

# Regional Humanitarian Logistics Hub

# Termez, Uzbekistan

Supporting emergency response operations across Afghanistan, Pakistan, other Central Asian countries and beyond

Prepositioning and delivering essential humanitarian supplies and emergency shelter

Enabling agile response while reducing costs and minimizing risks



Located on the border with Afghanistan, core relief items are prepositioned in the UNHCR Regional Humanitarian Logistics Hub in Termez, ready to rapidly deploy to meet urgent humanitarian needs across the region (Photo: UNHCR/ Anatolii Shcherbyna)

## **Key Figures**



# 9000m<sup>2</sup>

#### of space for relief items

including sleeping mats, tarpaulins, fleece blankets, and kitchen sets.



# 6,235 tons

#### of relief items sent

to support emergency responses in Afghanistan, Iran, Kyrgyz Republic, Pakistan, Tajikistan and Ukraine.



The Regional Humanitarian Logistics Hub is overseen by the UNHCR Representation to Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan. In 2023, UNHCR requires \$6.4 million for its operations across the four countries. As of 20 July 2023, the operations are 42% funded.

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## **Prepositioning for Rapid Delivery**

With support from the Government of Uzbekistan, UNHCR established the Regional Humanitarian Logistics Hub in October 2021 as part of its response to the Afghanistan emergency.

Located in the Termez Cargo Centre – 2km from the Uzbekistan-Afghanistan border – the hub enables UNHCR to rapidly replenish local stockpiles and be more agile in its humanitarian response, while reducing costs and risks associated with carrying large inventory in each country affected by the Afghanistan situation.

The hub is capable of same day, onsite processing of all necessary documentation for shipments and deliveries to Afghanistan, Pakistan, other Central Asian countries, and beyond – including to Ukraine.

The UNHCR Regional Humanitarian Logistics Hub has processed 644 trucks and four airlifts of the relief items that people need most in the first days after they are forced to flee, including sleeping mats, tarpaulins, heavy duty buckets, blankets, stainless steel kitchen sets, and portable solar LED lamps.

Providing vulnerable refugees and internally displaced people with these core relief items supports their dignity, health, privacy and self-reliance, reducing further protection risks.



## **Responding to Emergencies**

UNHCR supports government, UN and other humanitarian partners to plan and prepare responses to forced internal displacement and refugee influx emergencies, within and into the sub-region.

Uzbekistan is part of the 2023 Afghanistan Situation Regional Refugee Response Plan which seeks to support host governments to meet the needs of Afghans of varying statuses, including refugees, asylum-seekers and undocumented people, as well as host communities, and potential new arrivals.

# **Protecting Refugees**

With partners and authorities across the region, UNHCR advocates for safe and efficient access to asylum and non-refoulement, supporting Governments to develop and strengthen their national asylum systems to meet international protection standards.

UNHCR promotes local integration of refugees, and advocates for them to have access to public services, including social protection, health, education and employment.

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UNHCR maintains email and phone 'hotlines' for anyone in need of information or consultation on refugee and asylum issues.

People forced to flee can find key contacts and updated information on help.unhcr.org/centralasia.