Asbestos exposure is a significant health problem in Turkey. However, in Turkey, different from the developed countries, asbestos exposure is often observed in the rural areas, and the asbestos-related diseases are more frequent among rural people. The frequency of the mesothelioma, lung cancer, and benign pathologies of the lung and pleura in the population exposed to asbestos in the rural areas is as high as for the people directly exposed to the asbestos in the industry. On the other hand, because there are insufficient records in Turkey with respect to the occupational environment, it is not fully possible to determine the occupational asbestos exposure. The Turkey Asbestos Control Strategic Plan has been prepared and implemented to detect the incidence and importance of asbestos exposure in the rural areas, which is a serious public health problem and is the main reason for the related diseases in Turkey. Another objective of the Plan is to supply data for the studies aimed at detecting and preventing occupational asbestos exposure and developing a rehabilitation program aimed at avoiding this exposure. Other objectives of the Plan are to detect the current and future mesothelioma risks for the whole of Turkey, to guide the studies for the elimination of asbestos in the rural areas by the end of 2015, to develop an action plan which will ensure that measures are taken to determine workplaces exposed to asbestos and to remove the use of asbestos by the end of 2015, and to provide the early diagnosis and efficient treatment of the cases detected by the follow-up of the group under risk. The Turkey Asbestos Control Strategic Plan was prepared and performed by the Turkish Mesothelioma Working Group and the Public Health Institute of Turkey. Thirty-eight faculty members, including 19 professors, 16 associate professors, three assistant professors, two specialist physicians of the Turkish Mesothelioma Working Group, two mineralogist professors, and four foreign consultant scientists, took part in the Turkey Asbestos Control Strategic Plan.