

Denmark

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Strategic partner: Denmark is a very important donor to UNHCR's global activities, enabling UNHCR to address humanitarian refugee populations and strengthen building capacity in host countries.

Strong international engagement: Denmark has made important contributions to solution-oriented initiatives engaging the humanitarian-development nexus and participates in UNHCR's resettlement programme.

Solid protection system: Denmark has a well-established national asylum and reception system with an independent appeals body; and engages in comprehensive integration efforts.

POPULATION OF CONCERN

Refugees	37,084
Asylum-seekers	1,852
Stateless people	8,672

TOP THREE COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN

Refugees		Asylum-seekers	
Syria	19,964	Syria	227
Eritrea	5,380	Iran	213
Iran	3,134	Afghanistan	168

Data source: UNHCR 2020 Mid-Year Statistical report and UNHCR [data finder platform](#)

COVID-19 PREVENTION AND RESPONSE

Advocacy: UNHCR regularly monitors developments and is in contact with authorities and partners where needed to ensure that persons of concern are included and mainstreamed in pandemic prevention and response programmes.

Inclusion: Refugees in Denmark are included in the national response and provided with social support and measures to mitigate their unemployment/income loss.

Communication with Communities: UNHCR's legal partner, the Danish Refugee Council has modified its legal aid services to ensure assistance remotely. Other NGO partners also continue their outreach to refugee communities through email and contact lists and groups on social media to provide timely information on COVID-19 in different languages.

HIGHLIGHTS

1,547

asylum-seekers were registered in Denmark in 2020, the lowest number in twenty years.

6th largest donor in 2020

Denmark has significantly increased its support to UNHCR. Denmark's foreign policy objectives include supporting refugees and displaced populations as well as host communities and contributing to orderly migration

Resettlement

Following the suspension of its resettlement programme in 2016, Denmark restarted its programme in 2019 and offered 200 resettlement places in 2020 for the most vulnerable refugees in need of durable solutions.

Statelessness

Denmark is committed to the #IBelong Campaign and contributed to the 2019 ExCom High-Level Segment



UNHCR launches Danish teaching material on refugees

In collaboration with the Danish publisher Alinea, UNHCR has developed a new, [free educational course](#) for schools to provide young people with knowledge and insight into an important yet complex topic.

Key Priorities

- **Advocacy:** UNHCR promotes Denmark's compliance with international and European standards relating to international protection of refugees, including access to protection. UNHCR seeks to support the Government to develop and strengthen national laws and policies in the area of international protection and improve public attitudes towards persons of concern to UNHCR.
- **Asylum procedures:** UNHCR promotes fair and efficient asylum procedures and supports the national asylum authorities in Denmark to continuously improve the asylum system, through quality initiatives and other forms of capacity building.
- **Resettlement and Complementary Pathways:** UNHCR recommends Denmark to gradually increase the Danish resettlement quota and introduce complementary pathways, including work, study visa, community-based sponsorship programs as a demonstration of responsibility sharing and global solidarity for refugee protection.
- **Integration:** The integration of refugees into Danish society is facilitated through comprehensive efforts. UNHCR calls on Denmark to review its current system with short-term permits subject to regular review as this unsettles refugees and hinders their integration.
- **Family reunification:** UNHCR advocates with partners for reducing and removing practical, legal and financial obstacles to family reunification, including the three-year waiting period for beneficiaries of subsidiary protection.

Working with Partners

- UNHCR works with the Ministry of Immigration and Integration, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and the Danish migration authorities to support legal and policy development. With Danish research institutions, civil society actors and local municipalities, UNHCR engages in advocacy efforts and helps foster successful local integration of refugees in Denmark.

- **External Engagement:** UNHCR works with partners to raise awareness on asylum and statelessness issues. During key events, such as the World Refugee Day and the Opinion Festivals, UNHCR promotes the inclusion of refugee voices in the public debate.

Statelessness

- Denmark is a state party to both the 1954 and 1961 Statelessness Conventions.
- UNHCR recommends Denmark to build on the commitment to end statelessness in Denmark by 2024 by establishing a statelessness determination procedure and aligning the Danish Nationality Act with international standards so that all children born stateless in Denmark will acquire citizenship automatically, or as soon as possible after birth.

UNHCR in Nordic and Baltic Countries

Staff:

14 National Staff
 10 International Staff

Offices:

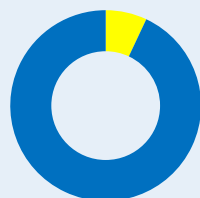
1 Regional Office in Stockholm
 1 Liaison Office in Copenhagen
 1 Liaison Office in Vilnius

Financial information* 28 February 2021

*Information relates to the Representation for the Nordic and Baltic countries, which includes Representation for Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway and Sweden

Financial requirements
USD 4.9 M

Funding gap
 93%
4.6 M



Funded
 7%
0.3 M

UNHCR is grateful to the major donors of unearmarked contributions* to the 2021 global programmes (USD, as of 28 February):

Norway 80 M | Sweden 66.9 M | Netherlands 36.1 M | Denmark 34.6 M | Germany 22.1 M | Switzerland 16.4 M | Ireland 12.5 M | Belgium 11.9 M

*Unearmarked contributions allow UNHCR for critical flexibility in how best to reach populations of concern who are in the greatest need and at the greatest risk. Above are donors of USD 10 million or more