



## HIGHLIGHTS ALGIERS AND TINDOUF

**6,188**

Persons of concern registered with UNHCR Algiers; 5,405 are Syrians

**144**

Refugees of whom 16 were accepted for resettlement by the United States

**100%**

School-aged children (30,979) in Tindouf are enrolled in primary education.

**18 litres**

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

### Population of concern

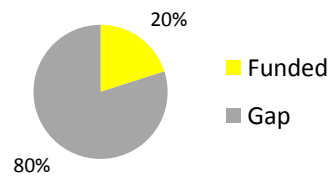
A total of 96,188 people of concern  
By country of origin

Country	Total PoCs
Syria	5,405
Palestine	315
Others	468
<b>Total PoCs registered</b>	<b>6,188</b>

Number of vulnerable Sahrawi refugees  
90,000

### Funding Received

**USD 6.8 million**



### UNHCR Presence

#### Staff:

41 national staff  
13 international staff  
2 National UNVs

#### Offices:

1 Representation in Algiers and 1 Sub-Office in Tindouf



(L): UNHCR Rep. Hamdi Bukhari meeting children at Dakhla camp primary school during multi-donor mission in May; (R): children at Dakhla camp primary school. UNHCR/R. Fraser

## WORKING WITH PARTNERS

- UNHCR works closely with the Algerian Government through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, including 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 establishment of an effective national asylum system in Algeria, UNHCR undertakes a range of protection and assistance activities through its Offices in Algiers and Tindouf. In Algiers, UNHCR is **registering asylum-seekers, determining refugee status**, intervening in cases of detention and providing targeted assistance to the most vulnerable refugees and asylum-seekers (for instance survivors of violence or unaccompanied minors).
- 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. 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.** Where necessary and possible, UNHCR supports medical treatment not covered by the national scheme, for instance specific 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

- UNHCR is **providing shelter and essential basic items to the most vulnerable refugees.** In Algiers, UNHCR is providing shelter, a monthly food basket and some NFIs to urban refugee families on the basis of vulnerability assessments. Around 150 refugees and a small number of unaccompanied minor asylum-seekers have been provided shelter or received cash to pay their rent. In Tindouf, UNHCR is procuring tents to refugees in need of shelter. Distribution of materials to construct tents (2,328 total) took place from 8 to 14 June, in all the camps.

### Access to Energy

- **Gas distribution:** UNHCR is refilling gas cylinders for 27,000 Sahrawi families every month. UNHCR contributes gas for eight of the 12 months, with the other four months covered through other sources. UNHCR also distributes cooking stoves.

### Logistics

- 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

- 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 preservation of Sahrawi cultural heritage.

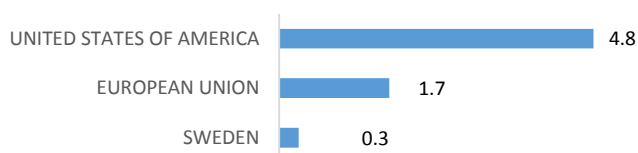
### Durable Solutions

- Algiers: Based on its mandate, UNHCR constantly seeks durable solutions for refugees in Algeria, either by supporting their voluntary return, or, for those who can neither go back home nor stay in Algeria, assisting with **resettlement to a third country**. So far in 2015, UNHCR was able to resettle eight refugees to France and the United States of America.

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Total recorded contributions for the operation amount to some **US\$ 6.8 million**.

Funding received in 2015 (USD)



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