

Liechtenstein

September 2022

The Principality of Liechtenstein regularly provides **financial support** to UNHCR.

Most asylum applications in Liechtenstein are rejected as inadmissible. This is largely since Liechtenstein participates in the Dublin system and many applicants come from **safe countries of origin**.

UNHCR **promotes the integration and inclusion** of persons of concern into Liechtenstein's rural communities.

POPULATION OF CONCERN as of 30 June 2022*

Refugees	504
Asylum-seekers	58

TOP THREE COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN*

Refugees		Asylum-seekers	
Ukraine	280	Morocco	9
Syrian Arab Rep.	65	Sudan	9
China	54	Russian Federation	5

*Source: UNHCR provisional mid-year 2022 data

UKRAINE REFUGEE SITUATION RESPONSE

As of 30 September, 314 refugees from Ukraine are currently present in Liechtenstein and registered for temporary protection.

Protection: Relevant information is available to refugees from Ukraine by phone and through a dedicated section on the Office for Switzerland and Liechtenstein (OSL) [Help page](#). The information has been continuously updated since March and has been translated to Russian and Ukrainian.

Monitoring: To identify issues of concern to refugees from Ukraine, OSL is in continuous exchange with authorities from Liechtenstein and plans a monitoring field visit by the end of this year.

Advocacy: In March, OSL issued a [statement](#) welcoming the application of the temporary protection status and issuing recommendations.

HIGHLIGHTS

8th Swiss Asylum Symposium

Around 350 persons, including participants from Liechtenstein's civil society, attended the 8th Swiss Asylum Symposium, on May 19-20 in Bern. The topic of this year's Symposium was "Access to protection for refugees - challenges, perspectives, solutions".

Community mapping

The mapping of the refugee communities active in Switzerland and Liechtenstein continued in spring 2022. UNHCR established contact with one community active in Liechtenstein that was identified to collect information. The Refugee Outreach Coordinator leading this project has also reached out to 40 Refugee-led Organizations (RLOs) and collected their detailed data through a survey. A mapping report will be published by the end of the year.

LAUNCH OF A REFUGEE TEAM



OSL officially launched the Swiss and Liechtenstein Refugee Team on World Refugee Day. The group composed of 7 members, is intended to enable refugees to participate in the decision-making processes and projects of the UNHCR office for Switzerland and Liechtenstein. More information ([in French](#) and [in German](#)).

Key Priorities

- **Asylum procedures:** UNHCR continuously advocates for an asylum procedure that is fair and efficient and for removing admissibility criteria not in line with international law.
- **Solutions/Integration:** UNHCR advocates for introducing of a subsidiary protection status with rights aligned to those of refugees. In addition, OSL monitors implementation of the new integration strategy.
- **Resettlement and complementary pathways:** Liechtenstein offered in October 2013 to resettle one Syrian family from Jordan. Based on the success of this resettlement case, Liechtenstein accepted five additional families in February 2015, who arrived in three groups between July and September 2015. Due to the rising number of asylum applications in 2015 (150 compared to 65 in 2014, significantly above the five-year average of 83) and Liechtenstein's participation in the EU relocation programme, Liechtenstein has not accepted any new resettlement cases since. In the context of the Solidarity Platform for refugees from the Ukraine, Liechtenstein has pledged to welcome 20 people transiting Moldova. Thus far, three refugees from Ukraine have been welcomed in Liechtenstein.
- **Community empowerment and self-reliance:** UNHCR is advocating introduction of community-based approaches and issued an information booklet for this purpose.
- **Advocacy:** UNHCR is **advocating** a fair and efficient asylum procedure, the introduction of a subsidiary protection status and an effective integration strategy.

Working with Partners

- **Regular contacts:** UNHCR maintains regular contact with all relevant governmental entities, the courts and civil society actors such as the Liechtenstein Refugee Council and the Liechtenstein Human Rights Association.
- **External engagement:** OSL's external engagement aims at fostering public awareness of the importance of refugee protection, the need for resettlement places and the improvement of the legal framework.

Statelessness

- In 2009, Liechtenstein acceded to both the 1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons and the 1961 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness. However, there is no specific procedure for the recognition of statelessness. Although law provides stateless persons, recognized as such, with the right to travel documents, it does not result in a residence title.

UNHCR Presence in Liechtenstein

There is no UNHCR presence in the Principality of Liechtenstein. It is covered by the Country Office for Switzerland and Liechtenstein, based in Bern, Switzerland.

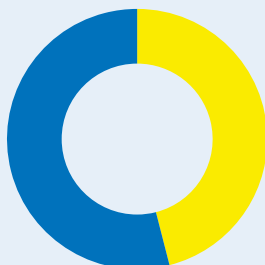
Financial information* (September 2022)

*Information relates to the Representations for Austria and to the European Institutions in Strasbourg, to the Office for Switzerland and Liechtenstein (OSL), the Liaison Office in Vienna and the presence in Portugal.

Financial requirements

USD 5.3 M

Funding gap
54%
2.9 M



Funded
46%
2.4 M

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