

# Norway

September 2022

Norway has a strong national asylum system and has made **outstanding contributions to international refugee protection globally** over the past decades.

Norway's long-standing resettlement programme and relocation scheme provides a **durable solution for vulnerable asylum-seekers and refugees**.

**As one of the largest donors to UNHCR** and to meet growing needs, Norway is relied upon to increase its generous unearmarked and flexible humanitarian aid.

## POPULATION OF CONCERN as of 30 June 2022\*

Refugees	<b>63,839</b>
Asylum-seekers	<b>4,075</b>
Stateless persons	<b>3,901</b>

## TOP THREE COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN\*

Refugees		Asylum-seekers	
Ukraine	<b>19,916</b>	Ukraine	<b>2,308</b>
Syrian Arab Rep.	<b>15,901</b>	Syrian Arab Rep.	<b>414</b>
Eritrea	<b>10,883</b>	Afghanistan	<b>250</b>

\*Source: UNHCR provisional mid-year 2022 data

## UKRAINE REFUGEE SITUATION RESPONSE

**As of 30 September, 28,492** refugees from Ukraine are currently present in Norway and registered for temporary protection.

**UNHCR response:** Protection monitoring and assessment, including of implementation of the temporary protection framework and dialogue with refugees from Ukraine.

**Essential items and services,** such as housing, food, daily allowance, health care and education are provided by the authorities to newly arrived refugees from Ukraine.

**Support to the most vulnerable:** government and civil society scaled up support to protect children and to prevent gender-based violence.

**Coordination:** UNHCR participates in monitoring and Inter-Agency assessments of the needs of Ukrainian refugees to help inform the government and organizations on how to address these needs.

## HIGHLIGHTS

### Refugee status and protection

718 individuals were granted refugee status or another form of protection from January to August 2022, in addition to 22,841 refugees from Ukraine who were granted temporary collective protection.

### Interpretation

The Interpretation Act which came into force in January 2022, is the first of its kind in Norway on interpretation services in the public sector. The Act implies a duty for public agencies to use qualified interpreters where necessary to ensure the rule of law or to provide proper assistance and services.

### Resettlement

Norway continues to offer a yearly quota of 3,000 resettlement places since 2018 to meet the protection needs of the most vulnerable refugees around the world.

### Statelessness

Norway is a strong supporter of the #IBelong Campaign to End Statelessness by 2024. In the Norwegian Ministerial instructions, safeguards have been introduced to prevent children from being rendered stateless.

## EXHIBITION ON NANSEN'S LEGACY OPENED IN OSLO ON WORLD REFUGEE DAY



On World Refugee Day, an exhibition marking the 100-year anniversary of Norway's Fridtjof Nansen being awarded the Nobel Peace Prize opened at the Nobel Peace Center in Oslo. UNHCR took part in the opening and spoke on the legacy of Fridtjof Nansen in UNHCR Today, read more [here](#).

## Key Priorities

- **Access to territory:** UNHCR recommends Norway to ensure that all asylum-seekers, including those arriving via its northern borders, have effective access to territory by providing minimum procedural safeguards and protection from refoulement.
- **Asylum procedures:** UNHCR promotes access to fair and efficient asylum procedures and maintains ongoing dialogue with relevant government agencies to continuously improve the asylum system, including through quality initiatives and other forms of support. UNHCR recommends Norway to review its removal of the reasonableness criteria from the “internal flight” assessment and its enhanced use of accelerated admissibility procedures.
- **Resettlement and Complementary Pathways:** Norway has assumed a leading role in galvanizing support for the global strategy on resettlement and complementary pathways. UNHCR welcomes that Norway has removed the selection criterion “integration potential”.
- **Integration:** The integration of refugees into Norwegian society is facilitated through comprehensive efforts and an all-of-society approach, including targeted education, inclusive employment policies and tackling segregation. UNHCR recommends that Norway reviews its increased use of the “ceased circumstances” clauses and ensures that refugees do not lose their status without the necessary conditions being in place.
- **Advocacy:** UNHCR promotes Norway’s compliance with international and European standards relating to international protection of refugees. 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.

- **Family reunification:** UNHCR works with the government and other partners to reduce and remove obstacles to family reunification. UNHCR recommends Norway to refrain from imposing a maintenance requirement for refugees to reunite with their families.

## Working with Partners

- UNHCR works with the [Ministry of Justice and Public Security](#), [Ministry of Foreign Affairs](#), and the [Ministry of Education and Research](#) to support legal and policy developments. UNHCR also engages with key stakeholders on legal issues, family reunification and integration.
- **External Engagement:** UNHCR works with partners to raise awareness on asylum, family reunification, integration and statelessness issues. During key events, UNHCR promotes the inclusion of refugee voices in the public debate.

## Statelessness

- Norway has acceded to both Statelessness Conventions.
- UNHCR recommends Norway to introduce a definition of a stateless person in domestic law, establish a statelessness determination procedure and ensure that children born stateless in Norway acquire citizenship automatically, or as soon as possible after birth.

## UNHCR Presence in Nordic and Baltic Countries\*

### Staff:

19 National Staff  
 13 International Staff

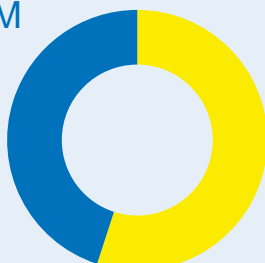
### Offices:

1 Regional Office in Stockholm  
 1 Liaison Office in Vilnius  
 1 Sub Office in Tallinn  
 1 Sub Office in Riga

## Financial information\* (September 2022)

**Financial requirements**  
 USD 11.6 M

**Funding gap**  
 45%  
 5.3 M



**Funded**  
 55%  
 6.3 M

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