

# Russian Federation

May 2022

**Presence:** The UN Refugee Agency has been working in the Russian Federation (RF) since 1992. It currently operates through a Country Office located in Moscow.

**Legal Framework:** The Russian Federation is party to the 1951 Refugee Convention and its 1967 Protocol. The national refugee law was adopted in 1993.

As of 31 March 2022, **304 refugees**, **13,717 temporary asylum (TA) status holders** and **5,833 asylum-seekers** from 70 countries were registered by the Russian Ministry of the Interior (MOI).

*Statistics are updated quarterly*

## KEY FIGURES

**1,041,095**

refugees and displaced persons from Donetsk, Luhansk and other regions of Ukraine arrived in Russia from 24 February to 31 May 2022

**43,800**

refugees and displaced persons arriving from Donetsk, Luhansk and other regions of Ukraine in Russia received medical assistance as of 31 May 2022

**26,471**

cases were assisted by 237 psychologists as of 31 May 2022

**23,496**

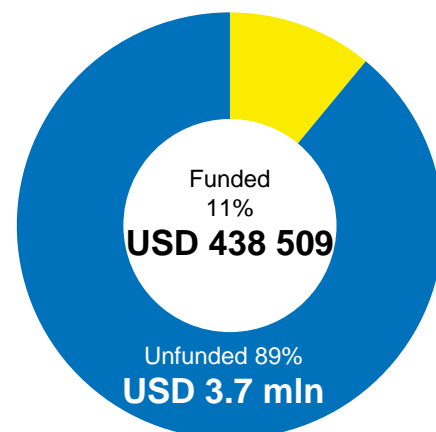
SIM-cards of various mobile operators were issued free of charge as of 31 May 2022

*\*Source: EMERCOM of Russia*

## FUNDING (AS OF 31 MAY 2022)

**USD 4.1 million**

requested for the operation in Russia



CO Moscow made a presentation during the Session of CIS IPA's Permanent Commission on Political Issues and International Cooperation (online). 19 May 2022 © IPA-CIS



CO Moscow participated in a roundtable on career prospects for students of two major Russian universities. 20 May 2022 © MGIMO University

## Highlights

- The Ministry of the Russian Federation for Civil Defense, Emergency Situations and Elimination of Consequences of Natural Disasters – EMERCOM of Russia – which has been designated as focal point for organizing assistance and accommodating the newly arriving refugees and displaced persons from Ukraine, has prepared temporary accommodation points (TAPs) in 85 regions of the Russian Federation. 1417 TAPs with a total capacity of more than 95,146 people have been prepared in the country.
- On 4 May 2022, CO Moscow participated in an online meeting organized by the “New Teacher Foundation for the Development and Support of Education” (“Teacher for Russia” programme) on the aspect of working with refugee children in Russia. The meeting was attended by NGOs that have been assisting refugees for a long time, as well as organizations that have just joined this field of activity due to the crisis in Ukraine. UNHCR Russia presented its main activities and shared information resources and materials. The participants (“Rybakov Fund”, “Shalash Fund”, “Big Break Fund”, the Center of Tolerance, the Russian Red Cross, “Teacher for Russia”) spoke about their projects related to the topic of displacement, as well as shared information about their challenges.
- On 13 May 2022, CO Moscow announced the start of enrolment in the DAFI (Albert Einstein German Academic Refugee Initiative) scholarship programme for 2022-2023 year. The news was shared on [UNHCR Russia platforms](#), with partners and media outlets. All applying candidates are provided with consultations by CO Moscow. At the moment, 17 refugee students are enrolled in universities and colleges with the support of UNHCR/DAFI. This year six more students will be identified.
- On 17 May 2022, Russia’s Ministry of the Interior decided to lift restrictions on entry into the territory of Russia in relation to more than 3,000 persons from Donetsk, Luhansk, and other regions of Ukraine. This concerns people who had committed two or more administrative offenses of a minor nature, or who had violated the period of stay in Russia.
- On 19 May 2022, the Russian government issued amendments to its Regulation of 31 October 2014 #1134 and established free of charge medical examination for all Ukrainians applying for temporary asylum and refugee status. This provision, however, does not apply to those who pursue other statuses, such as temporary residence permits, and residence permits.
- On 19 May 2022, CO Moscow participated in the Session of CIS Inter-Parliamentary Assembly’s Permanent Commission on Political Issues and International Cooperation. Upon the invitation of IPA-CIS, UNHCR Russia presented the activities in the country.
- On 20 May 2022, CO Moscow made a presentation on UNHCR mandate and activities worldwide. The presentation and subsequent discussion were part of a programme of interuniversity academic mobility of Moscow State Institute of International Relations (MGIMO University) and Kazan (Volga Region) Federal University (KFU). About 20 students studying “International Relations”, “Law”, “Linguistics” participated in the event.
- On 25 May 2022, the EU Delegation in Moscow invited the Representative for a briefing to EU diplomatic missions on Ukrainian refugees. The Representative briefed the audience on cooperation between UNHCR and concerned authorities to protect the most vulnerable refugees and displaced persons such as women and children from risks of abuse, exploitation, GBV and human trafficking.
- On 26 May 2022, UNHCR Russia Representative, Mr. Karim Atassi met with the President of the Russian Red Cross (RRC), Mr. Pavel Savchuk. Monitoring activities were discussed regarding the UNHCR-RRC project, as well as joint missions to the regions which host refugees and displaced persons at TAPs.

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