Tunisia

April 2026

7,515 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

7,515*

forcibly displaced people registered in Tunisia as of 30 April 2026, including 5,219 asylum-seekers and 2,296 refugees.

95%*

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

921

individuals supported with financial assistance in April 2026.

798

UNHCR document renewals in April 2026.

20

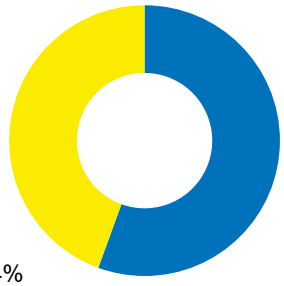
departure on resettlement in April 2026.

** These figures reflect the registered population as of 30 April 2026, based on UNHCR's most recent presence verification exercise. They will be updated following the next verification.*

FUNDING (AS OF 30 APRIL 2026)

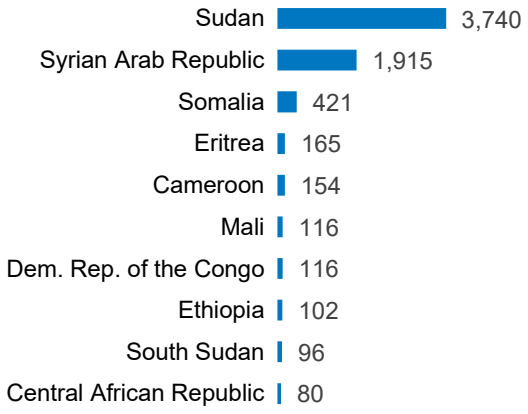
USD $ 8 million

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 798 cards successfully renewed in April 2026. In addition, two newborns were registered, and their details were added to their parent's registered files.
- UNHCR conducted vulnerability assessments for 54 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 20 additional refugees and asylum-seekers.

HELPLINE

- In April 2026, UNHCR's helpline service recorded a total of 2,388 communications from 1 013 unique registered callers. Helpline assistants provided callers with information, counselling, and orientation to specialized services and assistance.

SAFE SHELTER

- In April 2026, UNHCR hosted a total of 233 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 150 refugees and asylum-seekers in April 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: 102 individual accompaniments to health structures were conducted, 102 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 921 individuals in April 2026. In total, 674 individuals received multipurpose cash support, 135 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, four individuals successfully completed their vocational training, while 24 others were still undergoing training at the end of April.

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