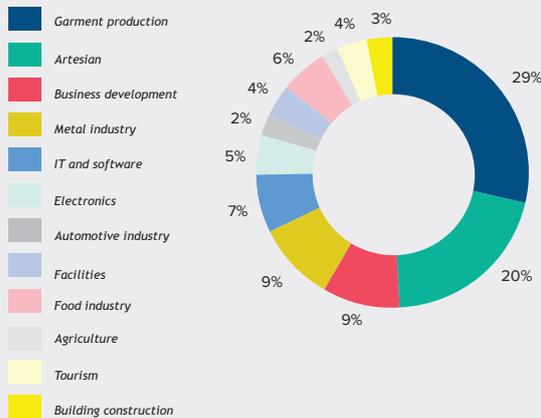


In coordination with the Government of Iran, UNHCR works to promote resilience-building and livelihoods for refugees through support to technical and vocational training, wage-employment and self-employment including the establishment and expansion of businesses for refugees. UNHCR continues to advocate expanding access to income-generating opportunities for refugees including female-headed households. In Iran, male refugees (refugee card holders) aged between 18 and 63 are eligible for Temporary Work Permits (TWP), which are valid for one year and allow them to work primarily in agriculture, construction, and furnacing sectors. Currently, some 87 job categories are authorized for refugees. Meanwhile, many Afghans are engaged as unskilled daily labours in the informal sector. From 2018 to the end of 2022, UNHCR and its partners provided technical and vocational training and income-generating activities to over 11,700 refugees living in 20 provinces across. More than 60 per cent of the participants were from six refugee-hosting provinces, namely Khorasan Razavi, Fars, Esfahan, Kerman, Markazi, and Tehran.

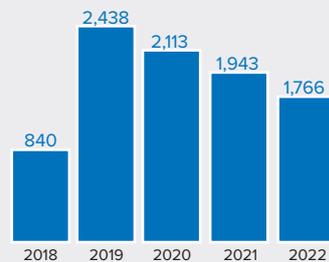
Technical Vocational Training Organization (TVTO)

The key livelihood intervention of UNHCR in Iran is provision of vocational training programmes aimed at enhancing the capacities of Afghan and Iraqi refugees, in partnership with its government partner, the Technical Vocational Training Organization (TVTO). This initiative is geared towards equipping refugees with the necessary skills to address their livelihood needs. From 2018 to the end of 2022, UNHCR supported 9,100 refugees (of whom approx. 30 percent were men and 70 percent women) in 19 provinces. In 2023, under the tripartite partnership agreement, TVTO will provide 836 Afghan and Iraqi beneficiaries with technical and vocational training across 19 provinces

Average Distribution between TVTO Vocational Categories



9,100 Participants through TVTO Classes since 2018

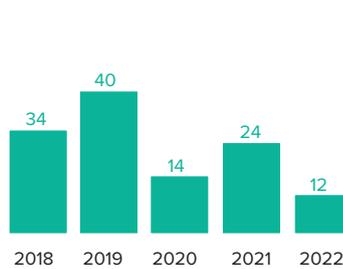


"Abbas, an Afghan refugee who completed the TVTO course, runs the auto-repair shop in Shiraz with his Iranian partner and employs 12 mechanics, 10 of whom are refugees".

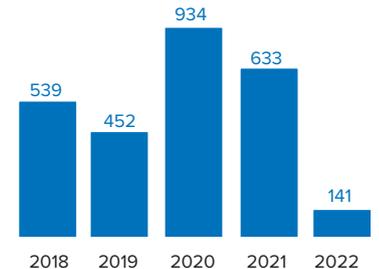
Income-Generating Activities

In addition to building refugees' skills, UNHCR has also supported refugees with income-generating opportunities, which have been implemented mainly through national NGO partners. These interventions included on-the-job training and wage-earning employment, such as garment production, leather crafts making, carpentry, shoemaking, furniture manufacturing, and welding.

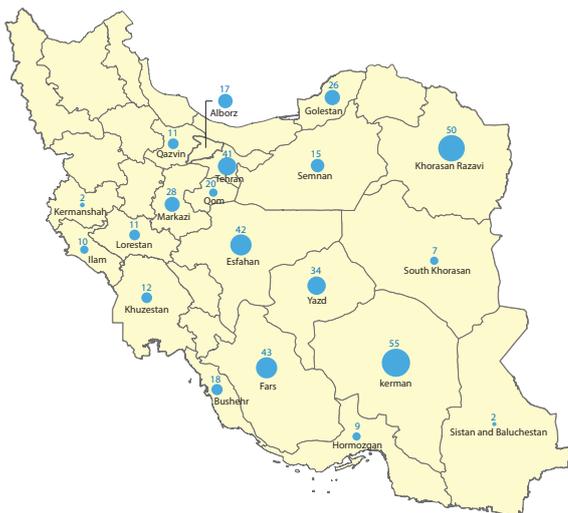
Number of Income-Generating Activities



Number of Participants through Income-Generating Activities



Livelihood Interventions since 2018 by Province



Afghan refugee women attending a tailoring course - Shahr-e Rey, Tehran, 2022



Afghan refugee man attending a welding course - Shahr-e Rey, Tehran, 2022