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Around 90% of the refugees in the world are hosted by developing nations, who have their own development challenges. Sudden population growth puts additional pressure on these countries in a various areas from education to health, women empowerment to industrial policy, decent jobs, and livelihood opportunities, municipal service delivery capacities to social cohesion and local economic development. UNDP's approach in crisis response is to invest in local systems and capacities to help countries to achieve self-reliance in coping with crisis.

UNDP implemented a development-based empowerment and resilience building strategy in Turkey to help people, communities and institutions, to cope with the negative effects of the Syria Crisis, as the country hosts around 64% of the Syrian refugees in the world.

Our crisis response efforts to empower local administrations in Turkey have concentrated in strengthening service delivery capacities of Turkish municipalities, as the country hosts largest refugee population in the world. UNDP helped Turkish cities especially along the Syrian border to cope with and recover from the sudden increase of population, which puts additional pressure on municipal service delivery capacities.