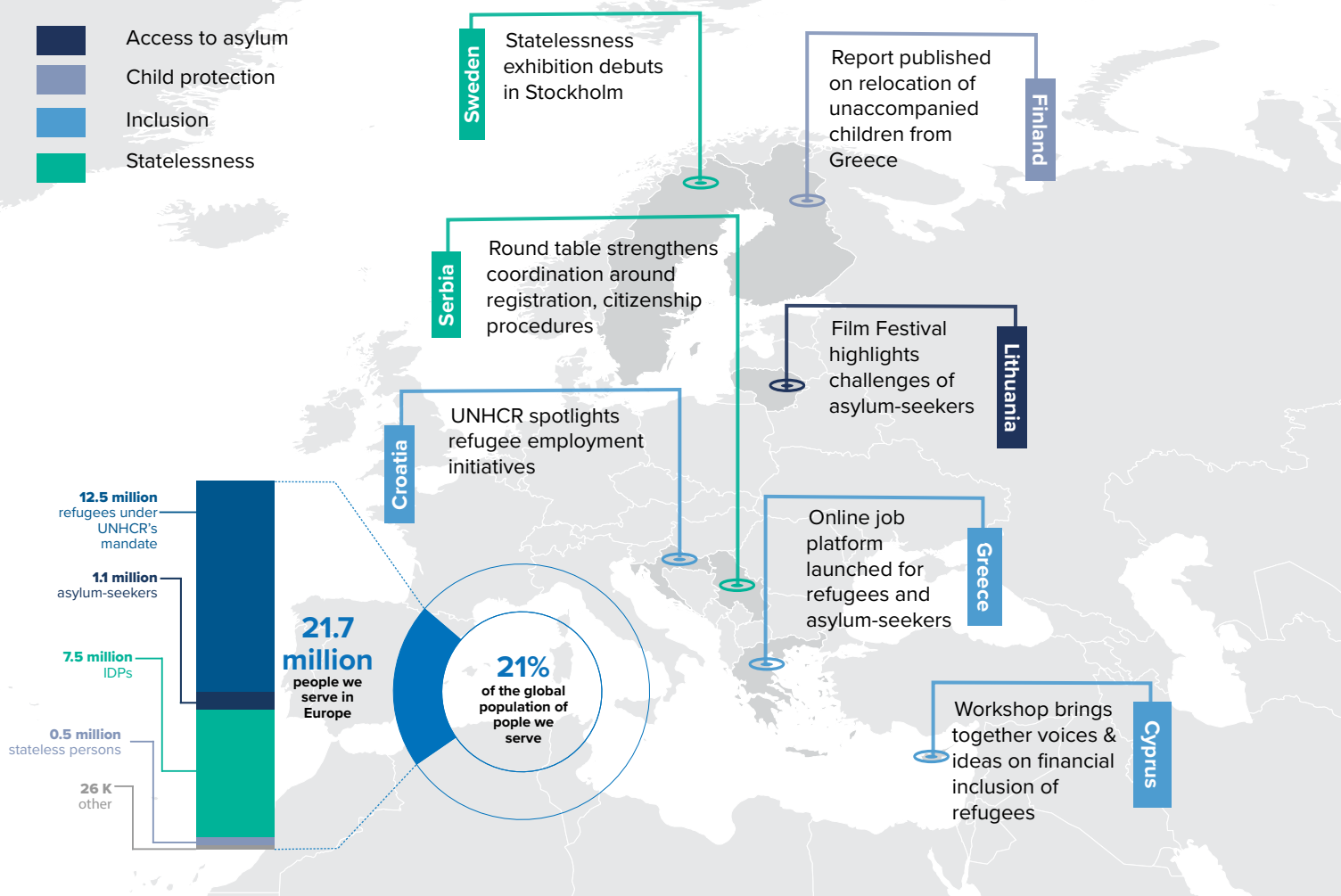


AT A GLANCE

- Access to asylum
- Child protection
- Inclusion
- Statelessness



Source: UNHCR [data finder platform](#) and mid-year statistics data as of 30 June 2022. The boundaries and names shown, and the designations used on this map do not imply official endorsement or acceptance by the United Nations.

ARRIVALS AND DISPLACED POPULATIONS: KEY FIGURES AND TRENDS

UKRAINE SITUATION

7,777,421 refugees from Ukraine were recorded across Europe as of end October 2022 and some 4.5 million refugees had registered for temporary protection or similar national protection schemes in Europe.¹ An estimated 6.5 million persons were displaced inside the country at the end of October, an increase of nearly 240,000 people from the previous month.²

MEDITERRANEAN AND NORTHWEST AFRICAN MARITIME ROUTES

131,000 refugees and migrants arrived in Europe via the three Mediterranean and Northwest African maritime routes since the beginning of 2022, a 33 per cent increase compared to the same period in 2021. As of 31 October, 2,221 people have been reported dead or missing in 2022 on the three Mediterranean and the Northwest African maritime routes.

SOUTH EASTERN EUROPE

31,400 persons have arrived in or transited through the sub-region so far in 2022, 20% more than in the same period in 2021. In October 2022 **4,900** persons arrived in or transited through the subregion as part of mixed refugee and migrant movements, 12% less than last month.

TÜRKİYE

Türkiye hosts the world's largest refugee population with over **3.7 million** Syrians under temporary protection and over 330,000 refugees and asylum-seekers under international protection.³

1. [Operational Data Portal for the Ukraine Refugee Situation](#)
 2. [IOM, Ukraine Internal Displacement Report, 27 October 2022](#) IOM, [Ukraine Internal Displacement Report, 27 October 2022](#)
 3. For more information, please see the [UNHCR Türkiye February 2022 bi-annual fact sheet](#)

UKRAINE SITUATION



- Within Ukraine, humanitarian needs continued to grow as a result of the series of attacks on energy networks that started on 10 October. The winter response remained a top priority and UNHCR reached over half a million people with winter-specific assistance by the end of October, over 50 per cent of the winter response target.
- Another top priority was the continued delivery of critical aid to communities living in recently accessible areas, where delivery of humanitarian assistance remained complicated due to landmines and explosive remnants. Throughout the month, UNHCR and partners delivered essential items, such as hygiene kits, solar lamps, and emergency shelter kits to help with quick repairs of homes damaged by shelling. In addition, UNHCR contributed to inter-agency humanitarian convoys with non-food items for over 10,000 people in several newly accessible oblasts.
- UNHCR, as lead of the inter-agency refugee response, continued prioritizing critical protection and humanitarian assistance for refugees in the region, including winter-related support so they can meet their basic needs amid rising living costs and harsh weather conditions. By end October, UNHCR had reached over 430,000 people with cash assistance in Bulgaria, Poland, the Republic of Moldova, Romania and Slovakia. This includes individuals reached with multi-purpose cash assistance, as well as vulnerable individuals identified for targeted cash for protection assistance. Jointly with UNICEF and local partners UNHCR also continued operating 37 Blue Dot safe spaces providing refugees with critical protection information and services in Bulgaria, Hungary, Italy, Moldova, Poland, Romania and Slovakia

500,000

individuals reached with UNHCR winter-specific assistance in Ukraine



430,000 people reached with UNHCR cash assistance in Bulgaria, Moldova, Poland, Romania and Slovakia

ACCESS TO ASYLUM

- **Iceland:** Following changes to the legal aid system in Iceland in early 2022 that now permit any lawyer to register to take on asylum cases, creating a lawyer's network has been a priority in Iceland to ensure quality legal representation. To this end, UNHCR met with the Icelandic Red Cross and the Finnish Refugee Advice Centre in October to initiate creating and training a lawyer's network in Iceland modelled on good practices in Finland.
- **Lithuania:** At the human rights-focused Inconvenient Film Festival in Vilnius, UNHCR participated in a dialogue session on access to territory and reception of asylum-seekers in Lithuania. In the interactive discussion, UNHCR reiterated the call for access to territory and dignified reception of all asylum-seekers and refugees in the country.
- **Netherlands** On 14 October, UNHCR organised a roundtable for specialized lawyers working on asylum cases to exchange ideas, discuss priority issues to focus on to strengthen the Dutch asylum procedure and family reunification process, and identify areas UNHCR and the community of Dutch asylum lawyer can make an impact on together.

CHILD PROTECTION

- **Finland:** On 13 October, UNHCR and Save the Children Finland published a [joint report](#) and [press release](#) on the relocation of unaccompanied children from Greece to Finland. The report is based on findings from interviews with immigration authorities and reception centre staff, as well as focus group discussions with the relocated children. Several recommendations are put forward for Finland on the reception of unaccompanied children and continuation of relocations as part of EU solidarity mechanisms. The report will also feed into advocacy around solidarity mechanisms and future relocation initiatives.



15
countries in Europe have a statelessness determination procedure in place

- Regional Consultation on Statelessness:** UNHCR hosted a regional consultation on the identification of stateless people and statelessness determination procedures (SDPs) on 20 - 21 October in Madrid, to further galvanize efforts towards the protection of stateless persons in Europe. The consultations brought together some 40 Government experts from 31 European countries and provided a platform to share experiences and good practices on identifying and protecting stateless persons, including those of migratory or refugees background. The level of engagement in the event was unprecedented, with both European Union (EU) and non-EU countries participating. It demonstrated the sustained commitment of European States towards addressing statelessness, also illustrated by the pledges made at the High-Level Segment on Statelessness in 2019. Of the 28 countries globally that currently have statelessness determination procedures in place, 15 are in Europe; the number in Europe has nearly doubled since the 2014 launch of UNHCR's #IBelong Campaign.
- Croatia:** On 13 and 24 October, in partnership with the Ministry of the Interior (MOI), UNHCR organized two trainings on statelessness for sixteen MOI staff working on citizenship-related issues in Sisak-Moslavina and Vukovar-Srijem counties, which host the largest populations of stateless persons and persons at risk of statelessness in the country. The trainings discussed the concept of nationality under international law, as well as national legislation regulating statelessness, and context-specific case study exercises.
- Serbia:** A roundtable for 60 registrars, police officers, social workers and legal aid providers from Vojvodina was organised in Novi Sad on 13 October by the UNHCR, the Ministry of Public Administration and Local Self-Government (MPALSG) and the Ombudsman's Office. The event focused on improving coordination of local stakeholders in registering births, support to acquisition of citizenship and registering residence. It took place within the framework of a tripartite Statelessness Memorandum of Understanding among the aforementioned partners, and the global #IBelong campaign.
- Sweden:** On 24 October, UNHCR together with the Swedish Organization Against Statelessness launched the exhibition "We Belong: Global Faces of Statelessness" with 20 portraits of stateless and formerly stateless persons at the People's University, with thousands of visitors on a daily basis. The purpose of the exhibition was to spread awareness about statelessness as a global challenge and highlight its human consequences.



Participants at UNHCR Regional consultation on 'Good Practices on Identification and Protection of Stateless Persons in Europe', Madrid, 20-21 October.

© UNHCR/Valeriia Cherednichenko

- Croatia:** At the invitation of the Croatian Government, UNHCR hosted a panel on refugee employment as part of the high-level international conference, 'Integration of Persons Granted International Protection – transfer of good practices at European and global level'. The Conference brought together some 200 key stakeholders from Croatia, the European Commission, the Council of Europe, and EU Member States to discuss best practices on refugee integration. The UNHCR panel held on 14 October focused on how to work with the private sector to help refugees find employment and featured the IKEA-UNHCR local partnership widely recognized as a best practice, as well as ways UNHCR and the Government support refugee employment. In a separate panel, UNHCR presented its [municipal toolkit](#), Effective Inclusion of Refugees: participatory approaches for practitioners at the local level, developed jointly with the Migration Policy Group.
- Cyprus:** UNHCR held a Financial Inclusion Workshop on 14 October in Nicosia to present the challenges faced by refugees who are or aspire to be entrepreneurs, as well as establish linkages, share good practices and identify and address access barriers to financial inclusion. The event served to raise awareness among financial service providers (FSPs) and relevant public services on financial inclusion needs and challenges faced by asylum-seekers and refugees. Refugee entrepreneurs and business owners were present alongside NGOs, relevant ministries, the Central Bank of Cyprus, the European Investment Fund (EIF), FSPs and local authorities. Focus groups helped develop numerous ideas and practical solutions around topics such as business incubators, female entrepreneur programmes and vocational language learning. In addition to informing advocacy efforts, some of the ideas will be formulated by UNHCR into project proposals and submitted to relevant local and international stakeholders.
- Georgia:** UNHCR presented the findings of focus group discussions on integration to the 31 October meeting of the Working Group on Integration, coordinated under the State Commission of Migration Issues. The focus groups had been conducted among asylum-seekers and persons with international protection in Tbilisi, Kutaisi and Batumi. Key issues raised by the participants concerning housing, employment, health care, education and language learning were discussed as part of the development of the national integration framework and implementation plan.
- Greece:** UNHCR and partner Catholic Relief Services (CRS) launched at the start of October the [Adama Job centre online platform](#) matching job-seeking refugees in Greece with prospective employers across the country. The platform was developed based on the needs of refugees and asylum-seekers, as well as the growing demand in some labour market sectors. The platform also includes trainings and workshops to prepare interested participants for the labour market, and to encourage the private sector to provide tailor-made training opportunities to refugees. UNHCR will hold an event in December to promote the platform to the Greek private sector. The initiative supports the work of the [Adama Centre](#) in Athens, which provides in person and remote employability and social services to asylum-seekers and refugees in Greece, such as profile assessments, CV guidance, and documentation assistance. Adama Centre was established in late 2021 by CRS and Caritas Hellas, in partnership with UNHCR, and has supported 768 individuals to date.

2022 UNHCR Nansen Refugee Award: Dr. Angela Merkel, the former Federal Chancellor of Germany, received the 2022 UNHCR Nansen Refugee Award for protecting refugees at the height of the Syria crisis in 2015 and 2016 and leading Germany's collective efforts to help them integrate into society.




EUROPE MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS

COUNTRY OFFICE TWITTER HIGHLIGHTS

UNHCR United Kingdom @UNHCRUK

"I will always work for refugees because I will always be one."

The Swimmers documents the incredible story of Yusra and Sara Mardini, whose ability in the water meant they could guide their boat to safety, after they were forced to flee Syria.



The Observer

'We were taught to be winners': refugee turned Olympian Yusra Mardini on the Netflix drama of her life

The swimming prowess of the Syrian Mardini sisters helped save their sinking refugee boat. Here Yusra talks about The Swimmers, the new film that tells their amazing story

UNHCR Representation for EU Affairs @Refugees_EU

On Friday EU countries will submit their 2023 #resettlement pledges.

Amidst growing needs, UNHCR urges EU states to increase their targets by resettling at least 40,000 refugees + 8,500 Afghan refugees.



unhcr.org
UNHCR Resettlement Needs, Complementary Pathways, and Key Priorities for ...
UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, is issuing the following recommendations ahead of the 1 July meeting hosted by the European Commission. The meeting ...

UNHCR Ukraine @UNHCRUkraine

Horrific missile attacks on cities across Ukraine today. Our partner @MissionProliska was on the frontline in Dnipro & Zaporizhzhia providing material assistance & psychosocial support to people affected by the war



9:12 PM · Oct 10, 2022

PRESS RELEASES, STATEMENTS

Press Release: Angela Merkel to receive UNHCR Nansen Refugee Award for protecting refugees at height of Syria crisis [04 OCT]

Press Release: UNHCR celebrates DAFI's 30 years of refugee scholarship support, calling for more investment in education [17 OCT]

Press Release: UNHCR welcomes European commitments at regional statelessness consultation [28 OCT]

ACNUR España @ACNURSpain

La jugadora del @FCBfemeni @AitanaBonmati ha visitado un entrenamiento del @aeramassa y ha lanzado un mensaje de esperanza para las niñas refugiadas en todo el mundo en el #DiaDeLaNiña

"Merecemos los mismos derechos y liderar el mundo".

acnur.org/es-es/noticias...
Translate Tweet



Aitana Bonmati
Futbolista y colaboradora de ACNUR

FUNDACIÓ BARÇA UNHCR ACNUR

UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency @Refugees

UNHCR is deeply distressed by the shocking reports and images of 92 people, who were reported to have been found at the Greek-Turkish land border, stripped of their clothes.

We condemn such cruel and degrading treatment and call for a full investigation into this incident.

4:14 PM · Oct 16, 2022

LEADERSHIP ACCOUNT TWEETS

Filippo Grandi @FilippoGrandi
For 30 years the DAFI scholarship programme has transformed the lives of refugee students. [20 OCT]

Gillian Triggs @gilliantriggs
UNHCR, stateless changemakers, EU and civil society actors attend European Network on Statelessness event. [27 OCT]

Karolina L Billing @KarolinaBilling
Donated modular home helps family in Ukraine whose house was destroyed. [07 OCT]

Gonzalo Vargas Llosa @llosa_gonzalo
Since the EU's decision to offer Temporary Protection to refugees from Ukraine over 4.2 million have found safety. [11 OCT]

Christoph Pinter @UNHCR_Pinter
It's incomprehensible why there is a need for tents for asylum-seekers Austria [14 OCT]

TOP NEWS STORIES

Daily Mail [10 OCT]
Merkel praises others as she accepts UN refugee agency award

The Independent [14 OCT]
Charities and asylum-seekers face wait for Rwanda policy High Court ruling

BBC [16 OCT]
UN condemns 'deeply distressing' discovery of 92 naked migrants at Greece-Turkey border

Washington Post [26 OCT]
How the E.U. has fallen short on promises to Ukrainian refugees

Daily Express [26 OCT]
Ukraine's energy shortage forces refugees to stay away

STORY SPOTLIGHT

To the refugee father I only met once, but whose story changed my life

Solenn, 25, who was born and raised in France, had never met her dad, a refugee from Iraq who fled persecution on the basis of his religion in the 1980s, until one day which changed her life a year ago. After delving into his story and those of millions of others, she decided to go back to university and study refugee law. This letter is part of a series written by young people to a forcibly displaced or stateless person who has had a major impact on their lives. Young people interested in writing a letter to a refugee friend, family member, or anyone who has inspired them, can share their idea with us at youth@unhcr.org



For more stories and highlights, please subscribe to our mailing list, using this [link](#).

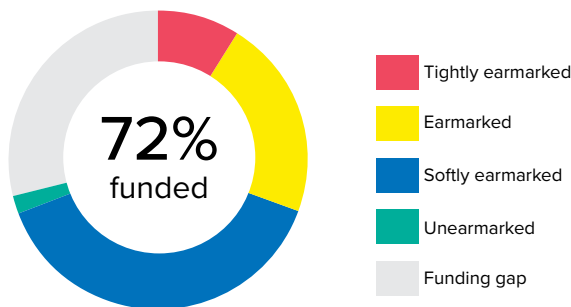
FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Requested for UNHCR's activities in Europe in 2022:

USD 1.992 billion*

Total contributed or pledged as of 25 October 2022:

USD 1,423,222,936



*This amount includes financial requirements for the Ukraine situation.

WHERE TO FIND

For more information, reports and other resources:

- [UNHCR Europe webpage](#)
- [UNHCR Europe region monthly updates](#)
- [UNHCR Europe country operations fact sheets](#)
- [Europe pages of UNHCR's Global Focus webpage](#)
- [UNHCR Ukraine Emergency webpage](#)

Operational data portals:

- [Ukraine Refugee Situation](#)
- [Mediterranean Situation](#)

UNHCR is grateful for the support from our top government donors of unearmarked, softly earmarked and earmarked funding:

Australia | Austria | Belgium | Canada | Czechia | Denmark | European Union | Finland | France | Germany | Ireland | Italy | Japan | Netherlands | Norway | Saudi Arabia | Serbia | Spain | Sweden | United Kingdom | Switzerland | Ireland | Republic of Korea | United States of America

We are also grateful for the generous contributions from private individuals and the private sector.