About #IBelong:

#IBelong is UNHCR’s Campaign to End Statelessness by 2024. Today, millions men, women and children on all continents are stateless. They are deprived of human rights that the rest of us take for granted. Being stateless can mean having no legal identity, no passport, no vote, no healthcare, no schooling. UNHCR believes it’s time to end this injustice, and that a solution is within reach. A number of governments have demonstrated that change in laws and procedures are possible and easy. UNHCR supports them in its Global Action Plan to protect those affected, to resolve and prevent statelessness.

About UNHCR and statelessness:

The legal cornerstones of UNHCR’s work to assist stateless people and prevent statelessness are the 1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons and the 1961 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness. The UN General Assembly also gave UNHCR the formal mandate to prevent and reduce statelessness as well as to protect stateless men, women and children. The organization’s specialist staff around the world pursues a strategy to eradicate the scourge of statelessness. To fulfill its unique mandate UNHCR works in partnership with the authorities and the civil society.

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**Turkmenistan**
- **2011**: Turkmenistan acceded to the 1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons
- **2012**: Turkmenistan largely aligned its legal provisions in line with the 1961 Convention requirements
- **2013**: Central Asian Regional Conference on Accession to the Statelessness Conventions, Ashgabat, Turkmenistan
- **2014**: Turkmenistan acceded to the 1961 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness
- **2016**: UNHCR launches #IBELONG Global Campaign to End Statelessness within 2014-2024
- **2017**: Tajikistan enacted a new Law on Citizenship with a number of statelessness prevention provisions
- **2018**: Tajikistan amended its national legislation to regulate the legal status of stateless persons and guarantees the same rights and freedoms on a par with foreign citizens
- **2019**: Tajikistan enacted a new Law on Citizenship with a number of statelessness prevention provisions

**Kazakhstan**
- **2014**: Kazakhstan amended the national legislation to ease the requirements for naturalization of stateless persons officially recognized by the Government
- **2017**: July 2017: Kazakhstani and Tajikistan to identify, register, provide legal assistance and facilitate the acquisition of identity documentation to stateless persons or those at risk of statelessness. Central Asian Regional conference “Leaving no one behind at birth” was held in Almaty, Kazakhstan, resulting in reaffirmed commitments of the States to address childhood statelessness.
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- **2019**: June 2019: Kazakhstan amended the national legislation to ease the requirements for naturalization of stateless persons officially recognized by the Government.

**Uzbekistan**
- **2014**: Over 22,000 stateless persons granted the citizenship of Turkmenistan, including over 4,000 since 2014 #IBELONG Campaign
- **2016**: Kyrgyzstan completed a nationwide statelessness mapping campaign launched in 2014
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- **2018**: Over 13,700 stateless persons and individuals of undetermined nationality assisted to resolve their situation since the launch of the #IBELONG Campaign
- **2019**: Kyrgyzstan ends all known cases of statelessness in a historic first

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**Upcoming Regional and Global events**
- **05-06 September 2019**: 2nd Central Asian Regional conference on the rights to legal identity and prevention of statelessness, Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan
- **07 October 2019**: Statelessness High Level Segment in Geneva (as part of UNHCR ExCom), marking the mid-point of the #IBELONG Campaign, Geneva, Switzerland
- **17-18 December 2019**: 1st Global Refugee Forum, Geneva, Switzerland