Syrian culture, dead-end streets called “Zokmak” are in use to maintain privacy between houses and streets. For this reason, an open but at the same time close clusters are designed for refugees. We focussed on closeness and enclosure to maintain privacy since it is a main desire in Syrian Culture. However, we believed Community Centre should be open at the same time to maintain a relation between the community centre and the locals. We aim to prevent feeling homesick in this way. In order to achieve our goals, a central organisation with sub-courtyards are designed. Main courtyard and sub-courtyards are connected to each other means of main artery that acts as a passageways. All the other entrance points to site are defined by passageways too. In order to access main/sub-courtyards, one basically needs to follow passages. The program consists of 3 clusters such as education cluster, service and health center, orphanage with an multifunctional underground space as an extra.