

The Republic of North Macedonia

30 April 2019

The total estimated number of irregular mixed migratory arrivals in the country in the month of March 2019 is **10,249** arrivals or approximately **85** arrivals/day.

Source: UNHCR and partners

The number of asylum claims submitted in 2019 is **82**.

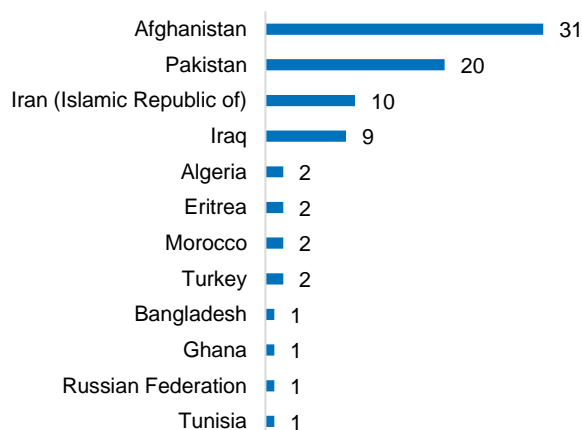
No-one has been granted international protection in the same period (January – April).

Source: Mol

As of 30 April 2019, **563** identified persons remain at risk of **statelessness**, of whom **282** with undetermined nationality and **281** persons with unregulated citizenship. Source: MYLA

COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN OF PERSONS HAVING APPLIED FOR ASYLUM IN THE COUNTRY

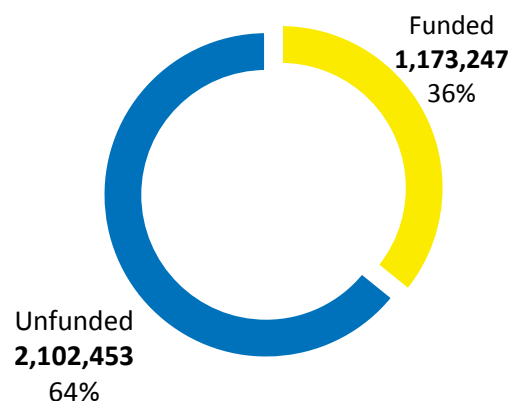
January - April 2019



FUNDING (AS OF APRIL 2019)

USD 3,275,700

requested for the North Macedonia situation



UNHCR PRESENCE

Staff:

23 National Staff (incl. 6 affiliated through UNOPS support)

2 International Staff

Offices:

1 Representation Office in Skopje, with daily field presence in Tabanovce, and **1 Field Unit** in Vinojug Reception and Transit Centres



Art for Refugees workshop with artist Maja Stefanovska, 8 Jan. 2019, Skopje © UNHCR/L.Brashnarska

Working with Partners

UNHCR Skopje collaborates with national institutions, NGOs, UN agencies, and other international partners working in the areas of international protection and eradication of statelessness. Key partnerships have been established and cultivated with national institutions: Ministry of Labour and Social Policy, Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Crisis Management Center, Secretariat for European Affairs, and the Ombudsman. We also cooperate with NGOs, primarily with partners: City Red Cross, Macedonian Young Lawyers Association, La Strada Open Gate, Center for Human Rights and Conflict Resolution, RED Center, Legis and GR Vaksince. In addition, since 2018, a new partnership has been developed with the Iustinianus Primus Law Faculty. In order to achieve success and optimize resources, we also working closely together with UN sister Agencies and other international partners, most notably the EUD and the relevant EU Agencies EASO and FRONTEX, as well as the OSCE and the CoE. Our operation has been possible due to the generous support of the international community.

Main Activities

The main priorities of the UNHCR Representation in Skopje and its partners for 2019 are:

- To support the state authorities in finding **durable solutions** for the remaining **refugees from Kosovo**¹, enabling these people to leave the refugee experience behind and live full lives.
- To assist the country in finding and implementing systemic **solutions for the eradication and prevention of statelessness** – primarily amending legislation to ensure universal birth and civil registration, and ratifying the 1961 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness. To achieve this, UNHCR has enhanced partnership with the civil society organizations, UNICEF and OSCE, in support to the Government's efforts.
- To maintain strong **protection monitoring** throughout the country, in line with UNHCR's mandate, in response to continuing mixed-movements of refugees and migrants. Our partners and UNHCR are particularly focused on **supporting implementation of the national SOPs** for dealing with unaccompanied/separated children/foreigners, as well as for dealing with vulnerable foreigners, identification of persons in need of international and other protection, counselling and assistance.
- To **strengthen the asylum system** by working with the competent authorities on improving the legislation and implementation, in line with international standards for asylum.

¹ UNSC/RES/1244 (1999)