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## TURKEY

### CAPACITY BUILDING EXTERNAL UPDATE

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#### UNHCR CAPACITY-BUILDING STRATEGY

- Capacity building is a key element in UNHCR Turkey’s strategy to better protect refugees and asylum-seekers, and the Organization considers it to be an integral part of delivering its international protection mandate. More specifically, capacity development activities are geared at: strengthening the technical abilities of national authorities; providing legislative support to ensure that laws and policies incorporate principles and standards that are compliant with international refugee law; promoting coherence of actions on the ground with the legal framework; and ensuring that refugees enjoy their rights and access to services which promote self-reliance. Though these initiatives, UNHCR supports Turkish authorities, civil society, partners and other humanitarian actors operating in the country as well as refugee and asylum-seeker communities.
- Capacity building takes place at the policy, organizational and workforce levels. Different methodologies have been adopted to deliver its capacity building activities depending on the level of awareness of the target audience in order to enhance know-how as well as provision of services and programmes targeting persons seeking international protection. In a number of contexts interactive face-to-face training, coaching and workshops are used. Internship programmes, staff exchange programmes and on-the-job visits are also widely used to reinforce and complement the topics taught via face-to-face trainings.

#### UNHCR WORKS TO STRENGTHEN THE CAPACITY OF A VARIETY OF STAKEHOLDERS

##### BUILDING CAPACITY OF TURKISH AUTHORITIES

- To date UNHCR has worked with a wide array of national authorities with the aim of ensuring that asylum and migration issues are handled properly, that legal frameworks are created and adapted to enable asylum-seekers and refugees to have access to their basic rights, and that reception and care for each case is handled in a fair and professional way. UNHCR also supports the transfer of skills and know-how to improve the implementation of protection and assistance functions and strengthen technical capacity therein.



UNHCR THEMATIC UPDATE

