Tunisia

March 2026

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 continued adapting **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.

850

individuals supported with financial assistance in March 2026.

532

UNHCR document renewals in March 2026.

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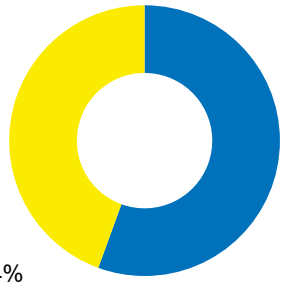
departure on resettlement in March 2026.

** 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 31 MARCH 2026)

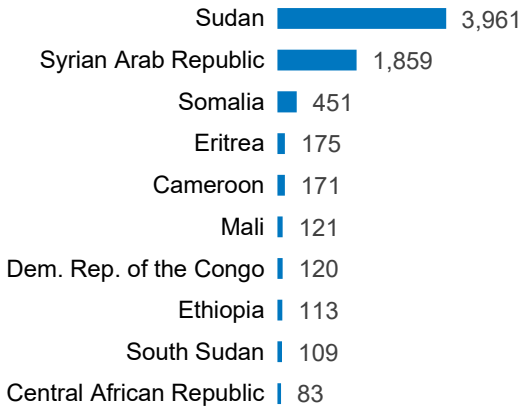
USD $ 8 million

requested for Tunisia in 2026.



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 hosts 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. 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 some essential services has become increasingly limited, exacerbating the vulnerability of forcibly displaced populations. UNHCR has adapted its response to the 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.

Operational response

PROTECTION

- UNHCR continued renewing cards and updating basic biodata for registered refugees and asylum-seekers with a total of 532 cards successfully renewed in March 2026. In addition, three newborns were registered, and their details were added to their parent's registered files.
- UNHCR conducted vulnerability assessments for 45 registered refugees and asylum-seekers to identify the most appropriate interventions and referrals to existing services and assistance.
- UNHCR and its partner provided legal assistance, advice, and consultations to 28 additional refugees and asylum-seekers.

HELPLINE

- In March 2026, UNHCR's helpline service recorded a total of 2,148 communications from 891 unique registered callers. Helpline assistants provided callers with information, counselling, and orientation to specialized services and assistance.

SAFE SHELTER

- In March 2026, UNHCR hosted a total of 239 refugees and asylum-seekers, including 112 unaccompanied children, in three UNHCR-run temporary 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 231 refugees and asylum-seekers in March 2026. A regular monthly in-kind food distribution was also provided to residents of the shelter.

HEALTH

- UNHCR and its partner helped vulnerable refugees and asylum-seekers access to national health facilities, primarily public ones: 193 individual accompaniments to health structures were conducted, 186 consultations and admissions were covered, including 10 for mental health, and an additional seven medical payments were provided.

CASH-BASED INTERVENTIONS

- With the endorsement of the Tunisian government, UNHCR continued to implement cash-based interventions, benefiting 850 individuals in March 2026. In total, 606 individuals received multipurpose cash support, 132 received cash-for-food assistance, and 112 unaccompanied children received food vouchers.

SELF-RELIANCE

- UNHCR and its self-reliance partner continued their efforts to strengthen the resilience of registered asylum-seekers and refugees. During the month, one individual successfully completed his vocational training, while 28 others were still undergoing training at the end of March. Additionally, one job placement, validated by the Ministry of Employment and Vocational Training, was facilitated by UNHCR and its partner during the month.

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