



## HIGHLIGHTS ALGIERS AND TINDOUF

**5,596**

Persons of concern registered with UNHCR Algiers; 4,857 are Syrians

**130**

Refugees of whom 18 are pending resettlement with United States and France

**100%**

School-aged children (32,028) in Tindouf are enrolled in primary education.

**18 litres**

Potable water available per person per day in Sahrawi refugee camps.

### Population of concern

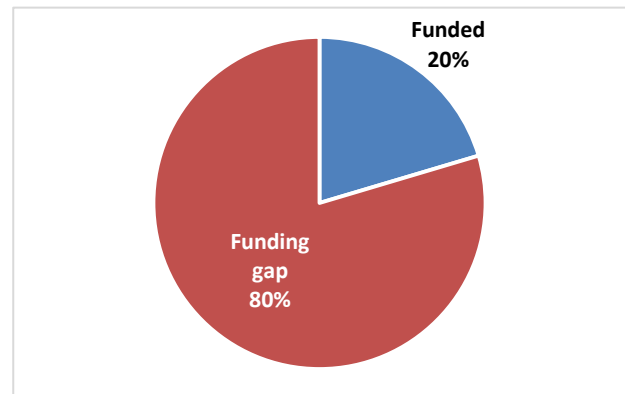
A total of 95,596 people of concern

By country of origin

Country	Total PoCs
Syria	4,857
Palestine	302
Mali	108
Others	329
Total PoCs registered	5,596
Number of vulnerable Sahrawi refugees	90,000

### Funding (Algiers and Tindouf)

**USD 6.8 million**, while the comprehensive target has reached USD 33 million.



### UNHCR Presence

**Staff:**

- 41 national staff
- 13 international staff
- 2 National UNVs

**Offices:**

- 1 Representation in Algiers and 1 Sub-Office in Tindouf

## WORKING WITH PARTNERS

- **UNHCR works closely with Algerian authorities** through its main focal point, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' Division for Human Rights, Social Development and Cultural, Scientific and Technical Affairs. UNHCR works also in close collaboration with the Office for Refugees and Stateless Persons (Bureau Algérien Pour les Réfugiés et les Apatrides – BAPRA).
- UNHCR Algeria is a member of the United Nations Country Team (UNCT). To support the Sahrawi refugee programme in Tindouf, **UNHCR works in close coordination with the World Food Programme (WFP) for food assistance and with the UN Children Agency (UNICEF) on health, education and activities for children.**
- UNHCR Algeria is working with **11 implementing partners in Algeria.**

## MAIN ACTIVITIES

### Protection

- Pending the adoption and implementation of a national asylum framework, UNHCR Algeria is **registering asylum seekers and determining refugee status** on behalf of Algerian authorities. In the meantime, UNHCR is **supporting Algerian authorities into establishing a responsive national asylum system**, for instance through targeted refugee law training opportunities for government officials.
- In **Algiers**, UNHCR is providing **protection and assistance to the more than 5,500 registered** refugees and asylum seekers, the vast majority of whom are Syrian nationals. This includes registering, providing basic assistance, identifying persons with specific needs (for instance survivors of violence or unaccompanied minors), intervening in case of wrongful detention, etc.
- In Tindouf, UNHCR is **assisting 90,000 vulnerable Sahrawi refugees** who are living in five refugee camps in the area, through participatory approaches to encourage engagement and self-management, in particular for the youth. Assistance covers different sectors such as protection, education, water & sanitation, health, food & nutrition and shelter. UNHCR is conducting outreach activities and regular home visits to identify persons with specific needs and adapt its assistance; 3,000 persons living with disabilities are receiving specific attention. In Tindouf, UNHCR is also offering training opportunities to officials from the Sahrawi legal institutions, social workers and partner staff to reinforce local capacities, for instance with regard to judicial procedures.

### Education

- In Tindouf, UNHCR is supporting the school system as a whole, by providing financial incentives to some 1,700 school teachers and offering material and training opportunities.

### Health and Nutrition

- **Refugees registered in Algiers have access to healthcare.** Due to significant budget reductions in 2015, however, UNHCR can no longer cover the health costs of refugees and vulnerable asylum seekers, for instance to pay for medication and laboratory tests.
- UNHCR is **supporting 60% of the costs associated with medical materials and consumables in Tindouf camps** and supporting some 20 doctors from the Sahrawi community working in five regional hospitals. Jointly with WFP and the Algerian Red Crescent (ARC), UNHCR is providing **supplementary feeding for malnourished children** and pregnant or lactating women. UNHCR is also improving access to mental and psychosocial support.

### Water and Sanitation

- In Tindouf, UNHCR is **enhancing the Sahrawi water management system** so as to provide 18 litres of drinkable water per person per day. UNHCR is also distributing hygiene kits for women and girls and supporting the local production of soap and bleach for the five camps.

## Shelter and NFIs

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- UNHCR is **providing shelter and essential basic items to the most vulnerable refugees**. In Algiers, 137 refugees and eight unaccompanied minor asylum seekers were provided shelter or received cash to pay their rent. In Tindouf, UNHCR is procuring tents to refugees in need of shelter.

## Access to Energy

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- UNHCR is **distributing every month** gas cylinders to 27,000 Sahrawi families. Due to budgetary constraints, however, the period from January to March 2015 is not covered.

## Logistics

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- Through its partner Triangle Generation Humanitaire (TGH), UNHCR is **maintaining the large fleet of trucks** required to provide assistance to Sahrawi refugees. UNHCR's partner ARC **ensures the delivery of** assistance from Oran port to Tindouf for the Sahrawi refugees, including taking care of customs clearance procedures.

## Community Empowerment and Self-Reliance

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- UNHCR supports community empowerment and help refugees achieving self-reliance in Algeria. In Tindouf, UNHCR supports four **women's centres**. Sahrawi women are well represented in all sectoral departments, including in executive positions (25%). UNHCR is also supporting **youth centres, a library, and cultural activities and workshops** on the rights of Sahrawi women and the conservation of Sahrawi cultural heritage.

## Durable Solutions

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- Algiers: UNHCR is trying to find durable solutions for refugees in Algeria, by supporting their voluntary return whenever possible, or helping with their **local settlement** in Algeria. For those who can neither go back home nor stay in Algeria, UNHCR is assisting with **resettlement to a third country**. Early 2015, four refugees departed for France and the USA; a further 15 were submitted and are under consideration by the USA.

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- USA

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