

ALGERIA

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Key figures:

Refugees from Western Sahara

39,383 children enrolled in primary education (31,190) and kindergarten (8,193)

Anaemia:
50 per cent rate for children
52 per cent rate for women

Urban Refugees and Asylum-Seekers

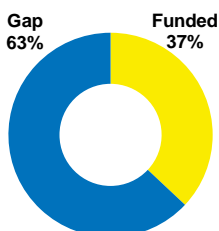
9,967 Persons of Concern:

8,431 Refugees

1,536 Asylum-seekers

Funding

USD **37.1 M** required for 2019 operations



USD **13.7 M** received as of 2 October 2019

Refugees from Western Sahara

UNHCR is in the process of procuring **tent materials to support shelter needs** in the five camps around Tindouf. A total of 1,005 tent canvasses were purchased and delivered. Every year, UNHCR provides tent material kits to replace the traditional tents that have exceeded their lifespan, with each kit comprising all the materials required for erecting a Sahrawi-style family tent. The tent's lifespan is about 4-5 years, but due to the long waiting list they are generally used for around 8 years.

Two deep drillings were made in Awserd camp to confirm the availability of groundwater. After the analysis of the hydrological sections of the two boreholes, work has resumed with the aim of reaching the water aquifer source at a depth of 200 m. The confirmation of available groundwater at this site will allow for the construction of additional boreholes, to increase the quantity of water available.

UNHCR has been allocated 50 new DAFI scholarships for the 2019/2020 school year which, in addition to the current 142, makes a total of 192 scholarships available for the present school year.

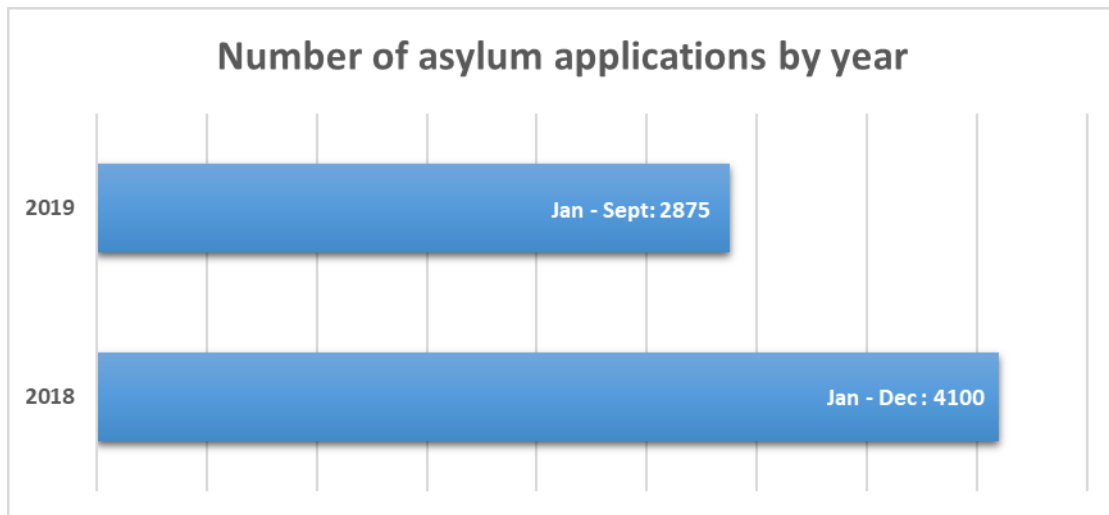
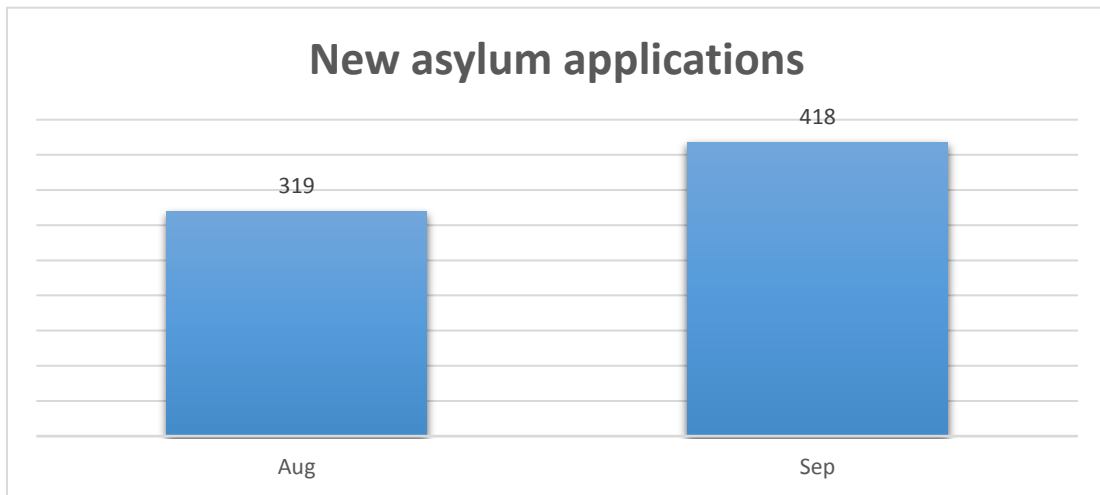
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In August and September, 41 refugees of several different nationalities departed for **resettlement** to third countries: 22 refugees to Canada, 12 to the USA, and 7 to Sweden. As of end-September, 99 refugees have departed Algeria for resettlement to third countries in 2019, mainly to Canada. Forty-five refugees were interviewed during the Canadian circuit ride that started in September, and all were accepted for resettlement with anticipated departures in early 2020. Fifty additional individuals remain to be submitted under the Canadian quota by the end of the year. All have been pre-identified by the operation.

UNHCR also facilitated the **voluntary repatriation** of two refugees from the Central African Republic, who returned to Bangui, respectively, on 13 and 17 August.

In August and September, UNHCR through its partner Humanity and Inclusion provided **Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS)** to 64 refugees and asylum-seekers with specific needs. UNHCR has also built its internal capacity on MHPSS by training its staff in Psychological First Aid.

Asylum applications trends: In the context of mixed population movements, 737 new asylum applications were received in August and September. In total, UNHCR has so far registered 2,875 asylum applications in 2019, compared to 4,100 for 2018. Among the 2019 applicants, the main nationalities represented have been: Syria (598), Guinea (467), Mali (410), and Cameroon (363).



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