

# Kazakhstan

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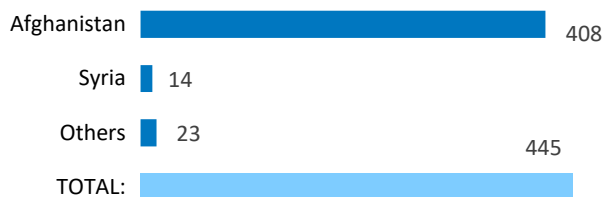
UNHCR works closely with the Government to amend national legislation and procedures for **refugees** to enjoy permanent residency to facilitate their **local integration**

UNHCR assists authorities in an effective implementation of new **Statelessness Determination Procedures** and of immediate **birth registration** of all children, regardless their parents' legal status

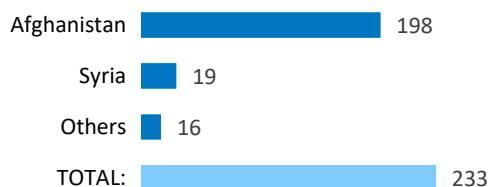
UNHCR assists authorities in the **identification and documentation of stateless persons**, advocates for legal reforms and accession to the two statelessness conventions

## POPULATION OF CONCERN (AS OF END DECEMBER 2020)

A total of **8,677** persons of concern, including:  
**Refugees by country of origin**



## Asylum seekers by country of origin



**Total stateless population: 7,999\***

\*7,118 - Stateless persons registered by the Government

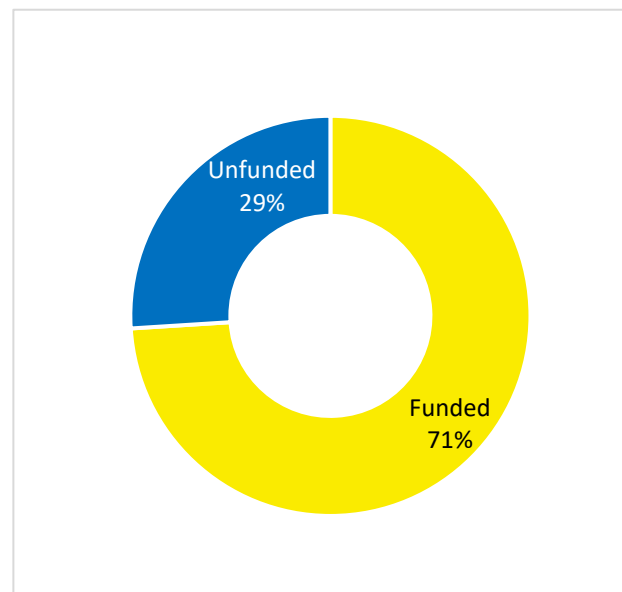
591 - Persons with undetermined nationality registered by UNHCR

## FUNDING (AS OF MARCH 2021)

**829,876 USD**

requested for the Kazakhstan situation

**USD 594,876 funded**



## UNHCR PRESENCE

### Staff:

- 3 National Staff
- 2 Affiliated Workforce

### Offices:

National Office in Nur-Sultan



*Buniyadi Khasib, pilot, former refugee in Kazakhstan*  
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## Working with Partners

- **Government:** Main interlocutors are the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Internal Affairs, General Prosecutor's Office, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Labor and Social Protection of Population, Ministry of Education, Border Guards Service of the National Security Committee, Kazakhstan Commission on Human Rights, and the Office of the Ombudsman.
- **Civil Society:** UNHCR works in close partnership with the Kazakhstan International Bureau for Human Rights and the Rule of Law (BHR), the Kazakhstan Red Crescent Society (KRCS), and the Legal Centre for Women's Initiatives "Sana Sezim".
- **Other:** 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 secure refugees', asylum-seekers' and stateless persons' contributions to Kazakhstan's progress in meeting Sustainable Development Goals and in fully incorporating the needs and capacities of refugees and stateless persons in national and regional development initiatives and mechanisms. UNHCR also cooperates with academia and the private sector.

## Main Activities

- **Legal advocacy:** UNHCR advocates for the improvement of asylum procedures, the establishment of well-functioning referral of asylum-seekers between border and migration authorities, and refugees access to status, services and rights in line with states' obligations under the 1951 Convention and other human rights instruments.
- **Capacity building:** UNHCR supports the capacity-building of various stakeholders, to ensure due access to territory, asylum, and rights for all persons under the UNHCR mandate. UNHCR observes State Refugee Status Determination Commissions and advises on issues related to refugee protection. UNHCR closely cooperates with the Human Rights Commission to promote solutions for refugees and stateless persons.
- **Statelessness:** UNHCR and partners support authorities in identifying and documenting stateless persons and in ensuring immediate birth registration to all children, regardless of their parents' legal status. UNHCR supports all efforts to end statelessness in Kazakhstan within the global 2014-2024 *#IBelong* campaign. UNHCR promotes the revision of national legislation related to citizenship and statelessness to bring it in line with international standards and advocates for Kazakhstan's accession to the two statelessness conventions.
- **Education:** UNHCR supports all school-aged persons of concern to be enrolled in schools and/or online education.
- **Health:** UNHCR and Partners advocate for all refugees and asylum-seekers to be granted access to healthcare services under the new compulsory medical insurance scheme and to be fully integrated into all COVID-19 prevention, treatment, vaccination and recovery measures.
- **Food and Livelihoods:** UNHCR and Partners provide cash grants to most vulnerable refugees and asylum-seekers and advocate for the full inclusion of refugees in public services and assistance.
- **Durable Solutions:** UNHCR advocates for improving legislation and practices to allow for self-reliance and local integration of all refugees and stateless persons.

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