

# Denmark

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

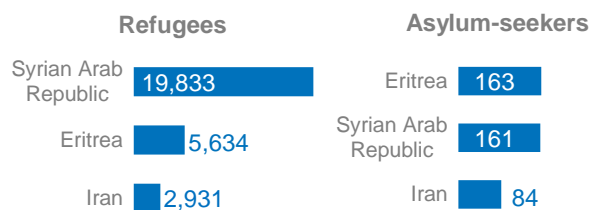
**International engagement:** Denmark is a founding member of UNHCR's ExCom and played a key role in the discussion on the Global Compact on Refugees and the Solutions Alliance.

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

## POPULATION OF CONCERN\*

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|-----------------------------|---------------|
| Refugees                    | <b>36,431</b> |
| Asylum-seekers              | <b>844</b>    |
| Stateless persons           | <b>11,608</b> |
| Total population of concern | <b>48,883</b> |

## 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 where needed to ensure 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 other measures to mitigate pandemic-related income loss

**Communication with Communities:** UNHCR's legal partner the Danish Refugee Council modified its legal aid services to ensure assistance continued remotely. Other NGO partners also engage in ongoing outreach to refugee communities through email, social media groups, and other channels to provide timely information on COVID-19 in different languages.

## HIGHLIGHTS

### International Protection

Of the 2,095 registered asylum-seekers in 2021, 1,092 were granted international protection at first instance, including refugee status and subsidiary forms of protection

### Longstanding support

Denmark is the sixth largest government donor to UNHCR and one of the strongest supporters of UNHCR's operations around the world. Denmark's foreign policy objectives include supporting refugees, displaced populations and host communities and contributing to orderly migration.

### Resettlement

Denmark restarted its programme in 2019 following its suspension in 2016. Denmark currently offers 200 resettlement places on a yearly basis for the most vulnerable refugees in need of durable solutions.

## UNHCR'S LEGAL PARTNER THE DANISH REFUGEE COUNCIL



Danish funding helps UNHCR provide protection and support in one of the world's fastest growing displacement crises. Read more [here](#).

## 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. UNHCR has called on Denmark not to pursue its plans to externalize its responsibilities under the 1951 Convention to a third country.
- **Family reunification:** UNHCR advocates with partners for reducing and removing practical, legal and financial obstacles to family reunification.
- **Resettlement and complementary pathways:** UNHCR recommends Denmark to gradually increase the Danish resettlement quota and introduce complementary pathways, including work, study visa, and community-based sponsorship programs as a demonstration of responsibility-sharing and global solidarity for refugee protection.
- **Integration:** There are comprehensive efforts ongoing to facilitate the integration of refugees into Danish society. UNHCR continues to call 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 [High-Level Segment on Statelessness](#).

## UNHCR in Nordic and Baltic Countries

### S 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

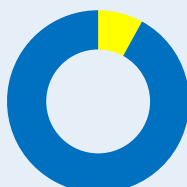
## Financial information (22 February 2022)

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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