Tunisia

June 2025

10,683 refugees and asylum-seekers* are registered with UNHCR, most from countries affected by armed conflict and widespread violence.

Among them are people with **urgent protection needs**, including victims of torture, gender-based violence survivors, and unaccompanied children.

In response to the changing context, UNHCR has **adapted its operations** by implementing activities both directly and through partners.

KEY FIGURES

10,683*

forcibly displaced people registered in Tunisia as of 31 March 2025, including 8,108 asylum-seekers and 2,575 refugees.

86%*

of registered individuals originate from countries affected by armed conflict and widespread violence.

1,013

individuals supported with financial assistance in June 2025.

892

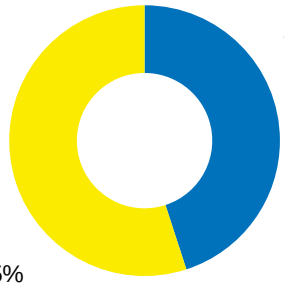
document renewals in June 2025.

** These figures reflect the registered population as of 31 March 2025, based on UNHCR's most recent presence verification exercise. They will be updated following the next verification.*

FUNDING (AS OF 30 JUNE 2025)

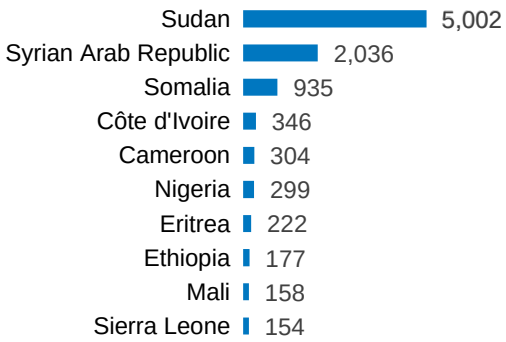
USD $17.3 million

requested for Tunisia in 2025.



REGISTERED POPULATION

Country of origin*



Operational context

At the crossroads of Africa and Europe, Tunisia is exposed to complex movement patterns involving refugees and migrants along the central Mediterranean route. Individuals from Central, West, East, and the Horn of Africa, as well as the Middle East, undertake perilous journeys to reach Tunisia, often encountering significant risks and rights violations throughout their journey.

Among those arriving are particularly vulnerable individuals in need of international protection, including victims of torture, survivors of gender-based violence, individuals with serious medical or psychosocial needs, as well as unaccompanied children. Once in Tunisia, limited access to basic services continues to exacerbate vulnerabilities, particularly for those without family or community support. Worsening economic conditions further compound the situation, increasing the reliance of asylum-seekers and refugees on humanitarian assistance to meet their most basic needs.

UNHCR has adapted its response to the evolving context by taking on the direct implementation of certain activities previously carried out by partners, while continuing to rely on partners for the delivery of other key services. This approach has ensured continued access to critical assistance for registered asylum-seekers and refugees at heightened risk, including healthcare, legal services, case management, safe shelter, and multi-purpose cash support.

Operational response

PROTECTION

- UNHCR continued its efforts to renew cards for registered refugees and asylum-seekers with a total of 892 cards successfully renewed in June 2025. In addition, 11 newborns were registered, and their details were added to the registered parents' file.
- UNHCR conducted vulnerability assessments for 61 registered refugees and asylum-seekers to identify the most appropriate interventions and referrals to existing services and assistance.
- As part of the UNHCR and UNICEF collaboration on case management and mental health and psychosocial for children under UNHCR's mandate, 196 children received case management support in June 2025; 11 additional best interest assessments were initiated by UNICEF.
- UNHCR and its partner provided legal assistance, advice, and consultations to 35 additional refugees and asylum-seekers.

HELPLINE

- In June 2025, UNHCR's helpline service recorded a total of 2,760 communications from 1,239 unique callers, including Sudanese, Syrians, and Somali among the top three nationalities. Helpline assistants provided callers with information, counselling, and orientation to specialized services and assistance.

SAFE SHELTER

- In June 2025, UNHCR hosted a total of 422 refugees and asylum-seekers in UNHCR-run five safe shelters, where they benefited from basic services, including case management, counselling, mental health and psychosocial support, and food assistance.
- UNHCR offered protection initiatives and empowerment programs to people living in the safe shelters, providing access to a range of activities such as language courses, sports, movie screenings, and regular hygiene, health, and mental health awareness sessions.
- UNHCR continued to provide rental and utilities support to the Jdariya temporary safe shelter in the governorate of Medenine, which hosted up to 181 refugees and asylum-seekers in June 2025.

HEALTH

- UNHCR and its partner helped vulnerable refugees and asylum-seekers access health services: 198 cases received in-person or remote medical counseling, 142 cases benefited from hospital accompaniment, and 105 cases had their consultation costs covered.
- UNHCR delivered psychosocial counseling to 35 individuals.

CASH-BASED INTERVENTIONS

- With the endorsement of the Tunisian government, UNHCR continued to implement cash-based interventions, benefiting 1,013 individuals in June 2025. In total, 617 individuals received multipurpose cash support, 232 received cash-for-food assistance, and 164 unaccompanied children received food vouchers.

SELF-RELIANCE

- As part of a pilot initiative to enhance refugees' and asylum-seekers' prospects for third-country solutions, UNHCR partnered with local training centres and institutions in Tunis to provide vocational training. Since the beginning of the year, 52 individuals have successfully completed their training, while 13 are continuing in the program as of June 2025.
- UNHCR and its self-reliance partner continued their efforts to strengthen the resilience of asylum-seekers and refugees. In June, job placements for six individuals were secured and approved by the Tunisian authorities.

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