

# Tunisia

February 2025

As of 13 January, **12,606 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 victims of torture, gender-based violence survivors, and unaccompanied children.

In response to the changing context, UNHCR has been **adapting its operations** by assuming activities previously implemented by partners.

## KEY FIGURES

# 12,606

**forcibly displaced people\*** registered in Tunisia as of 13 January, including 9,640 asylum-seekers and 2,966 refugees.

# 88%

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

# 1,007

**individuals supported with financial assistance** in February 2025.

# 1,056

**document renewals** in February 2025.

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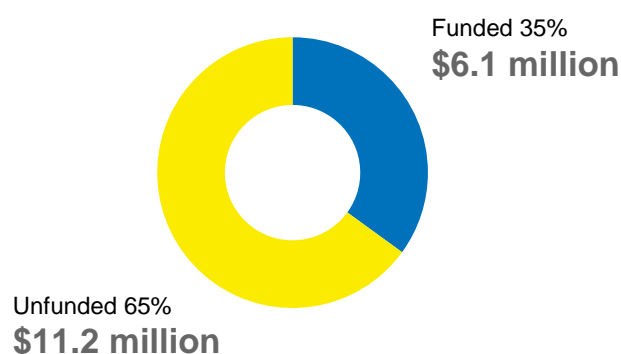
**departure on resettlement** in February 2025.

\* These figures reflect the registered population as of 13 January 2025, based on UNHCR's latest presence verification exercise. They will be updated after the next verification exercise.

## FUNDING (AS OF 28 FEBRUARY 2025)

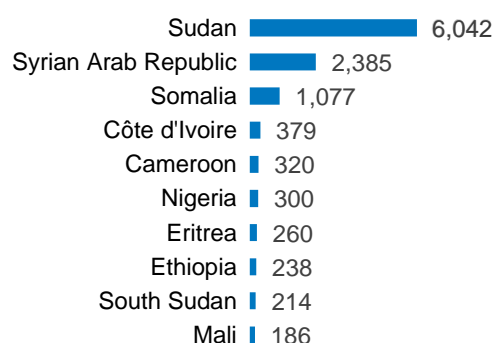
# USD \$17.3 million

requested for Tunisia in 2025.



## REGISTERED POPULATION

# Country of origin\*



\* Data on top ten countries as of 13 January 2025.

## Operational context

At the crossroads of Africa and Europe, Tunisia is 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. Since 2024, UNHCR has been adapting its response to the evolving context 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 1,056 cards successfully renewed in February 2025. In addition, 8 newborns were registered, and their details were added to the registered parents' file.
- UNHCR conducted vulnerability assessments for 64 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 16 unaccompanied children.
- UNHCR and its partner provided legal assistance, advice, and consultations to 72 refugees and asylum-seekers, including 5 minors.

### HELPLINE

- UNHCR's helpline services recorded a total of 3,546 communications from 1,330 unique callers, including Sudanese, Somalis, and Syrians among the top three nationalities. Helpline assistants provided callers with information, counselling, and orientation to specialized services and assistance.

### SAFE SHELTER

- In February, UNHCR hosted a total of 413 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 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 hosted some 313 refugees and asylum-seekers in February.

#### **HEALTH**

- UNHCR helped vulnerable refugees and asylum-seekers access health services: 83 individuals received in-person medical counselling, 93 received remote counselling, and 99 were referred to health services. Hospital accompaniment was provided for 13 individuals, while consultation costs were covered for 3.
- UNHCR delivered psychosocial counseling to 55 individuals, including 15 children.

#### **CASH-BASED INTERVENTIONS**

- With the endorsement of the Tunisian government, UNHCR continued to implement cash-based interventions, benefiting 1,007 individuals. In total, 600 individuals received multipurpose cash support, 245 received cash-for-food assistance, and 162 unaccompanied children received food vouchers.

#### **SELF-RELIANCE**

- As part of a pilot initiative to enhance refugees' and asylum-seekers' prospects for third-country solutions, UNHCR partnered with local training centers and institutions in Tunis to provide vocational training. In February, a total of 58 individuals continued their training in the program, while an additional 8 successfully completed their training.
- UNHCR and its partner continued their efforts to strengthen the resilience of asylum-seekers and refugees. Job placements for three individuals were secured and approved by the Tunisian authorities.

## Financial information

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