

Tunisia

August 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.

979

individuals supported with financial assistance in August 2025.

818

UNHCR document renewals in August 2025.

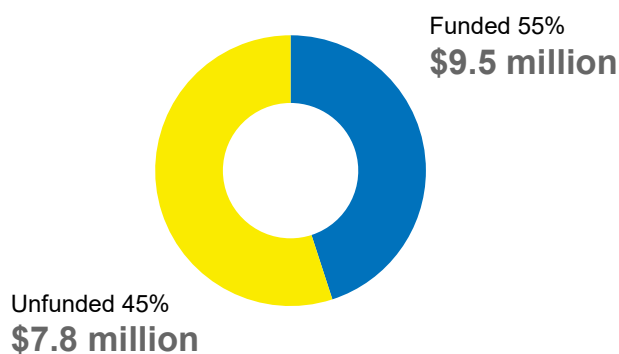
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departures on resettlement in August 2025.

FUNDING (AS OF 31 AUGUST 2025)

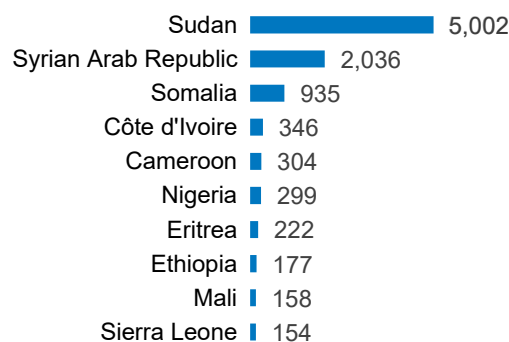
USD \$17.3 million

requested for Tunisia in 2025.



REGISTERED POPULATION

Country of origin*



* 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.

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. The country continues to host asylum-seekers and refugees from Sudan, Syria, Somalia, and various West African countries, many of whom have experienced conflict, persecution, and other protection risks before arrival. Among them are particularly vulnerable individuals, including victims of torture, survivors of gender-based violence, individuals with serious medical or psychosocial needs, as well as unaccompanied children.

In recent years, the operational environment for asylum-seekers and refugees has significantly evolved. Access to protection and essential services has become increasingly limited, exacerbating the situation faced by forcibly displaced populations. UNHCR has adapted its response to the evolving context by maintaining life-saving assistance while reducing certain activities that can no longer be implemented at scale. Since 2024, direct implementation has been pursued for some services, while others continue through national partners, namely the Tunisian Scouts, the Arab Institute of Human Rights (IADH), and the Tunisian Association for Management and Social Stability (TAMSS). This approach has ensured continued delivery of critical assistance for the most vulnerable registered asylum-seekers and refugees, 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 818 cards successfully renewed in August 2025. In addition, 4 newborns were registered, and their details were added to the registered parents' file.
- UNHCR conducted vulnerability assessments for 89 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, 25 best interest assessment were initiated during the month.
- UNHCR and its partner provided legal assistance, advice, and consultations to 13 additional refugees and asylum-seekers.

HELPLINE

- In August 2025, UNHCR's helpline service recorded a total of 3,167 communications from 1,422 unique callers, including Sudanese, Somali and Syrians among the top three nationalities. Helpline assistants provided callers with information, counselling, and orientation to specialized services and assistance.

SAFE SHELTER

- In August 2025, UNHCR hosted a total of 366 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 transitional shelter in the governorate of Medenine, which hosted up to 139 refugees and asylum-seekers in August 2025. Essential food items were also distributed to residents during the month.

HEALTH

- UNHCR and its partner helped vulnerable refugees and asylum-seekers access to national health facilities: 155 in-person and remote medical counselling sessions provided, 218 individuals benefited from accompaniment to health facilities, and 165 cases had their consultation costs covered. To support the national health system and improve access to services for both refugees and host communities, UNHCR, in collaboration with the Ministry of Health and regional authorities, donated two ultrasound machines to hospitals in Medenine and Zarzis.
- UNHCR delivered psychosocial counseling to 91 individuals.

CASH-BASED INTERVENTIONS

- With the endorsement of the Tunisian government, UNHCR continued to implement cash-based interventions, benefiting 979 individuals in August 2025. In total, 587 individuals received multipurpose cash support, 234 received cash-for-food assistance, and 158 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, 64 individuals have successfully completed their training.
- UNHCR and its self-reliance partner continued their efforts to strengthen the resilience of asylum-seekers and refugees. In August, job placements for three individuals were secured and approved by the Tunisian authorities, bringing the total number of approved contracts since the start of the year to 30.

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