

The Kyrgyz Republic

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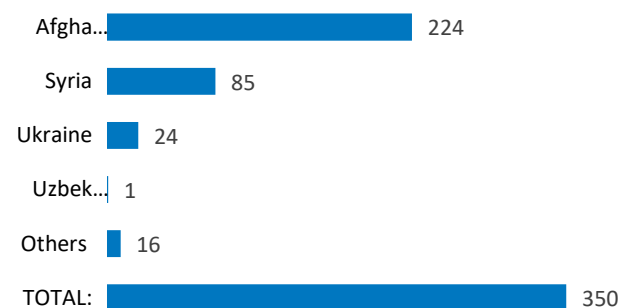
UNHCR supports the efforts of the Government to **strengthen national asylum system, find durable solutions for Persons of Concern** as well as to **prevent statelessness** at country level.

UNHCR focused on **safeguarding the access to territory, appropriate treatment of asylum seekers, institutionalization of the referral mechanisms and improvement of the birth registration legislation.**

UNHCR aims to enhance national asylum system in line with international standards.

POPULATION OF CONCERN (AS OF JULY 2019)

A total of 596 persons of concern
Refugee population by country of origin



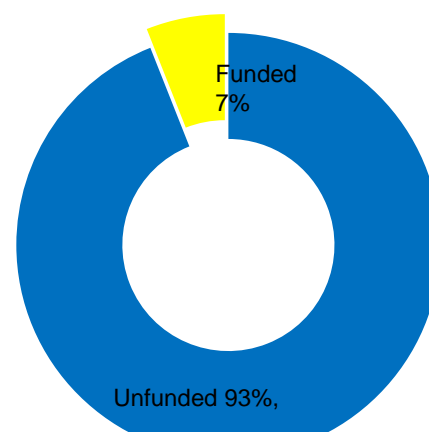
Asylum Seekers - 138

Stateless persons - 108

FUNDING (AS OF JULY 2019)

USD 813,836

requested for the Kyrgyzstan situation



UNHCR PRESENCE

Staff:

6 National Staff

2 Affiliate Workforce

Offices:

National Office in Bishkek,
the Kyrgyz Republic



BISHKEK, Kyrgyzstan. Passport Handover Ceremony to Former Stateless Persons. @Bektur Zhanibekov

Working with Partners

- In protecting refugees and asylum-seekers, UNHCR works closely with government partners, such as the State Migration Service, Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, State Border Service, Mandatory Health Insurance Fund, and the Office of the Prosecutor General. UNHCR also collaborates with the Institute of Ombudsman, Parliament, Supreme Court, Legal Clinic “Adilet” and the Public Fund “Ferghana Valley Lawyers without Borders”.
- In the framework of prevention of statelessness, UNHCR cooperates with the State Registration Service, Ministry of Justice, Citizenship Commission of the President’s Office, Public Foundation “Fergana Valley Lawyers without Borders” and Legal Clinic “Adilet”.
- UNHCR collaborates with UN agencies, international organizations and civil society on issues of mutual interest, including the UN Country Team’s support for the Kyrgyz government to achieve Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Main Activities

Refugee Protection

- UNHCR’s main focus in the Kyrgyz Republic is to support the government in further development of the national asylum system through strengthening the capacity of the competent authorities and local NGOs.
- UNHCR works with the government to ensure access to territory and appropriate treatment of asylum-seekers at the points of entry; to improve quality of the asylum procedure and collaborates with relevant state actors towards institutionalization of the referral mechanism in cases of individual and mass arrivals of refugees.
- UNHCR seeks durable solutions for refugees. In 2018, four Convention refugees received Kyrgyz citizenship. UNHCR promotes solutions for 147 Mandate refugees and their inclusion in the state social services, including health, education and lawful access to employment.
- For capacity building purposes and to improve the overall protection environment, UNHCR provides refugee law training to the state authorities, judiciary, civil society and other stakeholders.

Reduction and Prevention of Statelessness

- Kyrgyzstan is the only country in Central Asia which conducted a country-wide mapping exercise since 2014. As the result, 13,707 stateless persons were identified throughout the country, and as of June 2019 - 108 stateless cases were pending resolution with state entities. UNHCR, together with the Government, NGOs, UN agencies (e.g. UNICEF) and other international organizations continue to support the Government of Kyrgyzstan in improving the national legislation and the administrative framework affecting citizenship, birth registration and statelessness.

Emergency Preparedness

- UNHCR worked closely with the Ministry of Emergency Situations (MoES) and implementing partners to develop and maintain the level of emergency preparedness. UNHCR continues to be actively engaged in the UN Disaster Response Coordination Unit and UN REACT mechanism to ensure that a protection-sensitive approach is incorporated in the UN emergency preparedness efforts.

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