



03 May 2018. Khatlon region. Tajikistan – 9-year old Fotima and Zukhro, 7-year-old Bibikhadicha, 5-year-old Beniamin, proudly show their newly-issued birth certificates. With the birth documents they can now go to school and receive medical care. ©UNHCR

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UNHCR IN CENTRAL ASIA

TO PROTECT AND FIND SOLUTIONS
FOR REFUGEES, ASYLUM-SEEKERS
AND STATELESS PERSONS



20 June 2018. Almaty, Kazakhstan – Sohail Khalik, a 10-year-old Afghan refugee boy shares his story at the World Refugee Day event in Almaty. ©UNHCR

ABOUT UNHCR

The office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) was created in 1950, during the aftermath of the Second World War, to help millions of refugees who had fled or lost their homes in Europe. UNHCR now has more than 16,700 staff members working in 138 countries to serve a total of 68.5 millions people who were forcibly displaced and millions of those who do not have any nationality worldwide.

UNHCR IN CENTRAL ASIA

- 📍 The Regional Representation of UNHCR for Central Asia is located in Almaty, the Republic of Kazakhstan.
- 📍 UNHCR has its presence in the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic and the Republic of Tajikistan.
- 📍 The Regional Office coordinates its humanitarian activities in Central Asia, including the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, the Republic of Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and the Republic of Uzbekistan.

POPULATION OF CONCERN

IN CENTRAL ASIA (as of 1 January 2019)

3,600

REFUGEES

While majority of refugees are from Afghanistan, refugees in the Central Asia come from other countries, including Syria.

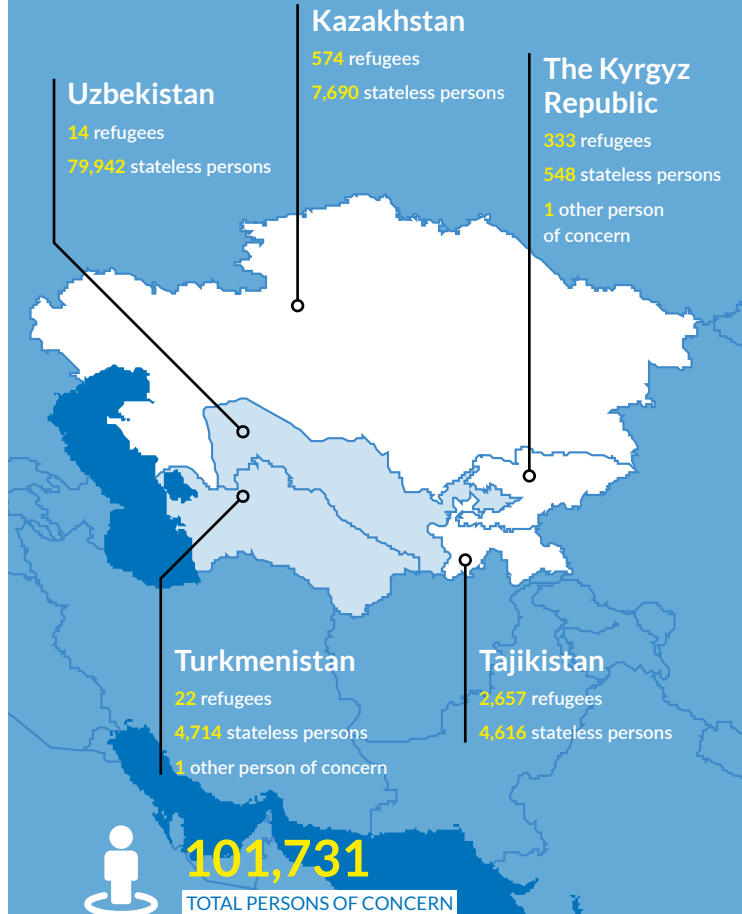
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ASYLUM-SEEKERS

The most stateless people in the region have lost their citizenship and become stateless as a result of the dissolution of the Soviet Union in 1991. However, one may become stateless due to legal and administrative gaps.

97,510

STATELESS PERSONS



12 September 2018. Osh, the Kyrgyz Republic - A former stateless person Zilolahon Karimova, 32, and her little son Azamat Ashuraliev, 10 months, received passports of the Kyrgyz Republic. The new citizens will finally be able to access education, healthcare, legal employment, property ownership, political participation as Kyrgyz citizens. ©UNHCR

UNHCR'S STRATEGIC PRIORITIES IN CENTRAL ASIA FOR 2019-2021

- ✔ **Support Governments to eradicate and prevent statelessness** in Central Asia and ensure that every person in their territories have a nationality
- ✔ **Strengthen partnerships for sustainable asylum systems**, with Governments and asylum authorities, with the UN agencies, civil society and private sectors, in line with the Sustainable Development Goals
- ✔ **Support States and local authorities to develop sustainable local capacities and systems in place to ensure preparedness for emergency response** in case of refugee influxes, other humanitarian situations, and/or combination of them.