

**UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES**  
**INTERNAL/EXTERNAL VACANCY NOTICE**

Title of Position: Senior Protection Assistant (Community-Based)  
Position Number: 10019875  
Category & Level: General Service, GL5  
Location: Field Unit Hatay  
Effective date: as soon as possible  
Duration: initially for a period of one year  
Closing Date: **5 January 2018**

**PREAMBLE**

The international obligations of Turkey and its national legislative framework on asylum have shaped the form of the current collaboration with UNHCR. During the last 56 years, UNHCR and Turkey have been working together in close partnership. Turkey has provided the asylum space for persons seeking refuge, and UNHCR has assisted Turkey to determine who is in need of international protection and to enable access to rights by these persons. As the main partner of the Turkish State in the field of international protection, UNHCR Turkey continues to provide legislative and technical support as well as institutional capacity building support to the Directorate General of Migration Management (DGMM) and other national institutions. Working closely with AFAD including as regard support to the refugee camps, UNHCR also provides support to various line ministries as well as to municipalities and provincial authorities. Activities include the provision of high education support, support to livelihoods and employment as well as winterization assistance through cash-based initiatives for vulnerable refugees.

As regard Syrian nationals who are hosted in Turkey under a Temporary Protection (TP) framework for Syrian nationals, refugees and stateless, UNHCR's work is to support the authorities through the provision of technical assistance and strong public advocacy for enhanced responsibility sharing.

UNHCR in Turkey also registers asylum-seekers, conducts RSD under the Mandate of the High Commissioner for all non- Europeans (with the exception of Syrians), intervenes to strengthen the protection environment and access to social support mechanisms, and endeavors to find durable solutions for the most vulnerable amongst those who are recognized as refugees provided they meet the criteria of the resettlement countries.

UNHCR in Turkey operates through a branch office in Ankara, with field offices in Gaziantep, Istanbul and Van, as well as field units.

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**ORGANIZATIONAL CONTEXT**

The Senior Protection Assistant (Community-Based) is a member of the Protection Unit in a Country Operation and may report to the Protection Officer, Protection Officer (Community-Based), or another more senior staff member in the Protection Unit. In the Turkey Operation's context, this position will report to the Head of Field Unit, with functional guidance from the Protection Unit in Sub-office Gaziantep. Under the overall direction of the Head of FU, the SO Protection Unit, and in coordination with other UNHCR staff, government, NGO partners and other stakeholders, the Senior Protection Assistant (Community-Based) works directly with communities of concern to identify the risks they face and to leverage their capacities to protect themselves, their families and communities. The incumbent may have direct supervisory responsibility for part of the protection and/or support staff and supports the application of community-based protection standards, operational procedures and practices in community-based protection delivery at the field level. To fulfil this role the Senior Protection Assistant (Community-Based) is required to spend a substantial percentage of her/his time working outside the office, building and maintaining networks within communities of persons of concern. The development and maintenance of constructive relationships with persons of concern that measurably impact and enhance protection planning, programming and results forms the core of the work of the Senior Protection Assistant (Community-Based). The incumbent also supports the designing of a community-based protection strategy by ensuring that it is based on consultation with persons of concern.

## **FUNCTIONAL STATEMENT**

### **Accountability**

- Effective support is provided to promote AGD sensitive analysis of community risks and capacities as the essential basis for all of UNHCR's work.
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- The participation of persons of concern is assured through continuous assessment and evaluation using participatory, rights and community based approaches, which inform protection and assistance programming and ensure that UNHCR meets its commitments to accountability to persons of concern.

### **Responsibilities**

- Assist functional units, the Multi-Functional Team (MFT) and senior management to integrate participatory and community-based approaches in the overall protection delivery strategy.
- Through relationships with persons of concern and network of partners stay abreast of political, social, economic and cultural developments that have an impact on the protection environment and provide advice to the protection team. Understand the perspectives, capacities, needs and resources of the persons of concern and advise the protection team accordingly, highlighting the specific protection needs of women and men, children, youth and older persons, persons with disabilities, marginalized groups.
- Assist in initiatives with host communities to involve national civil society groups in the protection of persons of concern.
- Support implementing and operational partners as well as displaced and local communities to develop community-owned activities to address, where applicable, the social, educational, psycho-social, cultural, health, organisational and livelihood concerns as well as child protection and prevention and response to SGBV.
- Assist in the analysis that identifies the capacities of communities of concern and risks they face.
- Support participatory assessments by multifunctional teams and ongoing consultation with persons of concern.
- Support efforts to build the office capacity for community-based protection.
- Support communities in establishing representation and coordination structures
- Ensure community understanding of UNHCR's commitment to deliver on accountability and quality assurance in its response.
- Collect data for monitoring of programmes and budgets from an AGD perspective.
- Draft and type routine correspondence, documents and reports using word processing equipment and maintain up-to-date filing systems.
- Act as interpreter in exchange of routine information, contribute to related liaison activities and respond directly to routine queries.
- Perform other relevant duties as required.

### **Authorities**

- Assist in the enforcement of participatory AGD sensitive analysis as an essential basis for all of UNHCR's work.
- Initiate AGD sensitive interventions at the appropriate level on community-based protection issues and to respond to protection concerns and incidents within the office and with persons and communities of concern based on agreed parameters.
- Identify which individuals or groups to prioritize for counselling and field visits based on agreed criteria.
- Enforce compliance of implementing partners with global protection policies and standards of professional integrity in the delivery of protection services.

## **ESSENTIAL MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS, PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AND REQUIRED COMPETENCIES**

- Completion of the Secondary education; Training in International Development, Cultural Studies, Human Rights, International Social Work, Social Science, Political Science, Anthropology, International Law or other clearly related disciplines.
- Job Experience: Minimum of 4 years previous relevant job experience.
- Computer skills (MS Office, including Excel, Word, PowerPoint, Access).
- Fluency in English, spoken and written.

- Working knowledge of another relevant UN language or local language.
- Analytical Thinking
- Planning and Organizing
- Political Awareness

### **DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS AND COMPETENCIES**

- Knowledge of Administrative/financial rules, procedures, processes in the context of UNHCR offices and Field operations.
- UNHCR learning programmes (PLP).

### **ELIGIBILITY**

#### Internal candidates:

Interested staff members should consult the Policy and Procedures on Assignments of Locally recruited Staff (PPAL). If you have questions regarding eligibility, please contact HR Unit ([TURANHR@unhcr.org](mailto:TURANHR@unhcr.org)).

External candidates must be legally present in Turkey at the time of application, recruitment and hire. Non-Turkish citizens are required to submit a valid Turkish residence permit at application to be considered.

### **SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS**

If you wish to be considered for this vacancy, please submit your [Personal History Form \(P11\)](#) and its [supplementary pages](#), motivation letter, CV and Turkish residence permit, if applicable, by e-mail with "Your LAST name – Senior Protection Assistant (CB) G5, Hatay (10019875)" in the subject line to: [TURANREC@unhcr.org](mailto:TURANREC@unhcr.org) by **28 December 2017**.

Only short-listed candidates will be notified. No late applications will be accepted.

UNHCR does not charge a fee at any stage of the recruitment process (application, interview meeting, processing, training or any other fees).

### **REMUNERATION**

A competitive compensation and benefits package is offered. Salary is between TRY4,380 and TRY5,500 per month depending of relevant experience. For further information on UN salaries, allowances and benefits, please visit the portal of the [Office of HR Management of United Nations](#).