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The Youth and COVID-19: Access to Decent Jobs amid the Pandemic report provides a comprehensive analysis of the youth population “not in employment, education or training (NEET)” in Turkey among host and refugee communities affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, using the data collected by qualitative and quantitative methods from 15 May to 10 August 2020. The report starts with detailed background information on the NEET population in Turkey, institutional framework and policies targeting NEETs, and points out that the COVID-19 pandemic significantly affected a large segment of the population and labour force participation of both host and refugee communities in Turkey. The report reveals the current situation of NEETs in Turkey based on an analysis of the empirical data collected in the field. A large group of NEETs, with different social and economic characteristics, are analysed. The study also provides up-to-date evidence on refugee youth and their status on being in education, training, or employment in Turkey, as well as insights into the differences between host NEETs and refugee NEETs. This research is funded by US Department of State, Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration (USPRM) under the Decent Work Opportunities for Refugees and Host Communities in Turkey Project.

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