

Tunisia

November 2024

As of 30 November, **15,578 refugees and asylum-seekers** are registered with UNHCR, most from countries affected by armed conflict and widespread violence.

Among them are people with **urgent protection needs**, including gender-based violence survivors, LGBTQI+ individuals, and unaccompanied children.

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KEY FIGURES

15,578

forcibly displaced people registered in Tunisia as of 30 November, including 12,287 asylum-seekers and 3,291 refugees.

83%

of registered individuals originate from countries affected by armed conflict and widespread violence.

1,061

individuals supported with financial assistance in November 2024, including education grants.

1,324

document renewals in November 2024.

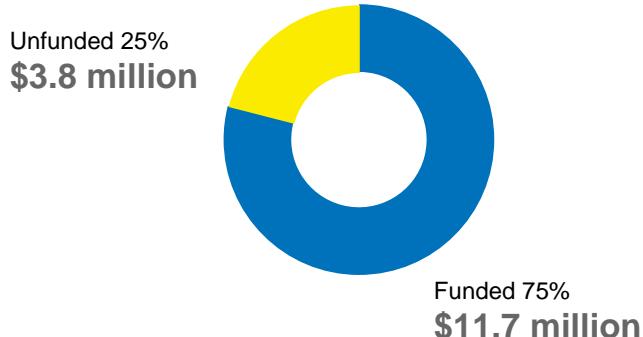
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departures on resettlement in November 2024.

FUNDING (AS OF 30 NOVEMBER)

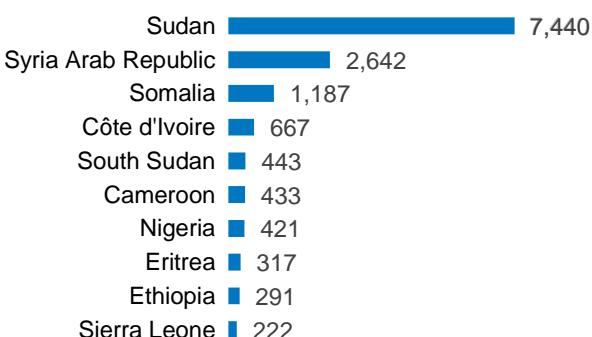
USD \$15.5 million

requested for Tunisia in 2024.



REGISTERED POPULATION

Country of origin



Data on top ten countries as of 30 November 2024.

Operational context

At the crossroads of Africa and Europe, Tunisia remains exposed to complex movement patterns involving refugees and migrants along the central Mediterranean route. Individuals from Central, West, East, and the Horn of Africa, as well as the Middle East, undertake perilous journeys to reach Tunisia, often encountering significant risks and rights violations along the route. Among those arriving are particularly vulnerable individuals in need of international protection, including victims of torture, survivors of gender-based violence, as well as unaccompanied children. In response to the evolving context, UNHCR has been adapting its response by absorbing activities previously implemented by some of its partners, thereby ensuring that registered asylum-seekers and refugees at heightened risk continue to receive critical assistance, such as healthcare, legal services, case management, safe shelter, and multi-purpose cash support.

Operational response

PROTECTION

- UNHCR continued its efforts to renew cards for registered refugees and asylum-seekers with a total of 1,324 cards successfully renewed in November, compared to 1,409 in October. In addition, 12 newborns were registered, and their details were added to registered parents' file.
- UNHCR conducted protection counselling and vulnerability assessments for 108 registered refugees and asylum-seekers to identify the most appropriate interventions and referrals to existing services and assistance.
- UNHCR initiated best interest procedures to find solutions such as resettlement submissions and shelter opportunities for 8 unaccompanied children.
- UNHCR and its partner provided legal assistance, advice, and consultations to 44 refugees and asylum-seekers.

HELPLINE

- UNHCR's helpline services recorded a total of 1,426 communications from 1,291 unique registered callers, including Sudanese, Somalis, and Syrians among the top three nationalities, providing them with information, counselling, and orientation to specialized services and assistance.

SAFE SHELTER

- In November, UNHCR hosted a total of 446 refugees and asylum-seekers in UNHCR-run five safe shelters, where they benefited from basic services, including case management, counselling, mental health and psychosocial support, and food assistance. The safe shelters continue to operate at full capacity.
- UNHCR offered protection initiatives and empowerment programs to people living in the safe shelters, providing access to a range of activities such as language courses, sports, movie screenings, and regular hygiene, health, and mental health awareness sessions.

- UNHCR continued to provide rental and utilities support to the Jdariya temporary safe shelter in the governorate of Medenine, which hosts some 481 refugees and asylum-seekers. Additionally, as part of a recently launched pilot program, UNHCR continued to provide in-kind food support to residents.
- During the reporting month, UNHCR hired specialized shelter management staff to oversee and enhance the response in safe shelters.

HEALTH

- UNHCR focused on providing health-related orientation to 181 individuals, medical accompaniment to 8 individuals, and direct health support to 36 individuals, covering expenses for medical consultations and medication.
- UNHCR delivered psychosocial counseling to 59 individuals.

EDUCATION

- Among its registered population, UNHCR provided 174 parents with a one-time education grant to support their children's basic school-related expenses.
- UNHCR conducted a survey with 205 families of refugees and asylum-seekers to assess the children's access to education, identify challenges, and determine priority needs.

CASH-BASED INTERVENTIONS

- With the endorsement of the Tunisian government, UNHCR continued to implement cash-based interventions, including multipurpose cash assistance, cash for food, food vouchers, benefiting 887 individuals. In total, 489 individuals received multipurpose cash support, 219 received cash-for-food assistance, and 179 unaccompanied children received food vouchers.

SELF-RELIANCE

- UNHCR, in collaboration with local training centers and institutions in Tunis, focused on tailoring vocational training to the skills and needs of refugees and asylum-seekers. The aim as part of a pilot initiative is to provide a small number of individuals with marketable skills that improve their prospects for potential third-country solutions.
- UNHCR and its partner continued their efforts to strengthen the resilience of asylum-seekers and refugees. Job placements for two individuals were secured and approved by the Tunisian authorities.

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