Tunisia

December 2025

7, 812 refugees and asylum-seekers* are registered with UNHCR, most from countries affected by armed conflict and widespread violence.

Among them are people with **critical 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 national partners.

KEY FIGURES

7,812*

forcibly displaced people registered in Tunisia as of 30 September 2025, including 5,446 asylum-seekers and 2,366 refugees.

94%*

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

930

individuals supported with financial assistance in December 2025.

700

UNHCR document renewals in December 2025.

31

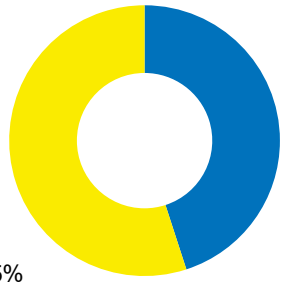
departures on resettlement in December 2025.

** These figures reflect the registered population as of 30 September 2025, based on UNHCR's most recent presence verification exercise. They will be updated following the next verification.*

FUNDING (AS OF 30 NOVEMBER 2025†)

USD $17.3 million

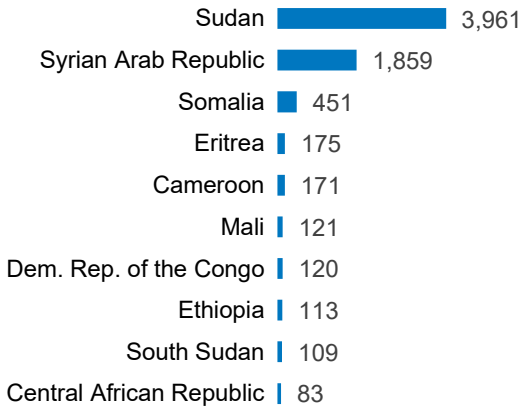
requested for Tunisia in 2025.



† The funding information presented in this update reflects contributions as of 30 November, as UNHCR is finalizing its end-of-year financial review at the time of writing.

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. The country continues to host asylum-seekers and refugees from Sudan, Syria, Somalia, and various West, Central and East 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. 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 700 cards successfully renewed in December 2025. In addition, four newborns were registered, and their details were added to the registered parents' file.
- UNHCR conducted vulnerability assessments for 21 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, four best interest assessment were initiated during the month.
- UNHCR and its partner provided legal assistance, advice, and consultations to 39 additional refugees and asylum-seekers.

HELPLINE

- In December 2025, UNHCR's helpline service recorded a total of 2,559 communications from 1,138 unique callers. Helpline assistants provided callers with information, counselling, and orientation to specialized services and assistance.

SAFE SHELTER

- In December 2025, UNHCR hosted a total of 244 refugees and asylum-seekers, including 128 unaccompanied children, in three UNHCR-run 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 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 Médenine, which hosted up to 123 refugees and asylum-seekers in December 2025.

HEALTH

- UNHCR and its partner helped vulnerable refugees and asylum-seekers access to national health facilities: 103 in-person and remote medical counselling sessions provided, 132 individuals benefited from accompaniment to health facilities, and 187 consultations and admissions were covered.
- To support the national health system, UNHCR donated a set of specialized medical equipment to the hospitals of Ben Guerdane, Zarzis, Médenine, and Djerba. The donation includes equipment enabling less invasive surgical procedures, as well as medical imaging devices used to guide physicians during clinical interventions. This equipment will help improve patient care and strengthen the quality of health services provided, benefiting both refugees and host communities.

CASH-BASED INTERVENTIONS

- With the endorsement of the Tunisian government, UNHCR continued to implement cash-based interventions, benefiting 930 individuals in December 2025. In total, 662 individuals received multipurpose cash support, 140 received cash-for-food assistance, and 128 unaccompanied children received food vouchers.

SELF-RELIANCE

- Since the beginning of the year, 239 individuals have successfully completed their vocational training across accredited fields (welding, building electricity, caregiver, software testing), while eight others were undergoing training in December 2025.
- UNHCR and its self-reliance partner continued their efforts to strengthen the resilience of asylum-seekers and refugees.

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