

National Office Tajikistan

Supporting the Government to **strengthen the national asylum system** and ensure a **favourable protection environment** for refugees.

Assisting the Government to **enhance emergency preparedness** and **build national capacity** to respond to situations of forced displacement.

Working with partners to **identify and document people** at risk of statelessness, and **prevent and end statelessness** in Tajikistan.



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To enhance the economic inclusion of Afghan refugees, UNHCR and partners create sustainable livelihoods opportunities, such as courses to develop tailoring skills.

Key Figures (as of 01 January 2024)



8,483
Refugees and Asylum-Seekers
Refugees (7,094), and asylum-seekers (1,389), mostly from Afghanistan.



3,827
known Stateless people
including 842 Stateless people registered by the Government, 410 stateless people and 2,575 people with undetermined nationality registered by partners.



In 2024, UNHCR Representation to Central Asia requires \$10.03 million to protect refugees, asylum-seekers and stateless people across Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan. As of 10 July 2024, the operations are 45% funded.

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Protecting and Assisting Refugees

Most refugees in Tajikistan are from Afghanistan, sharing similar language, culture and religion as the communities hosting them.

Tajikistan is a State Party to the [1951 Refugee Convention](#) and its [1967 Protocol](#), and has a Refugee Law and national asylum procedures.

UNHCR works with the government 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.

UNHCR advocates for improvements in national legislation to ensure that all refugees have access to due rights and services, including education, healthcare, and local integration.

Together with the government, UN, Civil Society and private sector partners, UNHCR promotes self-reliance of refugees through skills training, job placement and entrepreneurship initiatives.

Preparing for Emergencies

UNHCR and the Committee of Emergency Situations and Civil Defence of the Republic of Tajikistan co-chair the Refugee Coordination Model for refugee emergency preparedness and response, coordinating with humanitarian and development partners, international financial institutions, and the donor community.

UNHCR supports the Government of Tajikistan to enhance emergency preparedness – including through establishing protection-sensitive conditions for refugee reception and accommodation – and build national capacities for situations of forced displacement.



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.

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Ending Statelessness

Without legal identity, stateless people often have difficulty 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.

Since the 2014 launch of the global [#IBelong Campaign to End Statelessness](#), Tajikistan has assisted over 58,436 people to obtain identity documents.

UNHCR advocates amendments to 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.

In 2023, Tajikistan adopted a 2023-2038 National Human Rights Strategy, and its 2023-2025 Action Plan includes accession to the Statelessness Conventions.

Working with Partners

Government partners include the Ministries of Internal Affairs, Industry, Labour, Health, and Education, as well as the Committee of Emergency Situations and Civil Defence, the Border Guards Service of the State Committee on National Security.

UNHCR works in close partnership with NGOs Inson va Adolat, Right and Prosperity, Chashma, and Refugees, Children and Vulnerable Citizens, to provide legal and social assistance, as well as the private sector in Tajikistan.

As a member of the UN Country Team and the UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework, UNHCR actively participates in fora including the Development Coordination Council, and Rapid Emergency Assessment and Coordination Team, and engages with a wide range of stakeholders to ensure forcibly displaced and stateless people are not left behind in Tajikistan's achievement of the [Sustainable Development Goals](#).