

Tajikistan

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UNHCR supports the Government in developing border management safeguards, **strengthening the national asylum system** and helps refugees to achieve full self-reliance.

UNHCR assisted over 33,062 persons with undetermined nationality to confirm their citizenship and continues to work on **prevention and eradication of statelessness**.

UNHCR leads efforts to strengthen inter-agency **emergency response** capacity to react to refugee influx from Afghanistan

POPULATION OF CONCERN (AS OF JULY 2019)

A total of **11,299** persons of concern

Refugee population by country of origin

Afghanistan		2,279
Ukraine	2	
Iraq	2	
Iran	3	
Uzbekistan	1	

Asylum Seekers – 2,170

Stateless persons – 6,842*

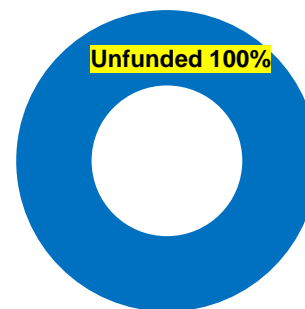
* Including 840 persons officially registered by the State as stateless persons

FUNDING (AS OF JULY 2019)

USD 2,333,462

requested for the Tajikistan situation

USD 0 funded



UNHCR PRESENCE

Staff:

- 7 National Staff
- 2 International Staff
- 5 Affiliated workforce

Offices:

- 1 Country Office in Dushanbe



Working with Partners

- UNHCR is a member of the United Nations Country Team, Development Coordination Council (DCC), Rapid Emergency Assessment and Coordination Team (REACT). Also UNHCR maintains the work of the Inter-Agency Coordination Group with involvement of implementing and operational partners and co-chairs a Working Group on Emergency Preparedness.

Main Activities

Strengthening the National Asylum System

- The Republic of Tajikistan ratified the 1951 Convention and developed national legislation. UNHCR is engaged in advocacy, technical support and capacity-building activities with Government stakeholders to strengthen the quality of the asylum procedure and overall protection environment through work plans developed with the National Center for Legislation, Executive Apparatus of the President and the Office of the Ombudsman.
- UNHCR has signed Memorandum of Understanding with the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Tajikistan to operationalize the Temporary Accommodation Center for asylum seekers as part of its interventions and work with the government to improve reception capacity and ensure access to asylum.

Community Empowerment and Self-Reliance

- UNHCR, the Government, UN and NGO partners work closely to promote refugee self-reliance with a focus on skills training, job placement and small scale business initiatives as well as ensuring unhindered access to basic socio-economic rights, inclusive of education and health. UNHCR and its partners provide legal and limited material assistance to persons of concern at heightened risk, collaborating also with UNDP legal clinics, to ensure access to free legal counselling.

Durable Solutions

- The Tajikistan Operation is engaged in community-based development initiatives that target both refugees and local populations, thereby promoting peaceful co-existence and facilitating local integration of refugees. To achieve this, UNHCR continues to expand its partnerships with private sector. Another new Apprenticeship Program has been established with Auchan hypermarket along with existing programs at Hilton and Serena world-known hotels in Dushanbe.

Addressing Statelessness

- In July 2014, UNHCR, the Government of Tajikistan and civil society partners launched a national project to address statelessness in the Republic of Tajikistan. As of June 2019, 39,031 persons with undetermined nationality have been registered in three target regions of Sughd, Khatlon provinces and Districts of Republican Subordination (DRP). Of this number 33,062 people have had their nationality confirmed.
- Starting from January 2019, UNHCR jointly with the Government and partners expanded identification and solutions exercise to ten new districts of Tajikistan that has quickly revealed a high number of cases of statelessness in the newly expanded areas.
- UNHCR is utilizing the platform of the upcoming 2020 National Census to reveal the scope of statelessness in the country by identifying and registering those with undetermined nationality.
- To prevent and resolve the situation of stateless persons and people of undetermined nationality UNHCR is advocating for legislative changes, including on adoption of the Amnesty Law on Statelessness, revision of the Civil Registration Law and accession to the Statelessness Conventions.

Preparedness for Forced Displacement

- Sitting at the crossroads between Afghanistan and the Fergana Valley – with ongoing instability in Northeastern Afghanistan in vicinity of Tajikistan’s southern border — the Office continues to strengthen its engagement with the Government, UN sister agencies, international organizations and NGO partners on emergency preparedness in the framework of its Inter-Agency Contingency Plan for Refugee Influx.
- UNHCR has provided technical support to the Government to develop a national contingency plan for refugee influx with a focus on Afghanistan. It has also provided relevant capacity building support and procured emergency stocks to strengthen preparedness measures.

Financial Information

SOFTLY EARMARKED CONTRIBUTIONSⁱ | USD

Private donors Australia 8.1 million
Malta | Canada | Private donors

UNEARMARKED CONTRIBUTIONSⁱⁱ | USD

Sweden 99.8 million | Private donors Spain 47.6 million | Norway 44.5 million | Netherlands 37.5 million | United Kingdom 31.7 million | Germany 26.7 million | Denmark 24.4 million | Private donors Republic of Korea 24.1 million | Switzerland 15.1 million | France 14 million | Private donors Japan 12.1 million | Private donors Italy 11.1 million | Ireland 10.2 million

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ⁱⁱ Contributed without restrictions on its use, unearmarked funding allows UNHCR critical flexibility in how best to reach refugees and other populations of concern who are in the greatest need and at the greatest risk. Where a donor has contribution \$10 million or more, the total amount of the contribution is shown.