

The Kyrgyz Republic

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

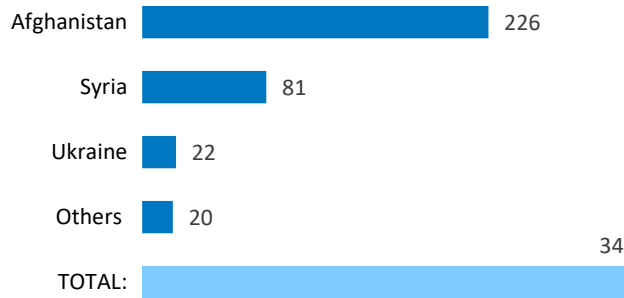
UNHCR advocates for due **access to territory** and **asylum procedures** and for legislative amendments to secure immediate **birth registration** and adequate **statelessness prevention safeguards**

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

POPULATION OF CONCERN (AS OF JULY 2020)

A total of **637** persons of concern, including:

Refugees by country of origin



Asylum seekers - 255

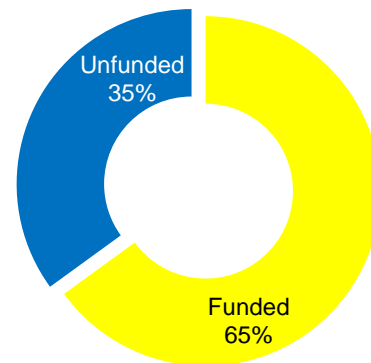
Stateless persons - 33

FUNDING (AS OF NOVEMBER 2020)

USD 1,220,000

requested for the Kyrgyzstan situation

USD 789,413 funded



UNHCR PRESENCE

Staff:

5 National Staff

4 Affiliated Workforce

Offices:

National Office in Bishkek

Temporary Field Unit in Osh



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 State Migration Service, 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, Legal Clinic “Adilet”, the Public Fund “Fergana Valley Lawyers without Borders” and the Red Crescent Society.
- To prevent statelessness, UNHCR cooperates with the State Registration Service, Ministry of Justice, Citizenship Commission of the President’s Office, the Human Rights Ombudsman, Public Foundations “Fergana Valley Lawyers without Borders” and 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 support 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 appropriate treatment of asylum-seekers 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 the state authorities, judiciary, civil society and other stakeholders.
- UNHCR support COVID-19 prevention, treatment and socio-economic recovery plans and measures of authorities and the UN through technical assistance and assistance to asylum-seekers and refugees to access health-care, livelihood, for those who lost their income, and online education for refugee children, where public schools have been temporarily closed.

The Prevention of Statelessness

- In October 2019 at the High-Level Segment on Statelessness in Geneva, organized as part of the UNHCR’s annual Executive Committee meeting, the Kyrgyz Republic was commended as the first country that ended statelessness on its territory. In just five years all known 13,707 stateless cases had been resolved.
- UNHCR, together with UN sister agencies and civil society organization, continue to support the Government in improving the national legislation to prevent the reemergence of statelessness and promote the country’s accession to the two statelessness conventions.

Emergency Preparedness

- UNHCR continues to be 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.

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