

# Russian Federation

September 2022

**Presence:** The UN Refugee Agency has been working in the Russian Federation 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 September 2022, **294 refugees**, **88,658 temporary asylum status holders** and **95,100 asylum-seekers** from 75 countries were registered by the Russian Ministry of the Interior (Moi).

*Latest figures to date are provided by the Moi*

## KEY FIGURES

**2,820,288**

refugees and displaced persons from Donetsk, Luhansk and other regions of Ukraine arrived in Russia from 24 February to 30 September 2022

**78,300**

refugees and displaced persons arriving from Donetsk, Luhansk and other regions of Ukraine in Russia received medical assistance as of 30 September 2022

**32,358**

cases (individuals or families) were assisted by psychologists as of 30 September 2022

**84,371**

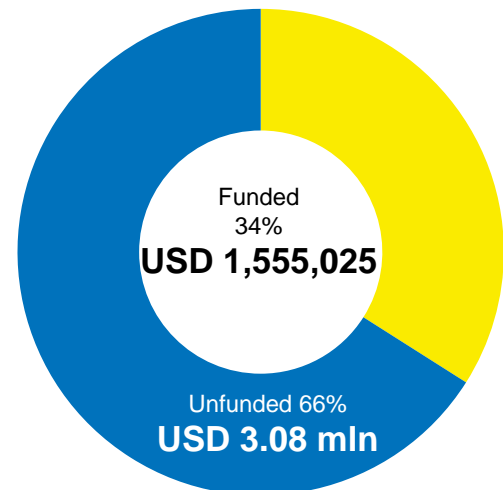
SIM-cards of various mobile operators were issued free of charge by EMERCOM as of 30 September 2022

*Source: EMERCOM of Russia*

## FUNDING (AS OF 30 SEPTEMBER 2022)

**USD 4.6 million**

requested for the operation in Russia



UNHCR and the Russian Red Cross during a visit to temporary accommodation points in the city of Volgograd. 23 September 2022 © Russian Red Cross Press-Service



Refugee children attend a Russian language class funded by UNHCR and organized by a partner NGO. 1 September 2022 © UNHCR

## Operational context

- 1,531 temporary accommodation points (TAPs) with a total capacity of more than 95 thousand people have been prepared by EMERCOM and regional authorities on the territory of 85 constituent entities of the Russian Federation to accommodate people arriving from Ukraine. Currently, 40.5% of the capacity is being used.

## Highlights

- On 1 September 2022, which marks “Knowledge Day” in Russia, UNHCR addressed the importance of access to education for refugee children by releasing a video that portrays 3 categories of refugee children – current pupils, new, and prospective students. Depicting the experiences of different refugee children aims at promoting the enrolment of all refugee children in schools in the country, in addition to showing the benefits of preparatory courses that help children learn Russian so as to integrate in the host society better and faster. The video is available [here](#).
- Fourteen refugee children living in Moscow and other regions of Russia were enrolled in schools in September with the assistance of UNHCR and its partners. The UNHCR-led Education Working Group continues to monitor the situation of refugee families with children and their access to education. The role of NGO partners’ lawyers is crucial, as they assist persons of concern to regularize their status and to safeguard admission to schools. UNHCR and its partner NGOs provided assistance with school supplies to children.
- UNHCR undertook missions to Rostov (6-7 September 2022), Vladimir (13-14 September 2022) and Volgograd (22-23 September 2022) regions, visiting seven TAPs accommodating refugees and displaced persons from Ukraine. Refugees and displaced persons whom UNHCR met in two TAPs in Rostov expressed their wish to remain close to the border to be able to return home as soon as the conditions allow. In Vladimir region, most of the residents of the two TAPs visited have initiated the citizenship acquisition process. In Volgograd, UNHCR visited three TAPs, including one that had recently opened. The conditions in the visited TAPs can be described as decent. Medical care, psychosocial support, access to education, support with documentation and employment were available in all abovementioned regions.
- On 23 September 2022, UNHCR organized its regular meeting with five partner NGOs and the Office of the Human Rights Commissioner in the Russian Federation. UNHCR’s partner NGOs raised the issue of refugees and displaced persons from Ukraine with lost or destroyed documents who face difficulties accessing social payments as well as the situation with Ukrainians who arrived in the Russian Federation before 18 February 2022 who are not entitled to social benefits under the presidential decrees. It was agreed that for these cases, solutions would be pursued on an individual basis.
- On 24-25 September 2022, the [premiere of an installation](#) took place in Tyumen, based on the comic book “Run, can’t stay” about refugee children, which was prepared with help from UNHCR. The installation consisted of a theatre performance that focused on visual perceptions and emotions, by using light, cubes, flavours and brief information about the countries of origin of asylum-seekers. Additionally, the stories of refugees willing to share them with the public were collected and were available in audio format.
- On 30 September 2022, the Moscow Refugee Reception Centre hosted a vocational orientation meeting for refugee youth. Thirteen adolescents from Afghanistan took part in the training to assess their abilities in choosing an educational route and future specialization. A psychologist from the Health and Life NGO talked to the youth and explained to them what questions they should ask themselves to determine their life goals and conducted a career guidance training. A guest Programmer with experience working with Amazon and Yandex, told the youth about the IT industry and the demand for specialities with such a profile, answered the questions of the participants, and shared his success story.

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