

Germany

September 2022

Germany is a large **refugee hosting country** as well as the second-largest **humanitarian donor** globally. In 2021, Germany was also the **second-largest donor to UNHCR**.

In the past years, Germany has expanded its engagement in refugee protection globally and in the European Union, including by **strongly supporting the Global Compact for Refugees**.

UNHCR welcomed the activation of the **EU Temporary Protection Directive** for refugees from Ukraine, which enabled a pragmatic response to the pace and large numbers of arrivals from Ukraine.

POPULATION OF CONCERN as of 30 June 2022*

Refugees	2.23 million
Asylum-seekers	237,691
Stateless persons	28,941

TOP THREE COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN*

Refugees		Asylum-seekers	
Ukraine	876,311	Syrian Arab Rep.	43,628
Syrian Arab Rep.	664,238	Afghanistan	41,300
Afghanistan	183,631	Iraq	29,368

*Source: UNHCR provisional mid-year 2022 data

UKRAINE REFUGEE SITUATION RESPONSE

As of 30 September, 997,895 refugees from Ukraine are currently present in Germany. Among them, some 67 per cent are women and 36 per cent are children under the age of 18, most of whom are of primary school age.

709,148 refugees from Ukraine were registered for temporary protection in Germany.

Reception: UNHCR regularly visits arrival and registration centres for refugees from Ukraine and provides feedback on the findings and recommendations to the relevant authorities. UNHCR also conducts individual interviews or group discussions with refugees to obtain first-hand information.

Help page: UNHCR has built a [Help page](#) containing relevant information for asylum-seekers and refugees.

Employment: It is not yet clear how many people, who have fled Ukraine, have found employment. However, the number of employees subject to social insurance contributions with Ukrainian citizenship has increased from February to June 2022 by 66 per cent, from 57,000 to around 95,000.

Education: Around 173,000 children and young people from Ukraine have been admitted to German general and vocational schools as of 4 September 2022.

HIGHLIGHTS

Germany as a country of asylum

Germany currently ranges among the countries with the highest number of newly registered asylum-applications. From January to August, 115,402 asylum applications were made, 35.4 per cent more than in the same period last year. The overall protection rate, which includes those who received refugee status, subsidiary protection, or national humanitarian protection, was 71.6 per cent.

Germany as a resettlement country

At the beginning of 2022, the Government decided on the basis of the coalition agreement to increase the annual admission target to 6,000 places and has indicated its intention to increase targets further in the coming years. UNHCR works with government partners to advise and support resettlement and other humanitarian admission initiatives.

Germany as a global donor

Germany is UNHCR's second-largest donor in 2022 with contributions of USD 416 million, the bulk of which were flexible, softly earmarked funds at situation level enabling UNHCR to respond to emerging needs.

World Refugee Day



As a sign of solidarity with refugees around the world, UNHCR unveiled Berlin's second tallest mural on this year's [World Refugee Day](#).

Key Priorities

- Strengthen respect for the 1951 Refugee Convention:** UNHCR works with counterparts at all levels so that policy and practices in Germany are in line with the obligations under the 1951 Convention, and eligibility for protection continues to be determined in fair and efficient procedures. To this end, UNHCR engages in regular exchanges with the relevant counterparts at the Federal Office for Migration and Refugees and conducts quality assurance analysis. Promoting openness and understanding for the protection needs of refugees in the political discourse and in practice is also considered important to reinforce the values and principles of the 1951 Convention in Germany. To highlight the DAFI scholarship programme's accomplishments over the past 30 years, UNHCR is increasing advocacy efforts and will host a celebratory event jointly with the FFO and UNO-Flüchtlingshilfe.
- Resettlement and complementary pathways:** UNHCR supports the federal as well as some state governments in the implementation of resettlement and humanitarian admission programmes. With a view to expanding safe pathways to protection, UNHCR calls for an increase of resettlement places. Moreover, UNHCR cooperates with various stakeholders in the German community sponsorship programme 'Neustart im Team (NesT)' which has become a permanent programme. Furthermore, UNHCR provides advice on the planned humanitarian admission programme for Afghanistan.
- Family Reunification:** UNHCR, in cooperation with partners is providing counselling services on family reunification, advocating for improving the legal framework, procedures and practice of family reunification.

Promote support for the Global Compact on Refugees:

UNHCR encourages Germany to further advance its positive role in international refugee protection and responsibility-sharing. UNHCR draws attention to the criticality of maintaining substantial humanitarian assistance in support of refugees and internally displaced persons. It supports the Government's efforts to reduce pressure on large refugee hosting countries through targeted bilateral and development cooperation.

Working with Partners

- UNHCR maintains strong partnerships with relevant actors involved in refugee protection at national and state levels, including the Ministry of Interior and the Federal Office for Migration and Refugees, Members of Parliament, civil society, and the administrative courts.
- UNHCR liaises with the Federal Foreign Office as the Ministry in charge of humanitarian assistance as well as the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), on UNHCR's global operation, developments, and evolving needs.
- UNHCR also works with its national private sector fundraising partner UNO-Flüchtlingshilfe e.V.

Statelessness

- UNHCR is advocating for establishing common standards when determining statelessness, the strengthening of safeguards at birth in nationality law and implementation, a specific residence permit for stateless persons and so forth.

UNHCR Presence in Germany

Staff:

12 National Staff
 2 International Staff

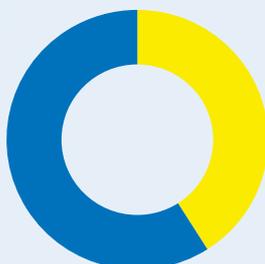
Offices:

1 Country Office in Berlin
 1 Liaison Office in Nuremberg

Financial information (September 2022)

Financial requirements USD 2.5 M

Funding gap
 59 %
 1,5 M



Funded
 41 %
 1,0 M

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