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Through the Government of Tajikistan's commitment to end statelessness, and with the support of UNHCR and its partner, Fayzinisso and her son have now been recognised as citizens and received identity documents.

Supporting the Government in strengthening the national asylum system and ensuring a favourable protection environment for asylum-seekers and refugees

Supporting the Government in aligning national refugee law with international standards to ensure compliance with global best practices

Working with partners in identifying and documenting people at risk of statelessness, preventing and ending statelessness in Tajikistan.

Key Figures (as of 30 June 2025)

13,591
Refugees and Asylum-Seekers
Refugees (9,917), and asylum-seekers (3,674), mostly from Afghanistan.

4,075
known Stateless people
including 1,582 stateless people reported by the government and 2,493 people with undetermined nationality registered by partners.

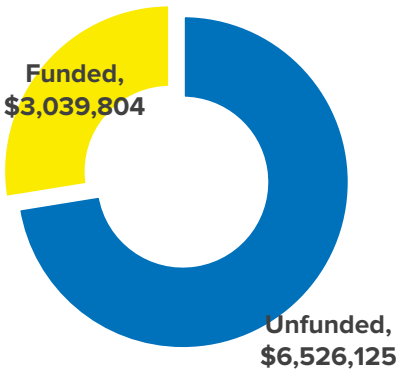
Tajikistan acceded to the 1951 Refugee Convention and its 1967 Protocol in 1993, and has since developed and enacted refugee related legislation and national asylum procedures. Tajikistan has not yet acceded to the 1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons or the 1961 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness.

In 2019, reaffirming its commitment to ending statelessness, authorities in Tajikistan have made four pledges to the objectives of the Global Compact on Refugees.

In 2024, Tajikistan joined the Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan in adopting the Ashgabat Declaration on Ending Statelessness in Central Asia.

The UNHCR National Office Tajikistan is based in Dushanbe.

The Tajikistan operation is coordinated by the UNHCR Representation to Central Asia. In 2025, UNHCR requires $9.6 million to protect refugees, asylum-seekers and stateless people across Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan. As of 31 July 2025, the operations are 32% funded.



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Protecting and Securing Solutions for Refugees and Asylum-Seekers

The vast majority of refugees in Tajikistan are from neighbouring Afghanistan, sharing similar language, culture and religion as the communities hosting them.

UNHCR works with the Government of Tajikistan to strengthen asylum procedures, and ensure a fair and effective referral mechanism from border to responsible authorities so that refugees and asylum-seekers can safely access territory and are not pushed back into danger.

Together with its partners, UNHCR activities include:

- Providing cash assistance to support vulnerable refugees and asylum-seekers to meet their basic needs;
- Providing free legal counselling and social assistance for refugees and asylum-seekers, including ensuring feedback mechanisms;
- Conducting trainings, seminars and workshops to strengthen the capacity of State institutions, civil society, academia, lawyers and other partners on Refugee Status Determination, and application of international refugee and human rights law;
- Advocating alignment of national legislation with the Refugee Convention and international standards, strengthening protection and facilitating local integration of forcibly displaced people.
- Promoting refugee self-reliance through skills training, job placement, and entrepreneurship programmes in collaboration with government, UN, civil society, and private sector actors.

Ending Statelessness

Without legal identity, stateless people often face difficulties accessing basic rights such as education, healthcare, employment and freedom of movement. UNHCR and its partners support the government to identify and document stateless people and people with undetermined nationality, and prevent statelessness from occurring.

In 2023, the government adopted The National Strategy of the Republic of Tajikistan in the field of human rights protection for the period up to 2038. The 2023-2025 Action Plan includes accession to the Statelessness Conventions.

UNHCR advocates for amendments in national legislation to ensure that every child born in Tajikistan is documented at birth, regardless of the parent's legal status and availability of documents, and for accession to the 1954 and 1961 Statelessness Conventions by Tajikistan.

Together with its partners, UNHCR activities include:

- Providing free legal counselling to individuals to help them confirm or acquire nationality;
- Conducting trainings and workshops to strengthen the capacity of State institutions, civil society, academia, lawyers and other partners on Statelessness Determination Procedures and application of international laws and standards;
- Supporting establishment of legal safeguards to reduce and prevent statelessness;
- Building awareness and understanding of the issue of statelessness.

Working with Partners

State partners include the Executive Office of the President, key ministries, the Supreme Court's Judicial Training Center, the Committee of Emergency Situations and Civil defence, the Border Troops Forces, Office of the Human Right Commissioner, and other governmental bodies.

UNHCR collaborates with civil society, including "Inson va Adolat", "Right and Prosperity", and the private sector to provide free legal aid, social assistance, and local integration support.

As part of the UN Country Team and the UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework, UNHCR works with national and international partners to ensure displaced and stateless people are not left behind in Tajikistan's progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals.

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UNHCR maintains email and phone 'hotlines' for anyone in need of information or consultation on refugee and asylum issues. People forced to flee can find key contacts and updated information on help.unhcr.org/centralasia.