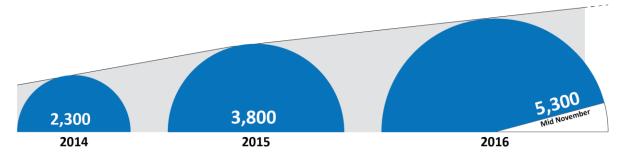


# **TURKEY**

# **CAPACITY BUILDING EXTERNAL UPDATE**

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UNHCR has trained 11,400 persons from governmental and non-governmental entities since 2014.

## **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, UNHCR's 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. UNHCR has adopted different methodologies 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's capacity building effort with Turkish institutions has been concentrated on but not limited to the Ministry of Interior (General Directorate of Security and Directorate General of Migration Management), the Ministry of Family and Social Policies, the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Justice, the Disaster and Emergency Management Presidency (AFAD), the Presidency for Turks Abroad and Related Communities (YTB), the Turkish Coast Guard, the

Gendarmerie General Command, the Ministry of Defense (Partnership for Peace Center), the Justice Academy, the Union of Bar Associations of Turkey, Bar Associations of various provinces, imams, mukhtars and a number of municipalities.

UNHCR has provided several types of support like advocacy, assistance in reviewing draft legislation provision of technical assistance and specialized training programmes on the following topics:



### **BUILDING CAPACITY OF PARTNERS, CIVIL SOCIETY AND OTHER HUMANITARIAN ACTORS**

- A major target group of UNHCR is NGOs, which include but are not limited to UNHCR's Partners, such as ASAM, HRDF, IMPR, and Support to Life. UNHCR has also been involved in training other national and international NGOs such as the Turkish Red Crescent, DRC, IRC, IMC, ABA, CARE, Red, and Mercy Corps. The focus of these activities is to create an expanded source and pool of knowledge and skills in the realm of protection and refugee assistance.
- In order to meet these goals UNHCR regularly holds workshops, trainings, conferences, and thematic meetings, as well as includes capacity building elements in its project partnerships agreements. UNHCR also disseminates up-to-date information on international legal instruments and changes in relevant local legislation.
- UNHCR has also been targeting university staff and students with providing trainings on different topics in various provinces in order to raise awareness on refugee issues.

# **BUILDING CAPACITY OF REFUGEES AND ASYLUM-SEEKERS**

- UNHCR Turkey provides training to community groups, such as women's committees, refugee leaders, refugee outreach volunteers (ROV) to promote their participation and empowerment and ownership of activities.
- Education programmes, vocational training and language courses as well as livelihood programmes and initiatives also incorporate capacity building components focusing on refugees and asylum-seekers to become self-sufficient and better integrate their host communities.

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