

The Kyrgyz Republic

September 2021

UNHCR supports the Government in strengthening the **national asylum system** and in facilitating the **local integration of refugees**

UNHCR advocates for due **access to territory** and **asylum procedures** and for legislative amendments to secure immediate **birth registration** and adequate **statelessness prevention safeguards**

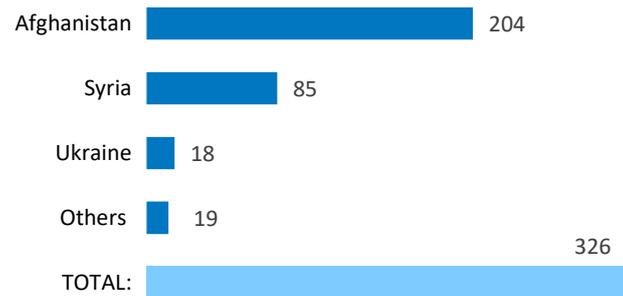
UNHCR supports inter-agency **emergency preparedness** for forced displacement

POPULATION OF CONCERN (AS OF AUGUST 2021)

A total of **751** persons, including:

409 asylum seekers

326 refugees, by country of origin



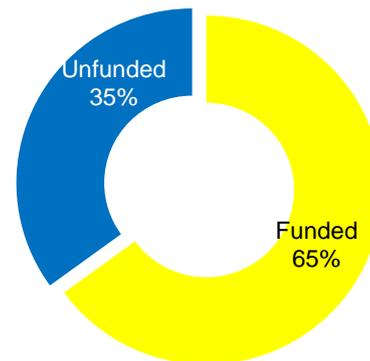
and **16** stateless persons

FUNDING (AS OF AUGUST 2021)

USD 837,000

requested for the Kyrgyzstan situation

USD 547,863 funded



UNHCR PRESENCE

Staff:

5 National Staff

3 Affiliated Workforce

Offices:

National Office in Bishkek



Kyrgyzstan. Arzibaev Umidjon, former stateless person. @ Danil Usmanov

Working with Partners

- In protecting refugees and asylum-seekers, UNHCR works closely with government partners, including the Ministry of Health and Social Development, Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, State Border Service, Mandatory Health Insurance Fund, and the Office of the Prosecutor General. UNHCR also collaborates with the Institute of Ombudsman, Parliament, Supreme Court, Kyrgyzstan Red Crescent Society and Legal Clinic “Adilet”.
- To prevent statelessness, UNHCR cooperates with the Department of Registration Population and Civil Acts under the Ministry of Digital Development, Ministry of Justice, Citizenship Commission of the President’s Office, the Human Rights Ombudsman and the Legal Clinic “Adilet”.
- As a member of the United Nations Country Team, UNHCR collaborates with other UN agencies, funds and programmes, development partners, international financial institutions and other stakeholders to fully incorporate the needs and capacities of refugees and stateless persons in national and regional development initiatives and mechanisms, including those in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and to secure refugees’, asylum-seekers’ and stateless persons’ contributions to the Kyrgyz Republic meeting its Sustainable Development Goals.

Main Activities

Refugee Protection

- UNHCR supports the government in further development of the national asylum system through strengthening the capacity of competent authorities and civil society.
- UNHCR works with the government to secure due access to territory and asylum, and to improve the quality of the asylum procedure. UNHCR collaborates with authorities to institutionalize referral mechanism for individual or mass arrivals of refugees.
- UNHCR promotes the local integration of refugees and their due access to public services, including health, education and employment.
- For capacity building purposes and to improve the overall protection environment, UNHCR provides refugee law training to state authorities, judiciary, civil society and other stakeholders.
- UNHCR support COVID-19 prevention, treatment, and socio-economic recovery measures of authorities and the UN through technical assistance and extra support to asylum-seekers and refugees to access health-care, livelihood, and education.

The Prevention of Statelessness

- In 2019, the Kyrgyz Republic became the historic first to resolve all known stateless cases. UNHCR and its partners continue to support the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic in implementation of its four pledges made at the High-Level Segment on Statelessness in Geneva to prevent re-occurrence of statelessness in the country and accede to the Statelessness Conventions.

Emergency Preparedness

- UNHCR is actively engaged in the UN Disaster Response Coordination Unit and UN REACT mechanism to ensure that a protection-sensitive approach is incorporated in national, regional and interagency emergency preparedness efforts.
- UNHCR supports the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic to enhance emergency preparedness and build national response capacities for refugee situations and internal displacement scenarios.

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