

Germany

September 2023

Germany is the fourth largest **refugee host country globally** as well as the second-largest **humanitarian donor**. In 2022, Germany was UNHCR's second largest and most flexible donor.

Germany is an important partner in refugee protection globally and in the EU, and strongly supports the implementation of the **Global Compact on Refugees**.

Germany admits significant numbers of refugees through **resettlement** and admission programmes, including the community sponsorship programme NesT and an unallocated quota pilot.

UNHCR POPULATION STATISTICS (as of mid-2023)*

Refugees	2,509,526
Asylum-seekers	349,048
Stateless people	29,562

Top three countries of origin*

Refugees		Asylum-seekers	
Ukraine	692'734	Syrian Arab Republic	66'556
Syrian Arab Republic	239	Afghanistan	59'018
Afghanistan	239'444	Türkiye	43'101

*UNHCR 2023 Mid-Year Trends and UNHCR data finder

UPDATE ON THE GLOBAL REFUGEE FORUM (GRF)



28 pledges registered for Germany since 2019

As co-convenor of the first GRF in 2019, Germany submitted 16 pledges over a broad thematic range. The Government plans to continue engagement in the second GRF in 2023, including in multi-stakeholder pledges on **gender and the prevention and response to gender-based violence**, **economic inclusion**, **social protection**, **mental health** and **psychosocial support**. The **education** response will continue through the DAFI scholarship programme.

Good practices

Several good practices were submitted from Germany for the first GRF in 2019. For example, the "Leadership for Syria" programme of the German Academic Exchange Initiative (DAAD) enables training and further education for young Syrian students and researchers in Germany, enhancing self-reliance through higher education. Documentation of good practices continues ahead of the second GRF.

HIGHLIGHTS

Germany as a country of asylum

As of 3 September, 971,430 refugees from Ukraine had registered for temporary protection in Germany. During the first half of 2023, some 162,271 asylum claims were filed in, including over 150,000 first-time applications. Of decisions on merits, the overall protection rate in the first half of 2023 (refugee status, subsidiary or humanitarian protection) was 51,6 per cent.

Germany as a resettlement country

In the first half of 2023, Germany admitted 2,196 refugees through resettlement and humanitarian admission programmes and plans to continue with a target of 6,500 places by the end of 2023. UNHCR advises and supports authorities on these initiatives.

Germany as a global donor

Germany remained UNHCR second-largest donor in 2022 with a record contribution of USD 537 million, enabling effective responses to the needs in new and protracted displacement situations. The majority of Germany's funding was flexible and softly earmarked at situation level, enabling UNHCR to respond effectively to emerging needs.



POSTER CAMPAIGN REACHES MILLIONS

UNHCR launched a digital poster campaign across Germany. Three posters were developed, each showing an image of a refugee from the years following the Second World War and a similar image from those who have been displaced more recently, including from Syria and Ukraine.

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. UNHCR has regular exchanges with the Federal Office for Migration and Refugees, including on quality of procedures and engages with judges on questions of eligibility. Promoting understanding for the protection needs of refugees in the political discourse is also considered important to reinforce the values and principles of the 1951 Convention in Germany.
- Resettlement and complementary pathways:** UNHCR supports the federal as well as some state governments in the implementation of resettlement and humanitarian admission programmes, including efforts to enhance flexibility of procedures and the implementation of an 'unallocated quota', which enables submissions from countries without a regular resettlement programme to Germany. Moreover, UNHCR cooperates with various stakeholders in the German community sponsorship programme 'Neustart im Team (NesT)'.
- Family Reunification:** UNHCR and partners are advocating for improving the legal framework, procedures, and practice of family reunification. It supports partners in providing counselling services.
- 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 importance of maintaining substantial humanitarian assistance in support of refugees and internally displaced persons. UNHCR supports the government's efforts to reduce pressure on large refugee hosting countries through targeted bilateral and development cooperation.
- Education:** A highlight in Germany's support to refugees worldwide is the DAFI scholarship programme (Deutsche Akademische Flüchtlingsinitiative Albert Einstein). In 2022,

the programme was implemented in 56 countries worldwide.

Working with Partners

- UNHCR maintains strong partnerships with state actors involved in refugee protection, including the Ministry of the Interior and the Federal Office for Migration and Refugees, Members of Parliament, the administrative courts and civil society actors.
- 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, on UNHCR's global operations, and evolving needs.
- UNHCR cooperates with its national private sector fundraising partner UNO Flüchtlingshilfe.

Statelessness

- Germany has acceded to both the 1954 and 1961 UN Conventions on Statelessness. In light of the varied administrative procedures for determining statelessness and nationality in Germany, UNHCR advocates for the adoption of uniform standards for existing mechanisms. Additionally, UNHCR recommends the introduction of dedicated residence permit for stateless persons, in line with the object and purpose of the 1954 Convention.

UNHCR Presence in Germany

Staff:

11 National Staff
4 International Staff

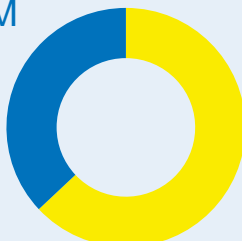
Offices:

1 Country Office in Berlin
1 Liaison Office in Nuremberg

Financial information (September 2023)

Financial requirements USD 2.5 M

Funding
gap 35 %
0.9 M



Funded
65 %
1.6 M

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