



KYRGYZ REPUBLIC

FACTSHEET

September 2014

HIGHLIGHTS

50 small-scale projects launched / 110 cases counseled 39 persons/17 cases accepted for resettlement

5,429 undocumented people registered by multifunctional groups

Increased level of emergency preparedness

Population of concern

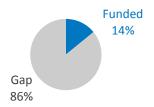
A total of 16,091 people of concern

Refugees and asylum-seekers by country of origin

Country	Total PoC
Afghanistan	578
Iran	15
Syria	92
Uzbekistan	58
Others	9
Total	753
Stateless population	15,338

Funding

USD 6,298,968 requested



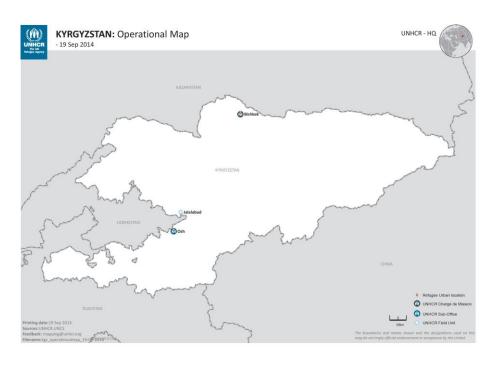
UNHCR Presence

Staff:

27 national staff 5 international staff

Offices:

2 offices located in Bishkek, Osh and 1 Field Unit located in Jalalabad



WORKING WITH PARTNERS

- In protecting refugees and asylum-seekers, UNHCR works closely with government partners, such as the Ministry of Labour, Migration and Youth, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Education and Science, State Border Service, Mandatory Health Insurance Fund, and Office of the Prosecutor General. UNHCR also collaborates with the Institute of Ombudsman, Parliament, Supreme and other courts, Legal Clinic "Adilet", Centre for International Protection, Public Association Counterpart-Sheriktesh, and Crisis Centre "Sezim".
- In the framework of Reduction and Prevention of Statelessness, UNHCR cooperates with the State Registration Service under the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic (SRS), Citizenship Commission under the President of the Kyrgyz Republic, Public Foundation "Fergana Valley Lawyers without Borders", and NGO "Women Entrepreneurs Support Association".
- Ministry of Social Development, Agency for Local Self-Governance and Inter-Ethnic Relations, Foundation for Tolerance International, Public Foundation "Abad", Law Clinic, and Public Foundation "Spravedlivost" are partners within UNHCR's peace building project.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

Protection

- A new electronic database was set up in 2012 at the Ministry of Labor, Migration and Youth Refugee Unit, with the technical support of UNHCR. The database is being used to register new persons seeking asylum in Kyrgyzstan.
- The overall responsibility for Refugee Status Determination (RSD) lies with the Ministry of Labor, Migration and Youth. UNHCR however conducts RSD for a limited number of persons, in case the office determines that a decision of the government authorities was not taken in accordance with international standards. In order to improve and maintain high quality of the state RSD, UNHCR has been providing refugee law training to the state authorities involved in RSD, judiciary, border guards and the police. UNHCR also reviews legal assessments by its legal Implementing Partners and provides its recommendations.

Reduction and Prevention of Statelessness

- In June 2014, UNHCR started implementing a pilot project aimed at reducing and preventing statelessness in Kyrgyzstan. The project is funded by the UNHCR "Solutions Initiative" and is carried out jointly with state and non-governmental partners. The goal of the project is to register and document stateless and undocumented persons in their place of residence. Twenty-eight mobile teams were created, trained, and equipped. They provide legal consultations in remote areas of the country and help beneficiaries file applications for determination of their legal status.
- As of September 2014, 4,757 persons have filed an application through the mobile teams operating in Osh province, Osh city,
 Jalalabad province, and selected districts of Chui province. Almost 600 persons have already received Kyrgyz national passports.

Durable Solutions

- Based on its strategy of combining protection and empowerment, UNHCR continues to work towards the sustainable reintegration of people affected by the June 2010 events and advocating for the reduction of human security threats.
- UNHCR is implementing until end 2014 a peacebuilding project aimed at increasing trust among communities and between
 individuals and authorities. The project, funded by the UN Peacebuilding Fund, focuses on conflict sensitivity and effective
 problem solving within local self-government structures. It includes activities such as legal assistance, implementation of
 community based peacebuilding initiatives, monitoring/analysis and advocacy.
- Kyrgyzstan is one of three pilot countries worldwide for the implementation of the United Nations Secretary-General's Policy Decision on Durable Solutions (No. 2011/20). In 2014, the UN Country Team endorsed a joint Durable Solutions Strategy that will ensure a continued focus of all agencies towards the remaining challenges for those affected by the tragic June 2010 events.

Emergency Preparedness

 UNHCR is working closely with the Ministry of Emergency Situations to raise the level of emergency preparedness. Government stakeholders and UNHCR agreed on a joint contingency plan, which lays out a detailed response mechanism in case of mass refugee influx from neighboring countries.

UNHCR is grateful for the generous contributions of donors who have given unearmarked and broadly earmarked contributions to UNHCR this year as well as the following donors who have directly contributed to the operation:

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