

# Russian Federation

July 2022

**Presence:** The UN Refugee Agency has been working in the Russian Federation (RF) since 1992. It currently operates through a Country Office located in Moscow.

**Legal Framework:** The Russian Federation is party to the 1951 Refugee Convention and its 1967 Protocol. The national refugee law was adopted in 1993.

As of 30 June 2022, **300 refugees, 70,751 temporary asylum (TA) status holders and 69,547 asylum-seekers** from 70 countries were registered by the Russian Ministry of the Interior (Mol).

*Latest figures to date are provided by the Mol*

## KEY FIGURES

**1,952,037**

refugees and displaced persons from Donetsk, Luhansk and other regions of Ukraine arrived in Russia from 24 February to 31 July 2022

**61,500**

refugees and displaced persons arriving from Donetsk, Luhansk and other regions of Ukraine in Russia received medical assistance as of 1 August 2022

**30,142**

cases were assisted by 245 psychologists as of 1 August 2022

**63,236**

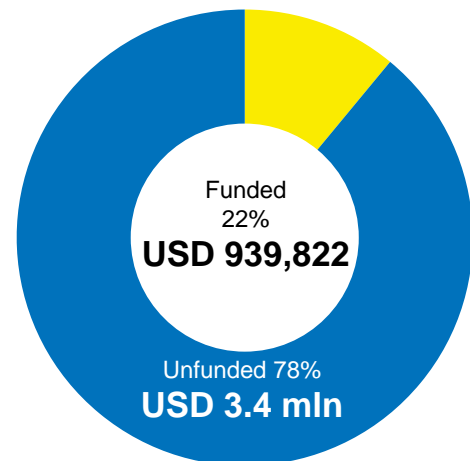
SIM-cards of various mobile operators were issued free of charge as of 1 August 2022

*Source: EMERCOM of Russia*

## FUNDING (AS OF 31 JULY 2022)

**USD 4.3 million**

requested for the operation in Russia



**30** YEARS OF DAFI

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Scholar of the Albert Einstein German Academic Refugee Initiative (DAFI) Muska from Afghanistan *shares her experience* with the program. 29 July 2022 © Personal archive



Nabil Benbekhti, Senior Legal Officer from the UNHCR Regional Bureau for Europe, and the Russian Red Cross staff during the monitoring visit to the Temporary Accommodation Point for Ukrainian refugees in Bryansk. 07 July 2022 © UNHCR/Dinara Galakhova

## Operational context

- 1,444 temporary accommodation points (TAPs) with a total capacity of more than 95,1 thousand people have been prepared on the territory of 85 constituent entities of the Russian Federation in order to accommodate people arriving from Ukraine. Current utilized capacity of TAPs – 35%.

## Highlights

- During July 2022, three missions were undertaken jointly by UNHCR and the Russian Red Cross to Temporary Accommodation Points (TAPs) in Bryansk, Voronezh and Kaluga regions. The missions included visits to TAPs where UNHCR, accompanied by the various authorities responsible for managing the TAPs, held individual and group meetings with refugees, received briefings from the regional authorities and visited the Russian Red Cross branches in Kaluga and Voronezh. The conditions and number of residents in those TAPs varied, however, the humanitarian needs and issues raised by the residents were similar. These included concerns regarding long-term solutions, access to pensions and bank accounts in Ukraine, access to social benefits in Russia as well as concerns over compensation for lost properties in Ukraine. The facilities seen by UNHCR offered decent living conditions, and the inhabitants enjoyed freedom of movement. Health care, access to education and school equipment, support with issuance of documents (related to asylum applications, citizenship and confirmation of education qualifications) and information on employment opportunities were all made available to TAPs residents. Many residents of the TAPs expressed their hope to return to Ukraine but nevertheless applied for temporary asylum or simplified naturalization in the Russian Federation for the time being.
- On 22 July 2022, UNHCR Russia met with the office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in Russia (Ombudsman's office) and discussed issues related to persons of concern in the Russian Federation.
- On 27 July 2022, UNHCR Moscow hosted its monthly coordination meeting with its Russian NGO partners and the office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in Russia (Ombudsman's office).
- 11 refugees from Afghanistan in Moscow and Ivanovo were granted citizenship of the Russian Federation. They were assisted by UNHCR and its legal partners.
- This year [Albert Einstein German Academic Refugee Initiative \(DAFI\)](#) celebrates its 30th anniversary. During this period, more than 200 refugees in Russia have become scholars of the program. For this occasion, UNHCR Russia released a thematic video featuring current and former students of the scholarship programme, where they speak about their studies in medicine and share their views as to how DAFI helped them succeed in their lives. The video is available via the [link](#).



*A daycare inside the TAP in Kaluga Oblast.  
21 July 2022 © UNHCR/Tatiana Bershachevskaya*

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