Whole-of-society Approach



- A change to be of benefits for refugees
- To respond to refugee crisis in a different way
- A shift from a vertically-led response (where the normative framework for refugee protection is translated into a response formally led by the hosting government, frequently with a strong UNHCR-lead in practice)
 to a horizontally- coordinated response (where multiple actors respond to needs based on comparative advantages, rather than formal mandates)

Why whole-of-society approach?

- The scale and duration of displacement continue to rise,
- The quality of protection and the availability of solutions are declining
- The need for change is inevitable
- To consider comparative advantage of the responders instead of traditional mandate



Key features of whole-of-society approach

Move away from	To bring into
 A top- down response modality Institutionalized lines of legal and operational accountability 	 Multi-stakeholder response Focus on the outcome, i.e. on the ability of a 'new system' to produce better results for Be more inclusive including the refugees themselves, host communities, local authorities, local NGO-CSO and other important stakeholders