

# France

September 2022

UNHCR **mobilises support** for refugees in France, Europe and globally, by raising awareness about protection challenges, humanitarian crises, and promoting solidarity **in the spirit of the GCR**.

UNHCR makes recommendations to improve the reception system and **collaborates with the asylum authorities**. UNHCR supports solutions through resettlement and complementary pathways.

UNHCR works closely with the authorities, civil society, and private sector to support protection and foster social inclusion. Through a network of refugee volunteers and a refugee Academy, **UNHCR also engages with refugees**.

## POPULATION OF CONCERN as of 30 June 2022\*

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| Refugees          | <b>613,271</b> |
| Asylum-seekers    | <b>64,034</b>  |
| Stateless persons | <b>3,633</b>   |

## TOP THREE COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN\*

| Refugees         |               | Asylum-seekers |              |
|------------------|---------------|----------------|--------------|
| Ukraine          | <b>94,970</b> | Afghanistan    | <b>9,494</b> |
| Afghanistan      | <b>55,681</b> | Türkiye        | <b>5,309</b> |
| Syrian Arab Rep. | <b>39,091</b> | Bangladesh     | <b>5,211</b> |

\*Source: UNHCR provisional mid-year 2022 data

## UKRAINE REFUGEE SITUATION RESPONSE

**As of 30 September, 105,000** refugees from Ukraine are currently living in France, benefiting of temporary protection.

**Public information:** UNHCR France has given 86 interviews to French and International media on the Ukraine refugee situation response.

**HELP Webpage:** A specific section has been developed on the HELP webpage to provide information on helpful services available in France for refugees from Ukraine, translated into Russian and Ukrainian.

**Working group on the risks of Human trafficking:** Along with the French Mol, the inter-ministerial delegation for accommodation, the inter-ministerial mission against human trafficking and two specialized NGOs, UNHCR facilitated a working group on the identification and support to victims of human trafficking. More than 200 workers and NGOs involved in the reception and accommodation of asylum seekers and refugees have been trained. Documentation on the risks faced by refugees on the road has also been developed and translated into Russian, Ukrainian and English.

**Monitoring:** UNHCR also carried out monitoring activities of centres hosting refugees from Ukraine in Paris, Bordeaux, Lyon, Nice and Marseille.

## HIGHLIGHTS

**10 000**

Middle and High school students have taken part in our activities since the launch of the INTERACT program.

**48 000**

People and accounts follow our publications on social networks (Twitter, Facebook, TikTok, Instagram).

**50**

Refugee students are expected to take part in the university corridor multi-stakeholder project UNIV'R (2022-2025), led by UNHCR and the Francophonie University Agency (AUF), of whom 21 will start an MA degree in September 2022.

## Innovation for refugees

France is among 19 pilot countries where the UNHCR's Refugee-led Innovation Fund is being rolled out, aiming to support and empower refugee-led organizations.

## IKEA TOUR: FOUR REFUGEES AS LEAD EDITORS



In July and August, UNHCR conducted awareness-raising activities on forced displacement for IKEA employees and clients in Caen, Metz, Bordeaux, and Reims. Four refugee volunteers from Syria, Ukraine, Togo, and Cameroun managed UNHCR France social media accounts on that occasion (Instagram, Twitter, Facebook, TikTok). [Read more](#).

## Key Priorities

- **Global compact on refugees:** UNHCR supports the participation of France in the Asylum Capacity Support Group and the collaboration with Niger and Chad.
- **Access to territory:** UNHCR monitors asylum trends at the borders, notably with the UK, Italy, and Spain. Observations and recommendations are shared with state interlocutors, paying special attention to **UACs**.
- **Asylum procedures:** UNHCR provides advice to the French Office for the Protection of Refugees and Stateless Persons (OFPRA) and the National Court of Asylum (CNDA). At the CNDA, UNHCR is involved in the selection, training, and participation of some 168 judges in collegial adjudication cases.
- **Reception conditions:** Monitoring visits are conducted to learn about the situation of asylum-seekers, including in the context of the roll-out of a National Scheme for the reception of asylum seekers and integration of refugees, and a plan on vulnerability of the Ministry of Interior.
- **UASC:** UNHCR participated in trainings on best interest procedures for UASC.
- **Family Reunification Taskforce:** In 2022, UNHCR will continue to advocate for more flexible family reunification cases and to contribute to the resolution of individuals cases.
- **Refugee law:** 55 participants took part in an intensive training co-organized with the R. Cassin Foundation.
- **Human trafficking:** UNHCR conducted capacity building for 100 frontline workers of the OFII on the risk of human trafficking and the needs of the victims both in terms of prevention and response.
- **Overseas:** In April 2022, UNHCR met with a series of civil society actors and held discussions with the authorities of Mayotte.

## Working with Partners

- **Mobilizing support for refugees:** UNHCR engages with a wide range of stakeholders in the Government

and private sector to mobilize support worldwide, as well as with social media, and journalists to inform the general public.

- **Community Empowerment and Self-Reliance:** UNHCR has been working with the Inter-Ministerial Delegation and the French Institute of International Relations (IFRI) since 2021 to develop and sustain an Academy for refugee participation. UNHCR is also encouraging the participation of refugees in public events and awareness raising actions.
- **Access to employment:** UNHCR co-facilitates webinars with the Tent Partnership for Refugees, major companies (Ikea, Sodexo, Adecco) and the International Chamber of Commerce to share good practices and promote a better access to employment for refugees in France. Watch the [video](#).
- **Mobilizing the Youth:** In 2022, the INTER'ACT project will be implemented in three regions (Calvados, Corrèze, Paris) and in Monaco, mobilizing over 20 refugee volunteers and reaching thousands of middle and high-school students. UNHCR also regularly participates in conferences with university students.
- **Support to refugee-led organizations:** UNHCR in France is part of the first refugee-led Innovation Fund and empowers refugee-led organizations in France, through direct funding.

## Statelessness

- France has ratified the 1954 Convention in 1960 and signed the 1961 Convention in 1962. UNHCR facilitates sharing of practices on Statelessness Determination Procedures and advocates for France to ratify the 1961 Convention.

## UNHCR Presence in France

### Staff:

13 National Staff  
 5 International Staff  
 15 PSP Staff

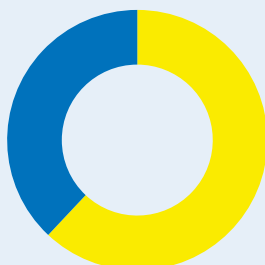
### Offices:

1 Branch Office in Paris

## Financial information (September 2022)

### Financial requirements USD 4.5 M

Funding  
 gap  
 38%  
 1.7 M



Funded  
 62%  
 2.8 M

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