



HIGHLIGHTS

International Protection

The Regional Office is coordinating a region with effort to improve asylum systems and find solutions for refugees.

Statelessness

As of May 2015, mobile registration teams in Kyrgyzstan have resolved 3,160 cases of persons with undetermined nationality, in a 'Seeds for Solutions' project that began in late 2014.

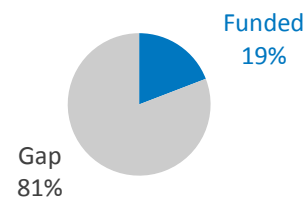
There are **3,301** refugees in Central Asia

By country in the region

Country	Total PoC
Kazakhstan	633
Kyrgyzstan	482
Tajikistan	2,026
Turkmenistan	35
Uzbekistan	125
Total	3,301

*In addition there are estimated 116,000 stateless people under UNHCR's mandate

USD 14,669,605 requested



UNHCR Presence

Staff:

5 national staff
10 international staff

Offices:

Regional Office for Central Asia
located in Almaty, Kazakhstan



WORKING WITH PARTNERS

- A common interest of UN and other agencies working in Central Asia from the regional perspective is the complex population flows towards, within and out of the region and their impact on economic development, security, health and other fields. UNHCR collaborates with the following actors to advocate for keeping asylum space open: in addition to concerned governments, UNHCR works with UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF, WHO, UNODC, OSCE, UN Regional Centre for Preventive Diplomacy for Central Asia, EU, IOM, UNDSS, UNAIDS, OHCHR, OIC, CICA, World Bank, ACTED, Asian Development Bank, ICRC, WFP, and others in the region. UNHCR closely cooperates with the NGOs partners in each country as well as with media and civil society.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

Protection

- The Regional Office (RO) assists UNHCR offices in the region to complete analysis of the data on persons of concern. This allows for designing more targeted interventions for all persons of concern, including those with specific needs and disabilities.
- The Regional Office (RO) assists UNHCR offices in the region to start comprehensive profiling exercise of persons of concern. The information gathered through the exercise will allow to formulate more targeted and sustainable interventions.

Mixed Migration

- UNHCR in Central Asia supports governments with the implementation of the 10 Point Plan of Action on Refugee Protection and Mixed Migration, focusing on data collection and analysis, protection-sensitive entry systems, reception arrangements, mechanisms for profiling and referral, and differentiated processes and procedures.
- UNHCR organized four national workshops on Protection-sensitive Entry Systems and Referral Mechanisms in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Turkmenistan in the framework of a joint UNHCR/IOM project funded by the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration. As a result, recommendations and/or draft instructions on protection-sensitive entry systems and referral mechanisms have been developed for each country.
- UNHCR, along with IOM, support the Almaty Process on Refugee Protection and International Migration: a Regional Consultative Process of the Governments of Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkey, and Turkmenistan. Iran and Pakistan are Observers to the Process. The next Senior Officials Meeting of the Almaty Process is planned for September 2015.

Prevention and Reduction of Statelessness

- Statelessness remains one of the key areas of concern for UNHCR in Central Asia. Many of those who are stateless today have been in this situation for decades, as a result of the dissolution of the Soviet Union. New cases arise due to the lack of safeguards in nationality laws and cross border marriages. There are reported to be more than 100,000 stateless persons in Central Asia in 2015. Significant momentum has been built in the region to prevent and reduce statelessness, with numerous law and policy reform initiatives, group and individual naturalizations, and work towards accessions to the two statelessness Conventions.
- The 'Seed for Solutions' initiatives that are taking place in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan, build on the momentum to eradicate statelessness in the region. These initiatives seek to find durable solutions to statelessness, or where this is not immediately possible, the foundations for these solutions will be laid. While in Turkmenistan, UNHCR continues to support the Government to find solutions for several thousand stateless persons identified in registration exercises between 2007 and 2011.
- UNHCR has increased its staffing in the regional and country offices to bolster efforts to work towards the reduction and prevention of statelessness across the region.

Community Empowerment and Self-Reliance

- The Regional Office provides support to country offices, namely Tajikistan, to formulate livelihoods and self-reliance strategy and action plan; as well as assist Kazakhstan operation to start impact assessment of mini grants projects.

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