

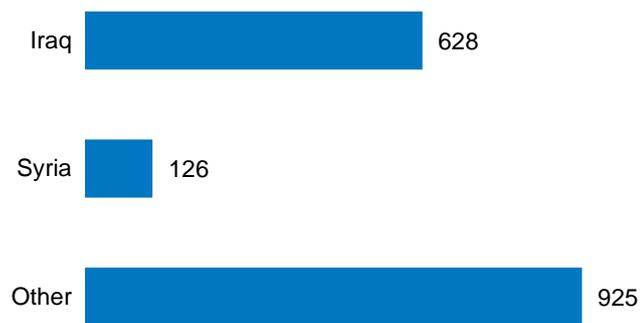
# Kuwait

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UNHCR has been **present in Kuwait since 1991**. Kuwait has yet to adopt national legislation for refugees and to sign the 1951 Refugee Convention. Kuwait **supports international humanitarianism** and has made several significant contributions to UNHCR amounting to around USD 400 million since 2013. UNHCR activities include **community-based protection for persons of concern**, and liaison and capacity building for national authorities.

## POPULATION OF CONCERN

Number of persons of concern by main Countries of Origin



Total number of Registered Persons of Concern: 1,679

## RESOURCE MOBILIZATION

**USD 1 million**

(Annual core contribution to UNHCR Kuwait)

**USD 40 million**

(Raised in 2018)

## UNHCR PRESENCE

### Staff:

8 National Staff

4 International Staff

### Offices:

1 Office



## Working with Partners

- The State of Kuwait provides UNHCR with an annual core contribution of USD 1 million.
- The State of Kuwait contributed USD 30 million in support of UNHCR operations in Yemen in 2018, in addition to another USD 5 million for the Syria situation in 2019. This brings Kuwait's total donations over the last five years to approximately US\$400 million for UNHCR globally.
- In 2018, the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, Filippo Grandi, and the Chief Executive Officer of Alghanim Industries, Omar K. Alghanim, launched a regional education initiative for Syrian refugees. Alghanim Industries is one of the largest privately owned companies in the Middle East / North Africa (MENA) region. Through the "MENA Philanthropy Leaders Initiative for Refugee Youth and Children" UNHCR aims to raise USD 10 million from private sector funds by 2020, to provide educational and training opportunities for 100,000 refugee children and youths.
- UNHCR generated USD 500,000 through contributions from private donors. The funds will be used to implement outreach education activities for Syrian refugee children and to provide assistance to Rohingya refugees.

## Main Activities

### Protection

- UNHCR implemented the Biometric Identity Management System (BIMS) in Kuwait and has registered 588 individuals to date. Meanwhile, a verification plan is scheduled to update the biometric data of all registered asylum-seekers.
- UNHCR works closely with the Ministry of Interior to enhance protection measures for Syrians who are unable to regularize their status in Kuwait.

### Durable Solutions

- A total of 16 cases (39 individuals) were submitted to Canada for resettlement in 2018.

## External / Donor Relations

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