

KAZAKHSTAN

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UNHCR works closely with the Government to amend national legislation and procedures aiming at allowing refugees to enjoy the status of permanent residents to [facilitate their durable integration](#).

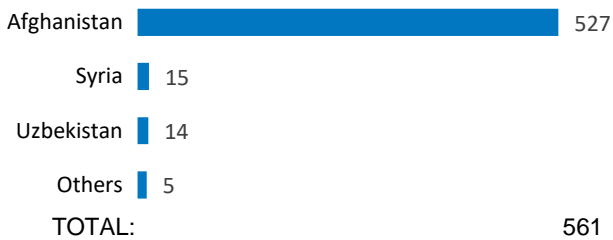
UNHCR assists the State in amending the national legislation to [facilitate the registration of all children at birth and issue birth certificate](#) irrespective of their parents' legal status.

UNHCR assists the government to identify potential stateless persons and advocates for legal reform.

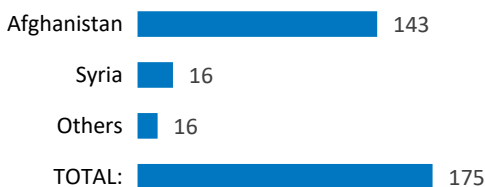
POPULATION OF CONCERN

A total of **8,940** persons of concern

Refugee population by country of origin



Asylum Seekers Population by country of origin



Total stateless population: 8,204*

*7,476 - Stateless persons registered by the Government of Kazakhstan;

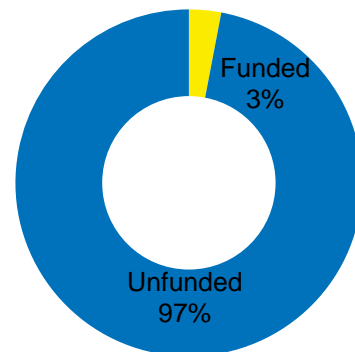
728 - Persons with undetermined nationality registered by UNHCR Partners.

FUNDING (AS OF SEPTEMBER 2018)

USD 5,520,373

requested for the Kazakhstan Regional Office situation

USD 130,974 funded



UNHCR PRESENCE

Staff:

4 National Staff

Offices:

National Office

in Nur-Sultan



Children performance at World Refugee Day 2018.
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Working with Partners

- **Government:** The main interlocutors are the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Internal Affairs, General Prosecutor's Office, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Labor and Social Protection of Population, Ministry of Education, Border Guards Service of the National Security Committee, Kazakhstan Commission on Human Rights, and the Office of the Ombudsman.
- **Partners:** UNHCR works in close partnership with the Kazakhstan International Bureau for Human Rights and the Rule of Law (BHR), the Kazakhstan Red Crescent Society (KRCS), and the Legal Centre for Women's Initiatives "Sana Sezim".
- **Other counterparts:** UNHCR cooperates with UN agencies, international organizations and civil society organizations on issues of mutual interest.

Main Activities

Protection

- **Legal advocacy.** UNHCR advocates with various State agencies for the improved quality of asylum procedures and establishment of well-functioning mechanism of referral of asylum-seekers between the border and migration authorities in compliance with the 1951 Convention and other human rights instruments.
- **Capacity building.** UNHCR conducts capacity-building exercises for various stakeholders, aimed at promoting access to territory and asylum procedures, fostering a common understanding of refugee status determination, and ensuring access to rights for all persons falling under UNHCR mandate. UNHCR participates as an observer in the State Refugee Status Determination Commissions and provides advice on issues related to refugee protection. UNHCR works in close cooperation with the Human Rights Commission to promote resolution of refugee and statelessness issues.
- **Border monitoring and referral mechanism.** UNHCR and its partners conduct border-monitoring missions to observe the admission practices at the borders and raise awareness on the rights of asylum-seekers as provided in the national legislation.
- **Statelessness.** UNHCR conducts capacity-building exercises for Government officials dealing with statelessness and promotes the revision of the national legislation related to citizenship and statelessness to bring it in compliance with international standards. UNHCR and Partners continue to advocate for amendment of the national legislation to ensure that all children are registered immediately after the birth and have legal identity.

Education

- All school-aged persons of concern are enrolled in schools.

Health

- UNHCR and its Partners provide support to ensure that refugees and asylum-seekers have access to healthcare services on the same basis as citizens. Refugees and asylum-seekers registered by the Government have access to healthcare on a par with citizens.

Food Security and Nutrition

- UNHCR Partner provides Multi-purpose Cash Grants to the most vulnerable refugees and asylum-seekers. UNHCR and Partners advocate for inclusion of refugees in the State-run social assistance programmes.

Durable Solutions

- UNHCR Kazakhstan continues its efforts to find solutions to situations of refugees and stateless persons.

Strategic partnership

- The UN Country Team in Kazakhstan promotes the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through a number of events in Kazakhstan. The Government is committed to promoting SDGs on national and sub-national levels.

Financial Information

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