

Norway

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

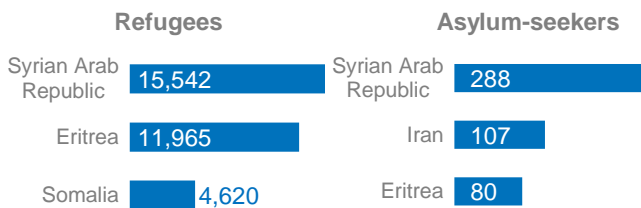
Solidarity: Norway's long-standing resettlement programme and relocation scheme have provided a durable solution for 3,000 vulnerable asylum-seekers and refugees on a yearly basis.

Funding: As one of UNHCR's largest donors, UNHCR relies on Norway's continued generous, unearmarked and flexible support to meet growing humanitarian and development needs.

POPULATION OF CONCERN*

Refugees	47,710
Asylum-seekers	873
Stateless people	4,154
Total population of concern	52,737

TOP THREE COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN*



*Data source: UNHCR 2021 Mid-Year Statistical Report and UNHCR [data finder platform](#)

COVID-19 PREVENTION AND RESPONSE

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

Inclusion: Refugees in Norway are provided with social support and other measures to mitigate their unemployment/income loss. Norway initiated establishment of the UN Trust Fund to assist developing countries with weak health systems address the COVID-19 crisis.

Communication with Communities: UNHCR's partners have modified their services to ensure assistance remotely. NGO partners continue their outreach to refugee communities including on social media to provide timely information on COVID-19 in different languages

HIGHLIGHTS

4,468

Persons granted asylum in Norway in 2021.

51

Vulnerable asylum-seekers arrived in Norway from Greece in 2021, eligible under the EU's relocation scheme, demonstrating solidarity in practice.

3,468

Refugees granted residence in Norway as resettled refugees in 2021. Norway has offered a yearly quota of 3,000 resettlement places since 2018 to meet protection needs of the most vulnerable refugees around the world.

Statelessness

Norway strongly supports the [#IBelong Campaign](#) to eradicate statelessness by 2024 and has introduced safeguards in the Norwegian Ministerial instructions to protect children from being rendered stateless.

NORWAY PROVIDES PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT TO SGBV SURVIVORS



With support from Norway, UNHCR provides vocational training and psychosocial support to survivors of sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. 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 taken a leading role in galvanizing support for the global strategy on resettlement and complementary pathways. UNHCR welcomes that Norway recently 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 Norway to review its increased use of the “ceased circumstances” clauses and 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 the reunification of beneficiaries of international protection.

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 in Nordic and Baltic Countries

Staff:

21 National Staff
 11 International Staff

Offices:

1 Regional Office in Stockholm
 1 Liaison Office in Vilnius
 1 Liaison Unit in Copenhagen
 1 Liaison person in Riga

Financial information (22 February 2022)

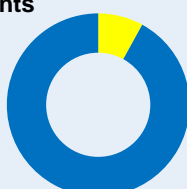
Information relates to the Representation for the Nordic and Baltic countries, which includes Representation for Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway and Sweden

Financial requirements

USD 5.6 M

**Funding gap
92%**

5.2 M



**Funded
8%**

0.4 M

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