Jordan

UNHCR registration services are essential for refugees to safeguard their rights and access critical support. ©UNHCR/Shawkat Al Harfoush

Key Refugee Figures

(as of 31 March 2026)

Approximately
420,000
Refugees registered with UNHCR

80%
Refugees in communities

49%
Refugee children

OPERATIONAL CONTEXT

In February, Barham Salih undertook his first official visit to Jordan as the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. During the visit, he reaffirmed UNHCR's commitment to working with the Government, donors, and partners to support refugees and host communities, and to advance long-term solutions. The High Commissioner emphasized that a significant number of refugees are expected to remain in Jordan for the foreseeable future, with many becoming increasingly vulnerable.

In March, UNHCR closed its field office in Irbid after 12 years of serving refugees in northern Jordan. UNHCR maintains presence in the north through a newly established Irbid Field Unit which will continue to provide services to refugees with support from the UNHCR Country Office in Amman.

SOLUTIONS

- From 8 December 2024 until 31 March 2026, nearly **188,500 UNHCR registered refugees returned to Syria**. Return rates remained low during the Ramadan period, with 3,900 and 3,400 refugees returning in February and March respectively, compared to the 4,500 returns in January. The decline in return figures aligns with many refugees' stated intentions to delay their return until after Ramadan or the summer months. More information about the number and profile of refugees returning from Jordan to Syria is available in UNHCR Jordan's returns dashboard, which includes an interactive section on skills and educational background of returnees.
- UNHCR continued **the cash assistance programme and transportation support for voluntary return**. Throughout February-March, UNHCR continued to observe a decline in the number of refugees requesting transportation support, in line with the overall decrease in return movements due to the cold season and following the start of Ramadan.
- In February-March, 191 refugees departed Jordan for **resettlement in other countries.**

PROTECTION

- UNHCR interviewed nearly 45,000 refugees in-person and remotely in February-March to ensure that they have **proper and updated documents** and can access basic services and support, such as education and healthcare. UNHCR's registration and documentation are essential to inform planning and delivery of humanitarian assistance by other actors in the refugee response.
- During the reporting period, UNHCR and its partners **counselled** more than 500 refugees facing risks to their safety and well-being. In addition, UNHCR provided urgent cash assistance to more than 200 families who were unable to meet their basic needs and were experiencing heightened vulnerabilities, such as disability and old age.

HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE

- During the first quarter of 2026, UNHCR provided **basic needs cash assistance** to approximately 13,000 families in host communities.
- In February-March, UNHCR facilitated referrals for more than 1,500 refugees from Azraq and Zaatari camps **to receive vital health care treatment**, such as haemodialysis, emergency obstetric and neonatal care, and organ-saving admissions at affiliated public healthcare facilities outside of the camps.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- UNHCR continued outreach activities to skilled refugees and potential employers in Syria as part of its collaboration with Bayt.com, a leading job and recruitment platform in the Middle East. The partnership aims **to better connect skilled refugees with employers** in Syria and Jordan who are seeking qualified candidates in Syria. As a result of outreach efforts, nearly 5,500 Syrian refugees in Jordan registered on Bayt.com.

Financial Information

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