



HIGHLIGHTS

3065*
New Refugee Registrations

1550*
Long Term Visas (LTVs) or
Stay Visas issued to
refugees

287*
Voluntary Repatriation
Sri Lankans-265
Afghans-22

45*
Naturalised
Hindu-Sikh Afghans
4000 cases under process

***Cumulative figures from 1/1/2015 to 31/7/2015**

Population of concern

A total of **207,408** people of concern

By country of origin

Country	Total PoC
Myanmar	18,257
Afghanistan	12,283
Somalia	634
Others	1545
Assisted by Govt. of India	
Tibetans	110,000
Sri Lankans(as of 31 May 2015)	64,689
Total	207,408

Funding

USD 14.7 Million requested



UNHCR celebrity supporter John Abraham celebrating World Refugee Day 2015 with refugees in Mumbai, India

WORKING WITH PARTNERS

- UNHCR together with its partners and civil society provides a range of services to support refugees and asylum-seekers in health, education, legal counseling, vocational skills and livelihoods. In India, UNHCR works with several NGOs, including Bosco, the Socio Legal Information Centre (SLIC), the Gandhi National Memorial Society, the Confederation of Voluntary Agencies and Development And Justice Initiative (DAJI), ACCESS, Anudip, Society for All Round Development (SARD), Centre for Social Research (CSR) and Save the Children (SCF).

MAIN ACTIVITIES

Protection

- UNHCR registers new asylum-seekers, conducts refugee status determination (RSD) and provides them with documentation which prevents harassment, arbitrary arrests, detention and deportation. The cards also facilitate access to Long Term visa/stay visa.

Education

- Refugee/asylum seeker children can access government's free schooling at par with local children. UNHCR's partners facilitate government school enrolment/retention drives and help refugee and asylum-seeker children with enrolment procedures. Language, tuition classes for refugee/asylum seeker children as well as crèches for young children are also operational with UNHCR support in areas of major concentration.

Health

- Through its partners, UNHCR assists the refugees/asylum seekers in accessing government dispensaries and hospitals. Many, especially the new arrivals, are supported with information about the facilities available, and with interpretation services. Some medical tests/supplies and medicines not readily available are also provided to refugees in the New Delhi, where the majority of Persons of Concern live.

Community Empowerment and Self-Reliance

- UNHCR with the help of its implementing partner supports livelihood activities including vocational training and income generating activities to help refugees lead a life with dignity.

Durable Solutions

- UNHCR facilitates the voluntary return of Sri Lankan and Afghan refugees. Between 2002 and 2014, more than 12,000 refugees were repatriated voluntarily to Sri Lanka with the support of UNHCR India. Additionally, about 1,015 Afghan refugees have been voluntarily repatriated to Afghanistan between 2002 and 2014, with UNHCR assistance.
- At the same time, UNHCR is also facilitating the naturalisation of Hindu and Sikh Afghan refugees who want to become Indian citizens. Till today around 776 Afghan refugees of Hindu and Sikh faiths, have acquired Indian citizenship. In addition, UNHCR submits the cases of a few refugees with particularly compelling protection needs for resettlement to a third country.

Celebrity Supporter

Bollywood actor-producer and soccer enthusiast, John Abraham is the UNHCR celebrity supporter for India. He helps in raising awareness and rallies invaluable support for the refugee cause.

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