

Denmark

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

International engagement: Denmark is a founding member of UNHCR's ExCom and played a key role in the discussion on the Global Compact on Refugees and the Solutions Alliance.

Solid protection system: Denmark has a well-established national asylum and reception system with an independent appeals body.

POPULATION OF CONCERN*

Refugees	36,718
Asylum-seekers	1,345
Stateless persons	11,655
Total population of concern	49,718

TOP THREE COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN*

	Refugees		Asylum-seekers
Syria	19,878	Syria	281
Eritrea	5,399	Eritrea	203
Iran	3,051	Iran	127

*Data source: UNHCR 2020 Global Trends Report and UNHCR [data finder platform](#)

HIGHLIGHTS

851 asylum-seekers

were registered in Denmark by 31 July 2021, the lowest number in twenty years.

6th largest government donor

to UNHCR and one of the strongest supporters of UNHCR's global operations. Denmark's foreign policy objectives include supporting refugees and displaced populations as well as host communities and contributing to orderly migration.

Statelessness

The UNHCR statelessness mapping study was published in November 2020.

Resettlement

After a three-year hiatus, the programme resumed in 2019 and offered 200 resettlement places in 2020 and 2021 for the most vulnerable refugees in need of durable solutions.

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

DANISH FUNDS ENSURE MUCH NEEDED AID TO CENTRAL AFRICAN REFUGEES



A contribution from Denmark helps UNHCR strengthen the response to the deteriorating situation in the Central African Republic, forcing thousands to flee their homes.

Key Priorities

- **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.
- **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.
- **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.
- **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.

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 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.
- Denmark is committed to the #IBelong Campaign and contributed to the 2019 Ex Com High-Level Segment.

UNHCR in Nordic and Baltic Countries

Staff:

21 National Staff
 10 International Staff

Offices:

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

Financial information (28 September 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
 43%
2.7 M



Funded
 57%
2.8 M

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