Question for written answer E-003113/2016 to the Commission Rule 130 Sophia in 't Veld (ALDE) and Heidi Hautala (Verts/ALE)

Subject: Sexual and reproductive health of displaced women and girls

In 2014, the total number of refugees and displaced people worldwide reached the highest number since World War II and increased, from 38 million people in 2000 to over 59 million in 2014¹. In February 2016, UNHCR reported that for the first time since the beginning of Europe's migrant crisis, the number of women and children arriving in the EU had exceeded the number of men.

Given that women and girls are disproportionally disadvantaged and at risk in situations of crisis and conflict:

How does the Commission ensure that funds for humanitarian assistance are effectively targeted at the specific needs of displaced women and girls, including for sexual and reproductive health services and combatting sexual and gender-based violence?

Can the Commission provide detailed information on the allocation of funds for the sexual and reproductive health of displaced women and girls, such as for the distribution of readily available reproductive health kits?

How does the Commission intend to ensure the protection of women and girls in the context of the agreement with Turkey?

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UNFPA, 'State of World Population', 2015; UNHCR, June 2015