

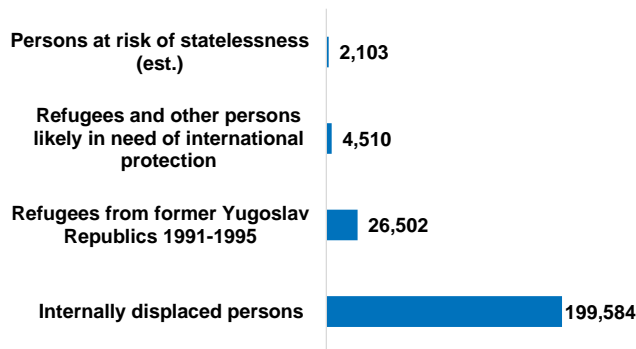
# Serbia

Serbia hosts around **4,500** refugees and migrants who arrived during the European Refugee Situation. Additionally, there are over **26,500** refugees and **199,500** IDPs from the ex- Yugoslavia region, and some **2,100** persons at risk of statelessness.

Persons in need of international protection amongst newly arriving third country nationals (over **16,500** during the last twelve months) are supported in requesting and being granted asylum and local integration. Most displaced from the region have found solutions, while cases and threat of statelessness have been reduced.

UNHCR continues to support the Government in strengthening the national asylum system and in achieving sustainable developmental and institutional protection and solutions interventions.

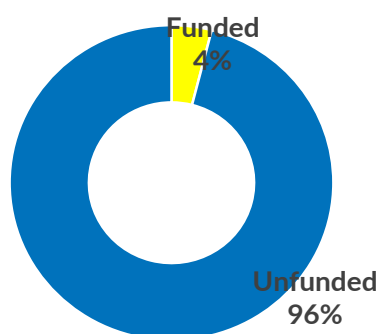
## POPULATION OF CONCERN



**Total:** **232,699**

Source: Ministry of Interior and Serbian Commissariat for Refugees and Migration

## FUNDING -2019 USD 7.3 M



## UNHCR PRESENCE

### Staff:

27 National Staff  
 5 International Staff  
 18 Affiliate Staff  
 Total: 50

### Offices:

UNHCR Representation in Serbia, 64 Bulevar Zorana Đinđića, 11070 Belgrade

### Presence:

CO in Belgrade, FU in South Serbia, regular monitoring presence in five Asylum Centres and 20 other sites accros the country



Refugees graduating from UNHCR funded Serbian language classes @UNHCR, Belgrade, 30 January 2019

## Working with Partners

- UNHCR Serbia enjoys close collaboration with the Ministries of Foreign Affairs, of Labour, Employment, Veteran, and Social Affairs, of Internal Affairs, of Public Administration and Local Self-Government, of Health, with the Serbian Commissariat for Refugees and Migration (SCRM) as well as with local authorities.
- Project Partnership agreements have been concluded with A11, Amity, Belgrade Center for Human Rights (BCHR), Crisis Response and Policy Center (CRPC), Danish Refugee Council (DRC), Humanitarian Center for Integration and Tolerance (HCIT), IDEAS, Indigo – Group for Children and Youth, International Aid Network (IAN), Praxis, Psychosocial Innovation Network (PIN), Sigma Plus and UNDP.
- UNHCR Serbia has forged multi-partners engagement with development partners and international financial institutions supporting the local integration of persons of concern.
- UNHCR and IOM co-chair a Refugee and Migration Theme Group of the UN Country Team

## Main Activities

- UNHCR supports the Government in strengthening the asylum system of Serbia in line with applicable international standards and its EU accession schedule.
- 2015-2016, UNHCR and partners supported the Government of Serbia in addressing the protection and humanitarian needs of over one million refugees, mostly from Syria, who entered Serbia during the European refugee crisis. Humanitarian interventions were discontinued following the lifting of the emergency situation at end 2016. Current activities aim to strengthen the asylum and solutions system, including protection-sensitive migration management. These activities include assistance to accessing asylum procedures and public services, protection monitoring in some 25 sites across the country, Child Protection interventions, SGBV prevention and response, as well as promoting integration opportunities, through CBI, education and employment.
- UNHCR Serbia works closely with authorities and civil society in creating systemic solutions to Roma lacking birth registration and personal documentation and other areas for pledging in the global #IBelong Campaign to end Statelessness by 2024.
- Operationalizing the Global Compact for Refugees, UNHCR Serbia works closely with the Government, the UNCT, development partners, IFIs and other stakeholders to secure the inclusion and improvement of the situation of persons of concern in the nationalisation of Sustainable Development Goals, the UN Development Assistance Framework for Serbia and other developmental processes.

- UNHCR Serbia enjoys effective regular cross-border cooperation with UNHCR teams in neighbouring countries, including Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, FYR Macedonia, Hungary, Montenegro and Romania.
- UNHCR provides legal aid and advocates for solutions for persons displaced from the region and, together with the OSCE, monitors beneficiary selection of the Regional Refugee Housing program (RHP).

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