UNHCR and partners support the Government’s Amnesty Programme, an alternative legal pathway to regularize asylum-seekers in the country. During registration, 12,765 individuals, including asylum-seekers, applied to permanent residence in Belize.

UNHCR provides technical support and capacity development to Government officials, and direct assistance to asylum-seekers.

ACHIEVEMENTS

2,646 people reached out with information

1,549 people assisted with legal counselling

353 vulnerable people assisted financially

1,061 asylum seekers supported in completing documentation

1Refers to the total number of asylum-seekers and other vulnerable groups assisted by UNHCR with information on the Amnesty Programme at partners’ locations and mobile clinics nationwide. 2Total number of individuals supported by UNHCR to cover the costs of documentation, transportation, police records, and medical examinations.

Asylum-seeking applicants to the Government’s Amnesty

Amnesty’s registration phase ended on 31 March 2023. The Refugees Department reported that 737 registered asylum-seekers obtained status letters to complete their applications. UNHCR partners also identified and assisted 324 individuals who sought asylum in Belize but could not successfully lodge their claims.

Asylum-seekers applying for Amnesty

Country of origin of asylum-seeking applicants

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