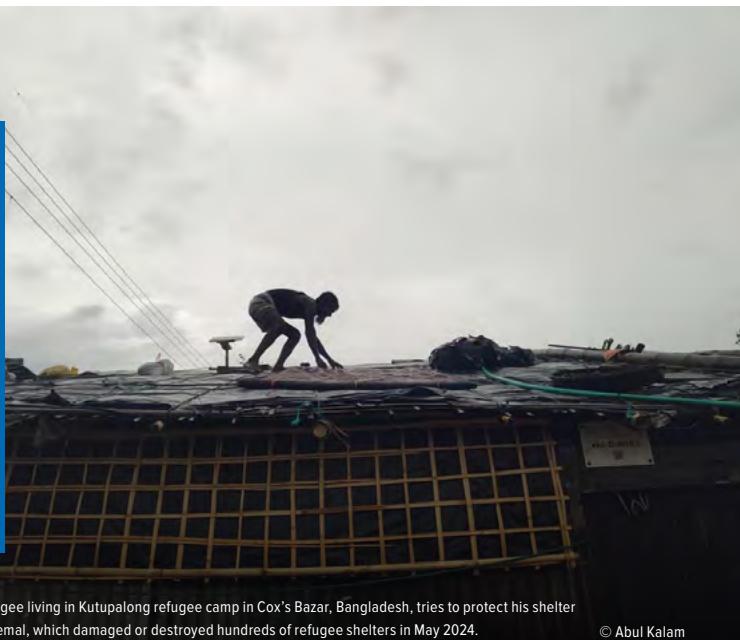


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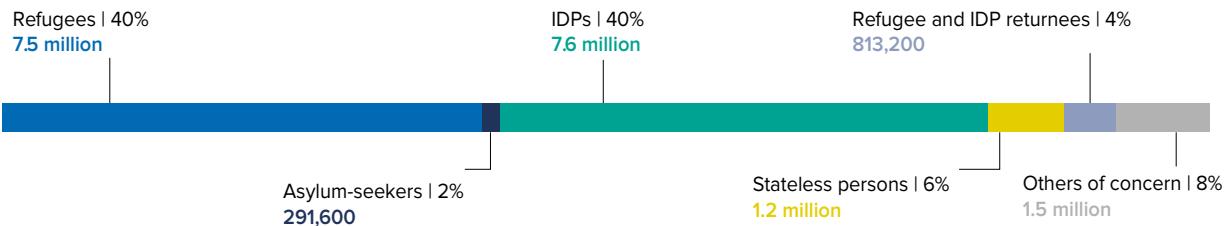
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POPULATION DATA

2025 population planning figures

18.9 million forcibly displaced and stateless people | 14% of the global population



Humanitarian crises in the Asia-Pacific region are expected to increase in scope, scale and complexity in 2025, while decreasing donor funding will not keep pace with the rising needs.

In 2025, UNHCR will seek the fulfilment of over 150 pledges made at the Global Refugee Forum, including more than 60 from States committing to enhance protection and solutions, especially for [Afghan](#) and [Rohingya](#) refugees.

UNHCR will promote sustainable responses in order to balance critical humanitarian and protection needs with long-term solutions. This will require greater responsibility-sharing and predictable, whole-of-society responses where people who have been forced to flee are empowered and included. UNHCR will aim to ease pressures on host communities and expand solutions, including resettlement opportunities and complementary pathways, and will support sustainable voluntary return where conditions are conducive.

In Afghanistan, UNHCR will deliver protection and assistance to returnees, internally displaced people, refugees and asylum-seekers. In line with the Solutions Strategy for Afghan Refugees (SSAR), Global Compact on Refugees and Inter-Agency Durable Solutions Working Group in Afghanistan, UNHCR helps channel humanitarian, development, and peace investments into the Priority Areas of Return and Reintegration and promotes collaborative policies and approaches via the SSAR Support Platform.

UNHCR will advocate against the involuntary returns of Afghans in view of its [non-return advisory](#) and will call for safe and voluntary returns. UNHCR will step up advocacy for the uninterrupted and non-discriminatory delivery of humanitarian assistance, as well as for the broader rights of women and girls. UNHCR will re-imagine community- and area-based investments in the Priority Areas of Return and Reintegration, transforming return into a force for stability, peace and hope by promoting access to

basic services, sustainable shelter and housing solutions, and livelihoods in collaboration with partners.

UNHCR will advance the priorities set out in the recalibrated two-year inter-agency Regional Refugee Response Plan to promote improved access to asylum and protection, and push for greater support for inclusion and solutions in Afghanistan and the Islamic Republics of Iran and Pakistan. Where Afghan refugees move onwards from the region as part of mixed movements, UNHCR will work towards alternatives to dangerous journeys to reduce harm along the routes taken, create alternatives to dangerous journeys, and support States in strengthening asylum capacity and effectively managing mixed movements.

The expansion of violence across Myanmar is triggering new and secondary displacement at an alarming rate, complicating the search for solutions for displaced and stateless communities. Despite insecurity and access constraints, in 2025 UNHCR will work to secure more predictable and regular access for the provision of core relief items, shelter support and community-based projects. In Bangladesh, UNHCR will work with partners to support Rohingya refugees in Cox's Bazar and Bhasan Char Island, pursuing comprehensive approaches to solutions and expanding access to education and skills development opportunities.

In line with the “[Guidance note on the international protection needs of people fleeing Myanmar](#)”, UNHCR will work with countries in the region to strengthen access to territory

and asylum and advocate for protection from refoulement. With maritime movements by Rohingya refugees on the rise, UNHCR will promote efforts to provide protection, reduce loss of life at sea, and ensure safe and predictable disembarkation options. UNHCR will advance a comprehensive regional approach, with alternatives to dangerous journeys to strengthen protection and solutions.

UNHCR will roll out approaches to tackle and mitigate the increase in online misinformation, disinformation and hate speech targeting people fleeing Myanmar in countries along the routes, while also establishing and strengthening partnerships with the private sector and civil society.

Following the conclusion of the Global Action Plan to End Statelessness, UNHCR will undertake policy advocacy and capacity-building activities throughout the region to identify, reduce and prevent statelessness and promote the protection of stateless people. UNHCR will support all States in the region with achieving universal birth registration by 2030, and promote access to legal identity documentation for the forcibly displaced. UNHCR will also sustain its support to reduce statelessness in Central Asia.

UNHCR will continue to work with partners to bolster the climate resilience of refugees and other displaced people, advocate for their inclusion in national adaptation and disaster risk reduction plans, and enhance preparedness to respond to climate shocks and extreme weather events.

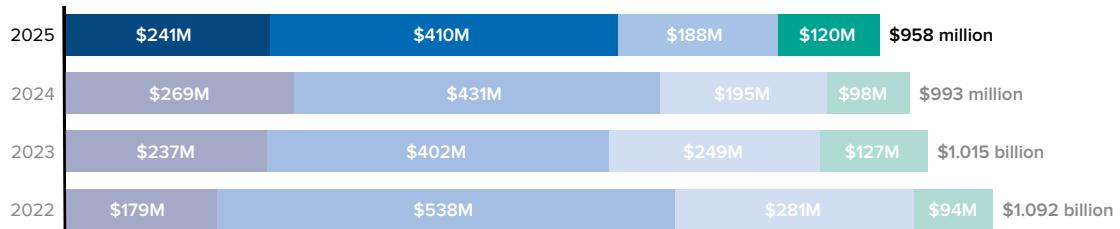


BUDGET DATA

Regional budget by Impact Area 2022-2025

\$958 million required for 2025 | 9% of the global needs | -4% vs 2024 current budget*

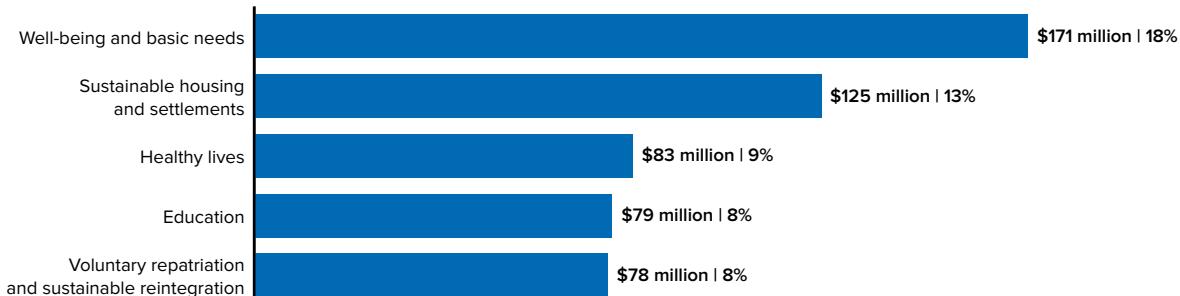
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Top 5 budgets for Outcome and Enabling Areas in 2025

These 5 areas account for 56% of the regional needs.

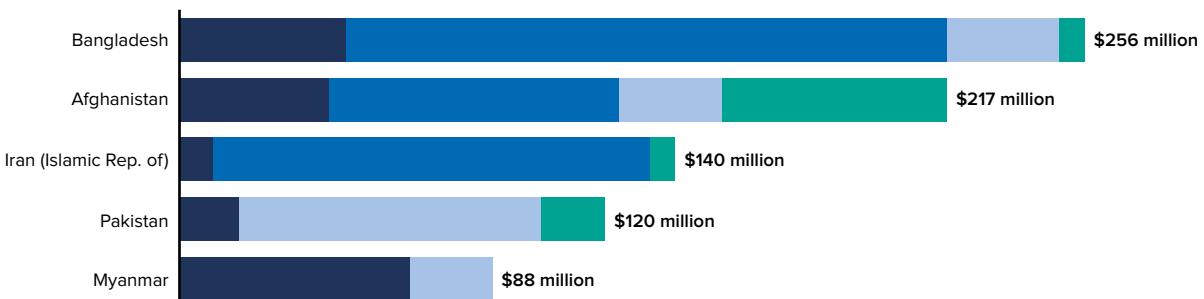


Other Outcome and Enabling Areas = \$422 million | 44%

Top 5 operations by budget in 2025

These 5 operations account for 86% of the regional needs.

● Protect (IA1) ● Empower (IA3) ● Respond (IA2) ● Solve (IA4)



BUDGET DATA

2025 regional budget by operation and impact area | USD

REGION / OPERATION	2025 approved budget				TOTAL
	Attaining favourable protection environments	Realizing basic rights in safe environments	Empowering communities and achieving gender equality	Securing solutions	
ASIA AND THE PACIFIC					
Regional Bureau for Asia and The Pacific ¹	5,308,118	9,068,014	2,796,160	2,795,001	19,967,293
Afghanistan	42,218,377	81,796,182	29,225,450	63,379,814	216,619,823
Australia multi-country office ²	2,718,577	-	732,123	1,396,761	4,847,460
Bangladesh	46,892,960	169,916,200	31,533,635	7,191,418	255,534,213
China	3,061,944	1,339,179	-	482,990	4,884,113
India	15,935,502	-	-	1,381,798	17,317,300
Indonesia	3,412,322	9,311,806	2,719,849	1,747,220	17,191,197
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	9,419,954	123,315,171	-	7,264,875	140,000,000
Japan	4,230,245	-	-	-	4,230,245
Kazakhstan multi-country office ³	5,096,885	-	-	4,469,043	9,565,928
Malaysia	7,126,408	5,606,170	8,247,408	858,925	21,838,911
Myanmar	65,124,600	-	23,210,900	-	88,335,500
Nepal	994,205	-	-	2,914,797	3,909,001
Pakistan	16,746,300	-	85,193,400	18,239,800	120,179,500
Philippines	485,994	535,383	217,782	3,234,821	4,473,980
Republic of Korea	2,630,718	-	477,023	523,398	3,631,138
Thailand multi-country office ⁴	9,510,042	8,797,051	3,223,895	3,890,513	25,421,501
TOTAL	240,913,149	409,685,156	187,577,626	119,771,173	957,947,104

¹ Regional Bureau covers the whole Asia and Pacific region.

² Coordinates activities in Australia and Papua New Guinea and also covers without a presence New Zealand and the Pacific Islands.

³ Coordinates activities in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan and also covers without a presence Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan.

⁴ Coordinates activities in Thailand and also covers without a presence Cambodia, the Lao People's Democratic Republic and Viet Nam.



East and Horn of Africa and the Great Lakes

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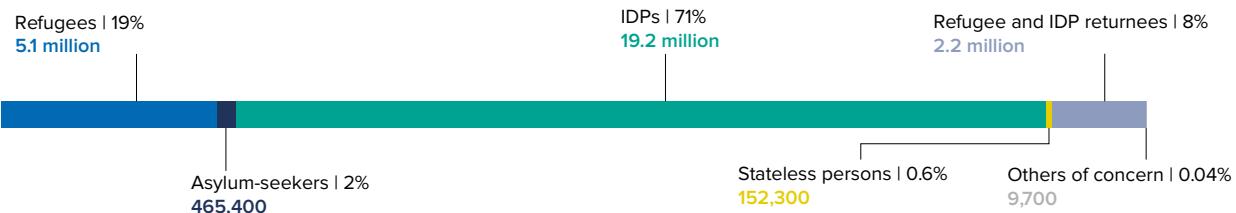
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POPULATION DATA

2025 population planning figures

27.2 million forcibly displaced and stateless people | 20% of the global population



The East and Horn of Africa and the Great Lakes region hosted around 5.4 million refugees and asylum-seekers and 18.8 million internally displaced people (IDPs) by mid-2024. Millions have fled conflicts in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Somalia, South Sudan and Sudan. Heavy rains and severe flooding triggered by El Niño devastated several countries in 2024, impacting hundreds of thousands of refugees, IDPs and host community members, and causing additional displacement.

In 2025, UNHCR will be ready to provide rapid effective emergency responses that ensure “inclusion from the start” and will aim to transition from camps to settlements for more sustainable responses. UNHCR will support the production of high-quality, disaggregated and harmonized data, providing evidence to inform protection and solutions strategies and policies. In climate action, UNHCR will focus on six priority countries – Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, Somalia, South Sudan and Uganda, in line with the [“Climate Action Plan for the East and Horn of Africa and the Great Lakes”](#).

High rates of internal displacements in the region continue to present complex humanitarian situations. UNHCR will continue to implement the tri-cluster approach in addressing the needs of internally displaced persons in the region, playing a leadership, coordination and advocacy role in protection, shelter/non-food items, and camp coordination and camp management. The operational response of UNHCR for IDPs includes the provision of core relief items, cash-based interventions and protection services to individuals with specific needs.

UNHCR and its partners will roll out an action plan to guide the implementation of a route-based approach to shift towards more humane and effective responses on each of the region’s major routes used by mixed movements of refugees and migrants: towards the central Mediterranean, through eastern Africa, and towards southern Africa. UNHCR will engage with Regional Economic Communities (RECs) to advance the route-based approach and encourage changes to laws and policies, and

development actors will be involved to foster cooperation and solutions. UNHCR will carry out data collection and analysis of the key routes and will establish contact points to enhance a timely response and strengthen communications with communities.

UNHCR's work in the region continues to be guided by the goals of the Global Compact on Refugees (GCR) and the pledges made at the 2019 and 2023 Global Refugee Forums. UNHCR will continue to support host governments to realize their commitments and implement their policy pledges, including through technical assistance and efforts to match policy commitments with funding. This includes supporting the goals of inclusion, self-reliance and durable solutions by bringing forcibly displaced populations into the mainstream of development planning and programming, strengthening partnerships with international financial institutions such as the World Bank Group, the African Development Bank and bilateral development donors like EU Directorate-General for International

Partnerships. The [UN Common Pledge 2.0](#) is another important means by which UNHCR seeks to advance the GCR through a coherent, whole-of-UN approach. UNHCR will also continue to engage and work with local partners to advance the [localization](#) agenda.

UNHCR will support governments to uphold their commitments to refugee and IDP protection and solutions in line with relevant global, regional, and national legal and policy frameworks, taking into consideration commitments and pledges made at the 2023 Global Refugee Forum. The [Intergovernmental Authority on Development \(IGAD\) "Policy framework on refugee protection"](#), adopted in November 2023, following years of advocacy, shows ways to achieve greater protection and solutions. The East African Community (EAC) draft "Refugee management policy", and relevant regional frameworks, including those relating to freedom of movement, will be used to increase the quality of protection and possibilities for solutions for refugees who are citizens of member States.



A truck carrying internally displaced people arrives at a displacement site near Kassala, Sudan.

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UNHCR will pivot towards focusing on sustainable responses in all countries of the region. The speed of this transition will be informed by a comprehensive analysis of each country's policy, legal framework and political economy (to identify barriers and opportunities for self-reliance); a stakeholder analysis (to identify entry points for new financing, enhanced strategic partnerships and inclusion of forcibly displaced populations); and a review of staffing and administrative costs required to support this transition.

The transition to sustainable responses aims to enhance the resilience and self-reliance of displaced populations and their host communities and strengthen host States' capacity to respond to and manage forced displacement, by leveraging partnerships with development actors, UN agencies, the private sector, and displaced communities themselves. The region has already made great strides in terms of partnering with multilateral and bilateral development actors, and several countries

have a wealth of experience in private sector partnerships. UNHCR will expand on work already done in the region that highlights the economic benefits of investing in refugees, with an emphasis on human capital development as important levers for peaceful coexistence and social cohesion.

UNHCR will increase its work with partners and communities to support peacebuilding and stabilization initiatives that foster peaceful co-existence and contribute to peace in the region, particularly in countries affected by conflict such as Ethiopia, South Sudan, Somalia and Sudan. Several community-based initiatives will be strengthened, since they are vital for the sustainable return of refugees and internally displaced people, and they foster an environment conducive to long-term peace and stability in the region. This holistic approach is also key to addressing the root causes of displacement and ensuring a stable future for affected communities.

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Innovative solutions: value-chain integration in Nigeria

During the Global Africa Business Initiative (GABI)'s Unstoppable Africa 2024 event in New York, Safaricom and UNHCR signed a long-term cooperation agreement on connectivity (including for education), financial inclusion through M-Pesa mobile money, advocacy, and fundraising. This partnership builds on successful local collaboration in Kenya,

where connectivity provided to 19 instant network schools (INS) in Kakuma and Dadaab camps – as part of the UNHCR-Vodafone Foundation INS programme – benefits more than 76,000 refugee and host community students. Kenya remains a country of focus for this partnership, but it also aims to expand to Ethiopia and other African countries where M-Pesa operates.



Samya Hachim, a mother of 2 from Sudan, lost her shelter during a storm that affected the refugee settlement in eastern Chad. UNHCR is coordinating with partners to lead urgent response to the storms in the sites.

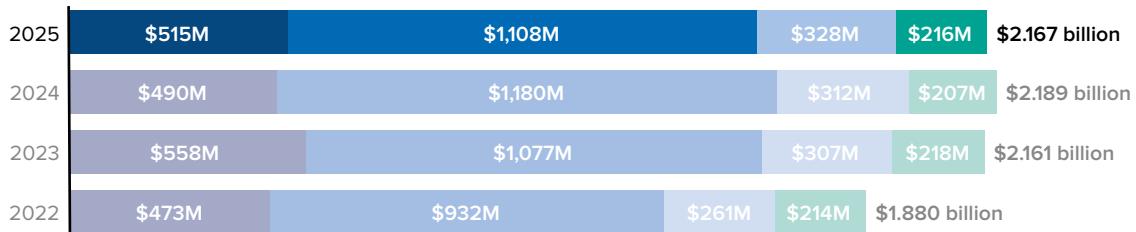
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BUDGET DATA

Regional budget by Impact Area 2022-2025

\$2.167 billion required for 2025 | 21% of the global needs | -1% vs 2024 current budget*

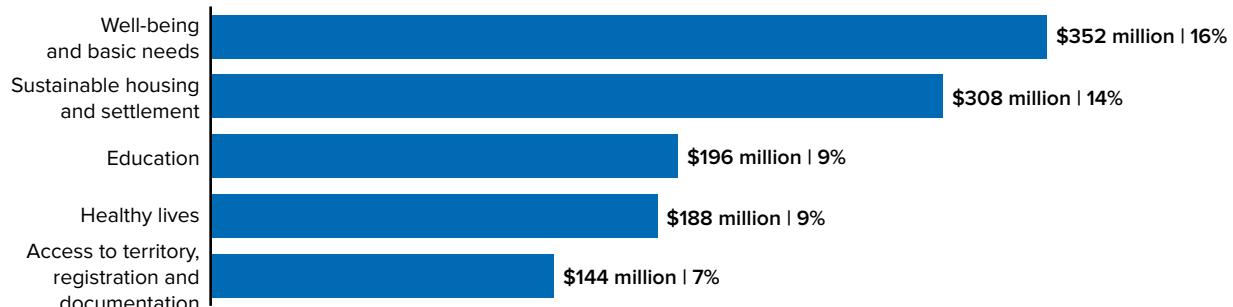
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Top 5 budgets for Outcome and Enabling Areas in 2025

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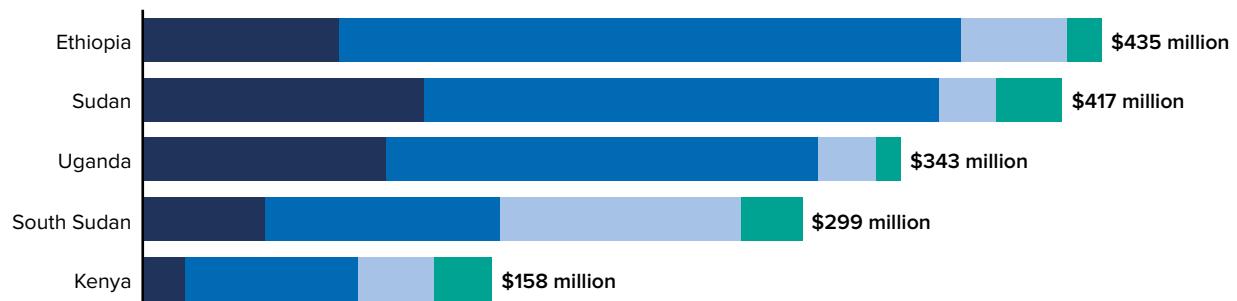


Other Outcome and Enabling Areas = \$980 million | 45%

Top 5 operations by budget in 2025

These 5 operations account for 76% of the regional needs.

● Protect (IA1) ● Empower (IA3) ● Respond (IA2) ● Solve (IA4)



BUDGET DATA

2025 regional budget by operation and impact area | USD

REGION / OPERATION	2025 approved budget				TOTAL
	Attaining favourable protection environments	Realizing basic rights in safe environments	Empowering communities and achieving gender equality	Securing solutions	
Regional Bureau for the East and Horn of Africa and the Great Lakes ¹	7,296,316	12,464,512	3,843,485	3,841,891	27,446,204
Other Operations in Africa ²	4,289,366	376,648	-	411,648	5,077,661
Burundi	6,640,471	54,179,419	20,412,021	19,964,619	101,196,530
Djibouti	6,225,238	7,040,968	6,362,153	933,255	20,561,613
Eritrea	758,678	-	4,994,449	-	5,753,127
Ethiopia	88,415,332	281,830,914	48,184,117	16,089,637	434,520,000
Kenya	18,157,910	78,614,537	34,682,297	26,452,923	157,907,667
Rwanda	17,114,635	32,569,745	22,037,464	13,078,340	84,800,184
Somalia	29,307,140	54,654,064	25,940,203	47,246,531	157,147,938
South Sudan	54,899,843	106,588,715	109,257,252	27,968,599	298,714,409
Sudan	126,918,744	233,780,931	25,598,255	30,366,486	416,664,417
Uganda	109,805,630	195,814,084	26,212,321	11,548,287	343,380,322
United Republic of Tanzania	45,383,988	50,211,393	-	18,383,535	113,978,916
TOTAL	515,213,291	1,108,125,930	327,524,016	216,285,750	2,167,148,987

¹Regional Bureau covers the whole East and Horn of Africa and Great Lakes region.

²Includes Representation to the AU and ECA in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.



Burundian refugees perform a traditional welcoming dance in Mahama refugee camp in Rwanda.

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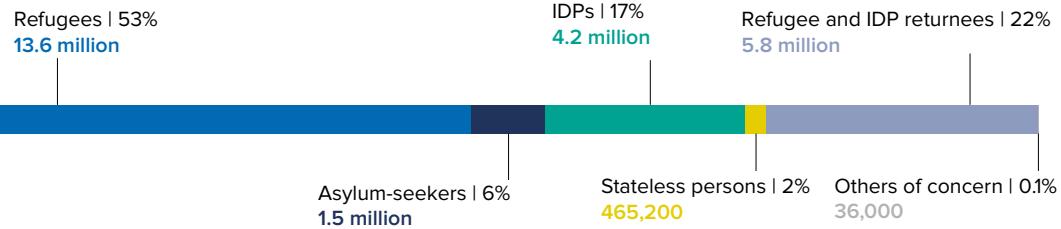
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POPULATION DATA

2025 population planning figures

25.6 million forcibly displaced and stateless people | 18% of the global population



In 2025, UNHCR is appealing for \$1.247 billion to respond to the needs of forcibly displaced and stateless people across Europe. Europe remains among the regions with the highest number of displaced people globally, hosting 13.2 million refugees, including more than 6.2 million from Ukraine. As of mid-2024, Germany and Türkiye had some of the largest refugee and asylum-seeker populations, hosting over 3 million and 3.3 million respectively.

The arrival of refugees and migrants in Europe in mixed movements presents a complex challenge. Restrictions, violence and deterrence—along with attempts to instrumentalize population movements and externalize asylum obligations—continue to test foundational principles of refugee protection. UNHCR has [welcomed](#) the adoption of the European Union's Pact on Migration and Asylum as an opportunity to strengthen the management of mixed movements of people, provided safeguards are in place to ensure respect of

fundamental rights, including by supporting access to territory and asylum for people in need of international protection.

Responding more effectively and predictably requires a broader, whole-of-route approach. UNHCR will engage with States on pragmatic and lawful policies and practices to manage mixed movements of people more effectively, and work to strengthen investments in protection, inclusion, and complementary pathways along key routes, including resettlement, while continuing advocacy to ensure access to territory and asylum in Europe.

UNHCR will focus on sustainable responses that centres on people's effective inclusion in national systems and access to economic opportunities from the start of their forced displacement, and which leverages legal instruments and Global Refugee Forum pledges to strengthen protection and solutions. UNHCR will consolidate collaboration with development

actors, regional bodies, the private sector, and national and local governments across the region, paving the way towards durable solutions.

The war in Ukraine continues unabated, with more than 10 million people displaced. The deteriorating security situation and compromised energy infrastructure threaten to drive further displacement, as shrinking economic opportunities leave millions in need of humanitarian aid. In addition to delivering life-saving assistance to civilians in frontline areas, UNHCR will support Government-led early recovery efforts in support of voluntary return. Area-based programmes—with protection, housing, and inclusion components—will help IDPs and returnees to find stability and rebuild their lives in areas of origin or within host communities. UNHCR will provide winterization support in Ukraine and the Republic of Moldova, including essential services, winter cash assistance and core relief items to help the most vulnerable meet additional seasonal needs. UNHCR will continue targeted cash for protection programmes in Ukraine and refugee-hosting countries, while supporting the transition from humanitarian cash assistance to inclusion into national social protection systems. UNHCR will also support the inclusion of refugees from Ukraine in host countries by strengthening access to the labour market, social protection, health care and education. Support to language proficiency, access to information and referral to specialized services will be prioritized, as well as access to employment commensurate with refugee skills and qualifications. UNHCR will also maintain activities to prevent and respond to gender-based violence, as well as to protection

risks faced by children. UNHCR continue to support refugee-hosting States through the Ukraine Situation Regional Response Plan (RRP), in line with the Refugee Coordination Model.

UNHCR welcomes the extension of the European Union's Temporary Protection Directive for people fleeing war in Ukraine until March 2026; advocacy for a unified approach will continue towards a possible transition from Temporary Protection. Most refugees from Ukraine intend to return home in the longer term, but the security situation prevents many from doing so, making it vital for host countries to continue to provide protection. However, reductions in assistance, disproportionately affecting vulnerable refugees, continue to give rise to harmful coping mechanisms, homelessness, and premature decisions to return. UNHCR is working to help refugees to reach well-informed and truly voluntary decisions on returning, including through the ["Ukraine is Home"](#) digital platform.

In Türkiye, UNHCR will continue to support the Government-led response with the provision of protection services, including referral to specialized services, and social cohesion activities for refugees and the host community. UNHCR co-leads the Regional Refugee and Resilience Plan (3RP) to respond to the needs of Syrian refugees, including those affected by the earthquakes in 2023.

UNHCR will continue its programmes and monitor developments in the South Caucasus. In Armenia, UNHCR will work with development actors in support of Government-led refugee inclusion efforts.



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Essity's strong and ongoing commitment to support displaced families in emergencies

Essity is a vital emergency action partner for Sweden for UNHCR, providing essential support to displaced families since 2022. Essity's contributions reached in total over \$3 million, supporting UNHCR's humanitarian efforts through both financial aid and in-kind donations. This includes a significant donation in 2024 of over 700,000 diapers to refugee families in Armenia,

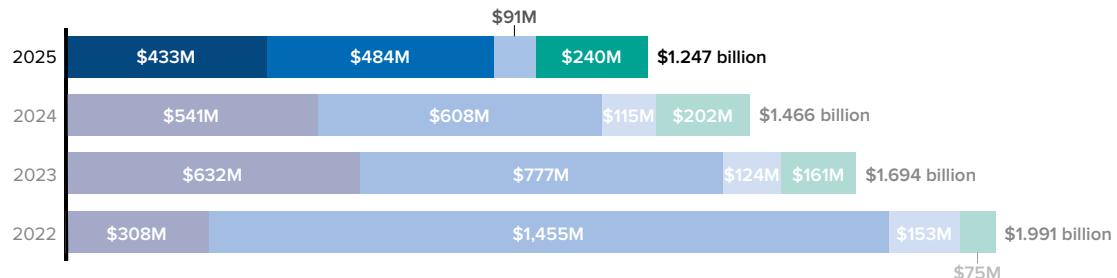
Jordan, Türkiye and nearly 1 million adult diapers to elderly refugees in Türkiye, offering much-needed relief. Essity's commitment to helping those affected by crisis plays a crucial role in UNHCR's mission to provide life-saving assistance to people forced to flee.

BUDGET DATA

Regional budget by Impact Area 2022-2025

\$1.247 billion required for 2025 | 12% of the global needs | -15% vs 2024 current budget*

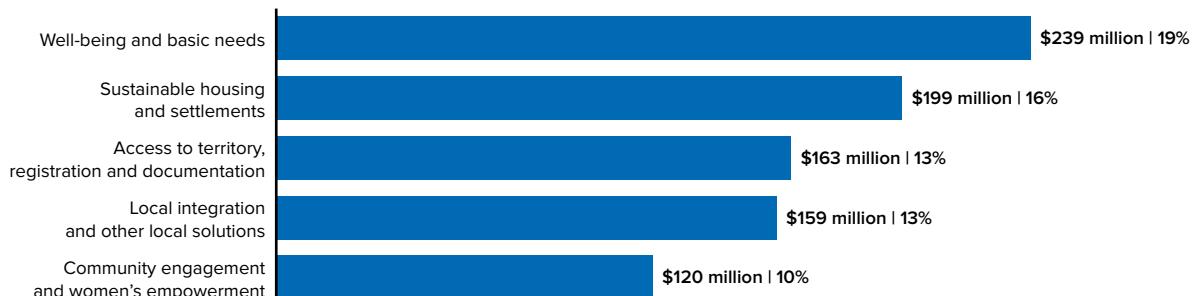
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Top 5 budgets for Outcome and Enabling Areas in 2025

These 5 areas account for 71% of the regional needs.

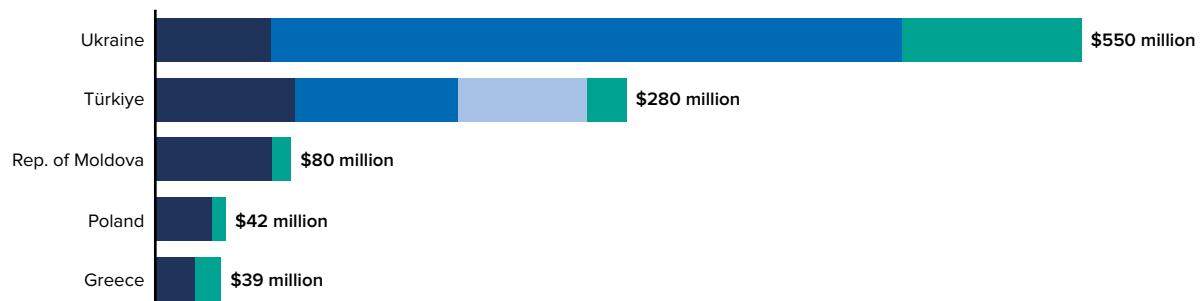


Other Outcome and Enabling Areas = \$367 million | 29%

Top 5 operations by budget in 2025

These 5 operations account for 79% of the regional needs.

● Protect (IA1) ● Empower (IA3) ● Respond (IA2) ● Solve (IA4)



BUDGET DATA

2025 regional budget by operation and impact area | USD

REGION / OPERATION	2025 approved budget				TOTAL
	Attaining favourable protection environments	Realizing basic rights in safe environments	Empowering communities and achieving gender equality	Securing solutions	
EUROPE					
Regional Bureau for Europe ¹	7,443,538	12,716,015	3,921,037	3,919,411	28,000,000
Other Operations in Europe ²	5,479,501	-	-	-	5,479,501
Albania	1,862,162	-	-	1,637,838	3,500,000
Armenia	2,074,625	-	-	9,179,690	11,254,315
Azerbaijan	418,993	-	2,618,093	4,062,914	7,100,000
Belarus	4,000,000	-	-	-	4,000,000
Belgium multi-country office ³	12,248,284	-	-	-	12,248,284
Bosnia and Herzegovina	4,824,837	-	-	2,476,650	7,301,487
Bulgaria	9,873,793	-	-	4,626,207	14,500,000
Croatia	1,404,780	-	-	939,965	2,344,745
Cyprus	3,187,063	-	-	-	3,187,063
France	3,794,320	-	-	-	3,794,320
Georgia	950,949	-	5,318,109	-	6,269,058
Germany	2,537,075	-	-	-	2,537,075
Greece	23,602,165	-	-	15,397,835	39,000,000
Hungary multi-country office ⁴	19,165,439	-	-	15,834,569	35,000,008
Italy multi-country office ⁵	12,825,120	-	-	9,346,790	22,171,910
Kosovo (S/RES/1244 (1999))	2,716,986	-	-	642,618	3,359,604
Malta	2,280,260	-	-	-	2,280,260
Republic of Moldova (the)	69,283,581	-	-	11,030,499	80,314,080
Montenegro	1,806,989	-	-	1,114,945	2,921,934
North Macedonia	3,901,676	-	-	-	3,901,676
Poland	33,533,972	-	-	8,466,028	42,000,000
Romania	28,553,312	-	-	10,446,688	39,000,000
Russian Federation	2,601,636	-	-	4,551,290	7,152,926
Serbia	5,606,108	-	2,893,893	-	8,500,000
Spain	5,508,936	-	-	1,297,056	6,805,992
Sweden multi-country office ⁶	6,579,007	-	-	3,420,993	10,000,000
Türkiye	82,602,491	97,157,883	76,133,535	24,106,091	280,000,000
Ukraine	68,857,604	374,129,431	-	107,012,965	550,000,000
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	3,200,000	-	-	-	3,200,000
TOTAL	432,725,203	484,003,329	90,884,667	239,511,041	1,247,124,239

¹ Regional Bureau covers the whole Europe region.

² Other operations in Europe include Austria, Liaison Office in Vienna (OSCE), Portugal, Strasbourg (Representation to the Council of Europe) and the Office for Switzerland and Liechtenstein.

³ Coordinates activities in Belgium, Ireland, Malta (EASO), the Netherlands (Kingdom of the) and Poland (FRONTEX) and also covers Luxembourg without a presence in this country.

⁴ Coordinates activities in Czechia, Hungary, Slovenia and Slovakia.

⁵ Coordinates activities in Italy and also covers without a presence the Holy See and San Marino.

⁶ Coordinates activities in Denmark, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Sweden and also covers without a presence Norway, Finland and Iceland.

Middle East and North Africa

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POPULATION DATA

2025 population planning figures

17 million forcibly displaced and stateless people | 12% of the global population



The Middle East and North Africa region is grappling with new and long-standing challenges related to forced displacement. Complex political and security environments are exacerbated by adverse global socioeconomic conditions, high inflation, dwindling donor interest, and decreasing tolerance for those supported by UNHCR. By mid-2024, there were 16.6 million forcibly displaced and stateless people in the region. Their humanitarian conditions remain precarious, particularly in terms of access to basic services, including livelihoods, and the risk of expulsion from several countries.

As of 19 November 2024, UNHCR is responding to the significant escalation in hostilities in Lebanon, which has displaced more than 880,000 people within Lebanon and 550,000 across the border into the Syrian Arab Republic. People are still on the move. UNHCR is delivering vital protection services, cash assistance, safe shelter, and other essential support to people displaced by the conflict.

The emergency response is not reflected in UNHCR's 2025 budget, which was prepared prior.

The Syria crisis remains the region's largest displacement situation, with 7.4 million people displaced within the Syrian Arab Republic and 5 million registered refugees in the region, including around 3 million in Türkiye. The [Regional Refugee and Resilience Response Plan \(3RP\)](#) serves as the key coordination mechanism. UNHCR will partner with development actors, particularly within the frameworks of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Global Compact on Refugees, to support the socioeconomic inclusion of UNHCR's beneficiaries in national plans. The ultimate goal is to enhance self-reliance and social protection for both refugees and host communities.

The conflicts in Sudan and Gaza have had far-reaching impacts on both the region and the global geopolitical landscape. At the time of writing (mid-October 2024), UNHCR

is responding to the significant escalation in hostilities in Lebanon, which has displaced more than 700,000 people within Lebanon and close to 300,000 across the border into the Syrian Arab Republic. People are still on the move and these numbers continue to rise. UNHCR is delivering vital protection services, cash assistance, safe shelter, and other essential support to people displaced by the conflict. The emergency response is not reflected in UNHCR's 2025 budget, which was prepared prior.

In North Africa, individuals with international protection needs travel alongside economic migrants, exposing them to significant protection risks. Insecurity and unrest in the Sahel region, combined with new cooperation agreements between the European Union and North African States, may lead to an increase in refugees and asylum-seekers choosing North African countries as their final destination, or remaining there for longer due to difficulties in moving onward.

In response to these challenges, UNHCR's protection and solutions approach is anchored on its three main pillars: a) access to safety, b) a favourable protection environment and c) the realization of solutions.

Maintaining and improving access to territory, safety and asylum are critical for ensuring people have a recognized identity and legal status and for reducing the risk of arrest, detention or refoulement. This is of particular importance in the region, since the legal and policy frameworks for recognizing refugees and stateless people are generally lacking. UNHCR's refugee status determination work is therefore vital, as refugee status provides important protection dividends. It is also essential that national governments develop law and policy frameworks to take on registration and status determination.

UNHCR will pursue durable solutions as a strategic priority, with resettlement and complementary pathways being the primary solution for the many highly vulnerable refugees in the region, including as an alternative to onward movements. UNHCR will also invest in fair, efficient, and robust case processing and management to ensure protection outcomes linked with durable solutions. To prevent and respond to statelessness, UNHCR will continue advocacy and capacity-building, and promote civil documentation and legal reforms.

UNHCR's country operations across the region are implementing alternatives to dangerous journeys in mixed movements to address the multi-dimensional challenges faced by forcibly displaced and stateless people. This aims to strengthen access to State-based protection and solutions through comprehensive, targeted, and coordinated interventions by States, UNHCR, other UN agencies, and stakeholders in countries along key routes.

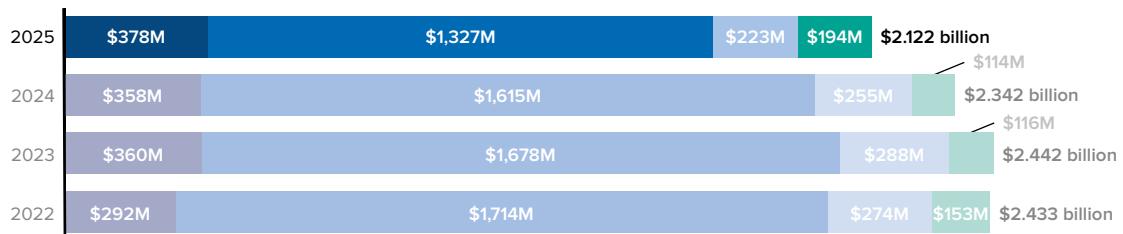
UNHCR operations are also revisiting the programming approach to ensure funding is used for longer term benefits to refugees and the countries that host them, as sustainable, appropriate and as circumstances permit. The objective is to strengthen – including through financial support – the capacities and resilience of host countries and communities so they can successfully, and sustainably, include displaced people in their national response systems for the duration of displacement. Concurrently, in addition to redoubling efforts to attracting additional development financing as well as private sector resources, UNHCR is strategically realigning its operational footprint in the region with programmatic efficiencies in order to direct aid and attention to where they are most needed.

BUDGET DATA

Regional budget by Impact Area 2022-2025

\$2.122 billion required for 2025 | 21% of the global needs | -9% vs 2024 current budget*

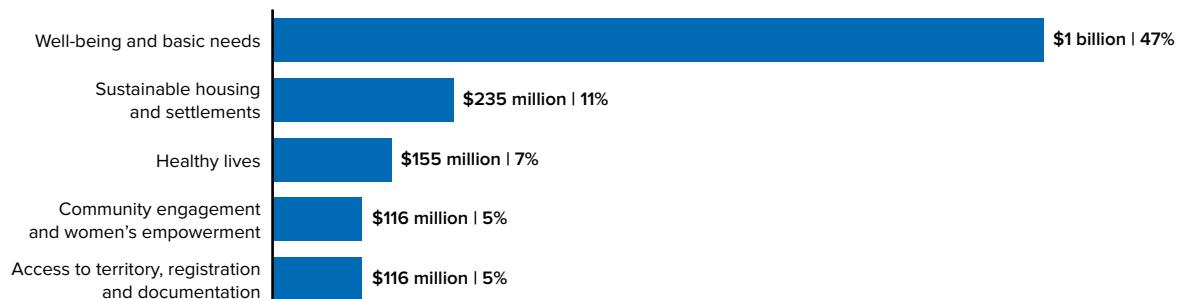
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Top 5 budgets for Outcome and Enabling Areas in 2025

These 5 areas account for 76% of the regional needs.

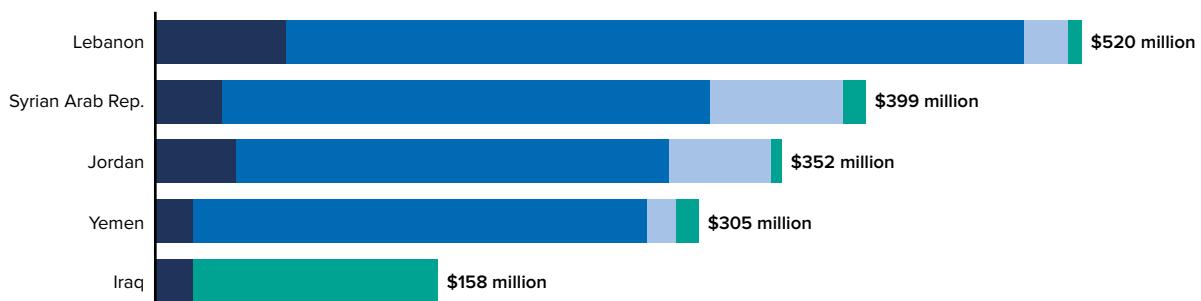


Other Outcome and Enabling Areas = \$500 million | 24%

Top 5 operations by budget in 2025

These 5 operations account for 82% of the regional needs.

● Protect (IA1) ● Empower (IA3) ● Respond (IA2) ● Solve (IA4)



BUDGET DATA

2025 regional budget by operation and impact area | USD

REGION / OPERATION	2025 approved budget				TOTAL
	Attaining favourable protection environments	Realizing basic rights in safe environments	Empowering communities and achieving gender equality	Securing solutions	
MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA					
Regional Bureau for the Middle East and North Africa ¹	8,202,247	14,012,140	4,320,702	4,318,911	30,854,000
Other Operations in the Middle East	5,991,977	17,380,000	4,476,200	983,555	28,831,732
Algeria	3,208,400	27,685,956	7,652,900	282,000	38,829,256
Egypt	102,465,669	22,982,646	10,512,589	1,753,122	137,714,026
Iraq	21,141,733	-	-	137,357,967	158,499,700
Israel	7,117,658	-	-	1,323,419	8,441,076
Jordan	45,374,830	242,717,772	57,288,738	6,705,637	352,086,976
Lebanon	73,235,144	414,179,030	24,911,673	7,731,350	520,057,198
Libya	18,812,415	22,719,126	4,818,413	5,185,395	51,535,348
Mauritania	9,041,270	23,806,442	9,895,957	2,787,037	45,530,706
Morocco	2,966,370	6,614,427	2,269,125	-	11,849,922
Saudi Arabia multi-country office ²	8,468,007	3,856,032	-	-	12,324,039
Syrian Arab Republic	37,121,680	274,128,148	74,629,630	13,120,542	399,000,000
Tunisia	13,891,338	-	3,412,483	-	17,303,821
Western Sahara confidence-building measures	-	2,181,901	2,301,759	-	4,483,660
Yemen	21,142,340	254,752,454	16,619,588	12,485,618	305,000,000
TOTAL	378,181,077	1,327,016,073	223,109,758	194,034,553	2,122,341,462

¹ Regional Bureau and Other operations in the Middle East cover the whole Middle East and North Africa region.

² Coordinates activities in Kuwait, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and in the United Arab Emirates and covers without a presence Bahrain and Oman.



Muslim World League's steadfast commitment to enhancing the lives of refugees and host communities

Since 2020, the Muslim World League (MWL) has supported UNHCR through a range of projects including financial contributions for child protection, psychological support, inclusion programs, and livelihood activities for refugees and internally displaced people (IDPs) in Africa, the Middle East, and Europe. With a strong belief in UNHCR's mission, MWL has renewed its commitment for another five years, pledging funds during the Global Refugee Forum (GRF). This renewed commitment focuses on improving the lives of refugees and host communities by ensuring food security, promoting economic and social inclusion, creating livelihood opportunities, fostering public-private partnerships, and actively engaging refugees in community programmes.

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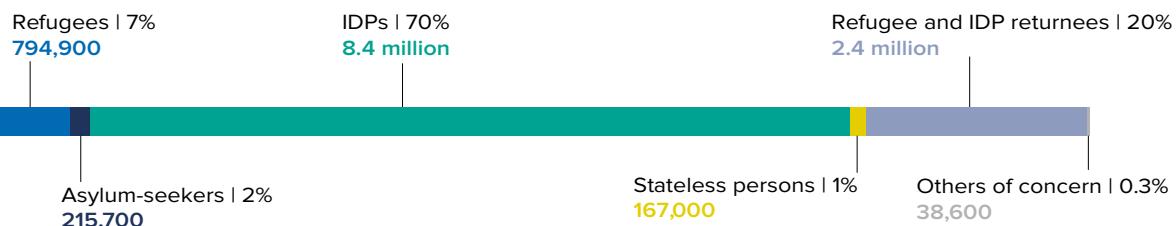
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POPULATION DATA

2025 population planning figures

12.1 million forcibly displaced and stateless people | 9% of the global population



At the end of 2023, the 16 countries that make up the southern Africa region hosted 10.1 million forcibly displaced people, returnees and stateless people. Most were families displaced within the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and Mozambique. At the same time, 1 million refugees were living in protracted displacement situations and an increasing number were moving onwards, joining others as part of mixed movements of refugees and migrants on routes within and to sub-Saharan Africa.

Across southern Africa, forcibly displaced people and the communities that host them are increasingly susceptible to inequality, conflict, food insecurity, disease outbreaks and natural disasters, challenges that are compounded by fragile systems, asylum restrictions, and reduced opportunities for longer-term solutions. These conditions are expected to deteriorate in the coming years, as is the underfunding of the humanitarian response in the region, all with devastating effects on protection and solutions.

More people will be forced to seek safety as conflict situations remain unresolved and climate challenges continue. Unless sufficient funding is received, millions will be exposed to violence, insecurity, and untenable living conditions.

Amid reduced budgets and increasing needs, in the next few years, UNHCR will focus on five areas:

- improving the asylum space;
- mobilizing investments in development and self-reliance;
- promoting durable solutions;
- strengthening data-gathering and information management; and
- building national and regional emergency preparedness capacity.

UNHCR's activities in the region will aim to address current and upcoming challenges and ensure a sustainable response.

To increase asylum space, combat statelessness and ensure displaced people have full access to their rights, UNHCR will support national asylum authorities to strengthen the registration of people in need of international protection, and to process asylum claims rapidly, fairly and efficiently. To develop and implement comprehensive regional plans to address statelessness, regional dialogue and engagement will be pursued with relevant stakeholders, including regional entities, academia, judiciary networks and civil society organizations. UNHCR will also advocate for States' ratification and full adoption of relevant international and regional frameworks on refugee, statelessness, and internal displacement issues.

Mixed and onward movements of refugees and migrants pose significant, multi-faceted challenges for governments, the people themselves and communities. UNHCR will engage with IOM (in line with the joint Framework of Engagement) and other UN agencies, regional entities and other key players to support States in addressing mixed and onward movements by implementing a route-based approach in the region and

along the southern Africa and Indian Ocean routes. Enhanced data collection, outreach and communication with people on the move and capacity development will enable actions to bolster the protection and solutions of refugees and migrants along the entire route from countries of origin.

To enhance the self-reliance of those we serve and facilitate their integration into host communities, UNHCR will collaborate closely with States, donors, humanitarian partners, civil society organizations and development actors. These collaborative efforts aim to advance the pledges made at the 2023 Global Refugee Forum, ensuring the inclusion of refugees in national systems and strengthening the links between humanitarian, development, and peace initiatives in refugee-hosting areas. The ultimate goal is to transition from basic humanitarian aid and services to sustainable solutions.

As part of its ongoing commitment to the Global Compact on Refugees (GCR) and to achieve the best outcomes for refugees and their host communities, UNHCR will continue to focus on sustainable responses that prioritise self-reliance and reduce dependency. This sustainable



Displaced people find safety in Namapa after fleeing attacks. These women are among the thousands who fled attacks on their villages in Chiure district, Cabo Delgado Province, Mozambique, in February 2024.

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approach is already being implemented in several countries, including the Republic of the Congo, where UNHCR has emphasized self-reliance, inclusion, and protection with minimal assistance and targeted technical interventions.

UNHCR will engage in advocacy and policy dialogue across the region to promote voluntary return and reintegration, alongside the local integration of refugees, internally displaced people (IDPs), and stateless populations, as primary avenues for durable solutions. Resettlement and complementary pathways will be strategically employed to support the most vulnerable individuals.

UNHCR aims to ensure the inclusion of refugees in regional development initiatives. This will be achieved by incorporating this approach into country operations' multi-year strategies. UNHCR will enhance its engagement with development partners and the private sector to conduct impactful advocacy, generate evidence, and leverage technical, political,

and financial capacities. These collaborative efforts will support the inclusion of forcibly displaced people in national systems, services, development plans, and policies, contributing to resilience-building and achieving long-term, sustainable protection, inclusion, and empowerment.

UNHCR will establish regional partnerships with States and other stakeholders to coordinate the collection of high-quality data on forcibly displaced and stateless people. This data will inform UNHCR's activities and ensure their effectiveness.

Recognizing southern Africa's vulnerability to climate shocks, UNHCR will strengthen the capacity of national and regional stakeholders to respond to emergencies. Operations will develop contingency plans, conduct regular risk assessments, and actively participate in inter-agency forums to ensure that the individuals we serve receive timely and appropriate support when needed.





Edna, 18, and her brother Elson, 23, fled their village in Chiure district, Cabo Delgado Province, Mozambique, when it was attacked by armed groups in February 2024.

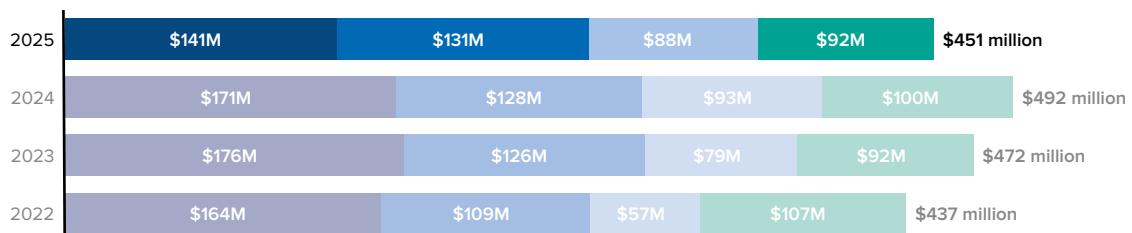
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BUDGET DATA

Regional budget by Impact Area 2022-2025

\$451 million required for 2025 | 4% of the global needs | -8% vs 2024 current budget*

● Protect (IA1) ● Empower (IA3) ● Respond (IA2) ● Solve (IA4)



*current budget as presented at ExCom 2024

Top 5 budgets for Outcome and Enabling Areas in 2025

These 5 areas account for 49% of the regional needs.

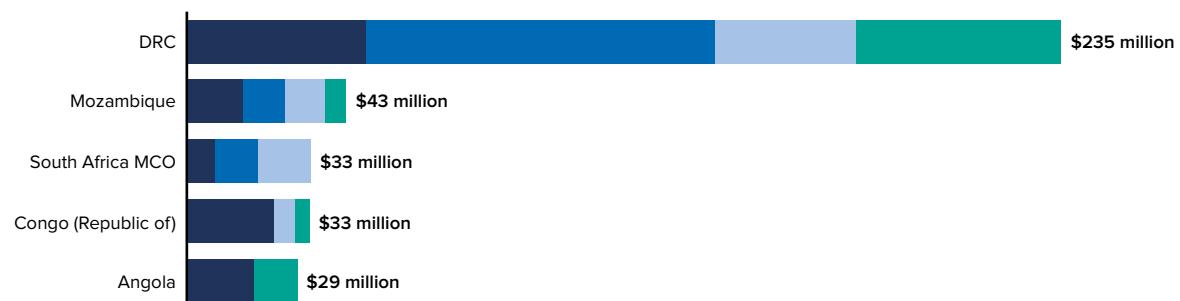


Other Outcome and Enabling Areas = \$227 million | 51%

Top 5 operations by budget in 2025

These 5 operations account for 83% of the regional needs.

● Protect (IA1) ● Empower (IA3) ● Respond (IA2) ● Solve (IA4)



MCO=Multi-country office ; DRC= Democratic Republic of the Congo

BUDGET DATA

2025 regional budget by operation and impact area | USD

REGION / OPERATION	2025 approved budget				TOTAL
	Attaining favourable protection environments	Realizing basic rights in safe environments	Empowering communities and achieving gender equality	Securing solutions	
SOUTHERN AFRICA					
Regional Bureau for South Africa ¹	3,788,069	6,471,271	1,995,444	1,994,616	14,249,400
Angola	17,527,845	-	-	11,968,164	29,496,009
Congo (Republic of)	23,162,297	-	5,438,387	4,093,998	32,694,682
Democratic Republic of the Congo	47,733,615	94,352,542	37,934,253	55,430,682	235,451,092
Malawi	10,641,460	-	15,667,018	-	26,308,478
Mozambique	14,622,778	11,518,641	10,663,730	5,896,489	42,701,638
South Africa multi-country office ²	7,095,435	11,860,847	14,022,938	-	32,979,220
Zambia	14,426,150	-	-	11,700,000	26,126,150
Zimbabwe	1,898,646	6,756,063	2,159,089	465,692	11,279,490
TOTAL	140,896,294	130,959,364	87,880,858	91,549,642	451,286,158

¹ Regional Bureau covers the whole southern Africa region.

² Includes activities in Botswana, Namibia and South Africa and also covers without a presence Comoros, Eswatini, Lesotho, Madagascar, Mauritius and Seychelles.



Father-of-six Jimmy, who is among more than 135,000 people forced to flee the violence in Sake in North Kivu province, has arrived safely at the Mugunga displacement site near Goma, eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo.

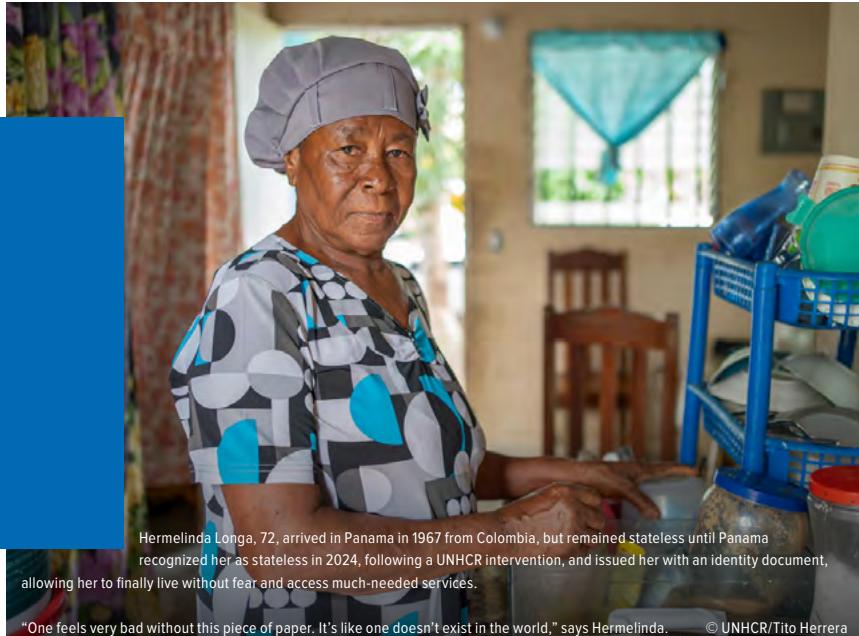
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The Americas

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POPULATION DATA

2025 population planning figures

23.6 million forcibly displaced and stateless people | 17% of the global population



By mid-2024, the Americas hosted 20.3 million forcibly displaced or stateless people. This situation was primarily driven by displacement in Mesoamerica (Mexico and Central America), the Andean region, and the Caribbean. In the first eight months of 2024, 240,000 refugees and migrants crossed the [Darién jungle](#) which represents a significant decrease from the record 520,000 who made the dangerous journey in [2023](#).

UNHCR provides critical support to people forced to flee due to violence, persecution, and other crises, working with its partners in all affected countries to promote a comprehensive regional response in all phases of displacement. This includes fostering solutions for vulnerable populations and stability for hosting communities. UNHCR delivers emergency assistance, including shelter, food, and medical care to forcibly displaced and stateless people. It also supports governments and local

organizations to strengthen asylum systems and other legal stay arrangements (documentation and regularization) throughout Latin America and Caribbean countries, to ensure individuals can seek protection and can avoid dangerous journeys. Through these comprehensive efforts, UNHCR promotes protection and sustainable solutions for those most in need across the Americas.

UNHCR in the Americas has the following strategic priorities:

- Ensure protection for refugees, including strengthening asylum and other legal stay arrangements;
- Promote socioeconomic inclusion in hosting countries with the support of financial/development actors and the private sector;
- Expand opportunities for resettlement and other legal pathways;

- Support governments to address and mitigate root causes of displacement;
- Provide humanitarian response and counter misinformation, including through different online tools such as El Jaguar and Toucan;
- Address root causes in countries of origin.

UNHCR plays an important role promoting a coordinated emergency response across the region, to forcibly displaced people. The [R4V regional platform](#), co-led by UNHCR and IOM, has been consolidated, involving 248 partners in 17 countries. Building on this mechanism, there is potential to further expand coordination efforts to include a broader set of countries and partners with focus on an integrated analysis of structural causes and effective, collaborative responses related to forced displacement.

UNHCR is actively engaged in regional frameworks such as the [Comprehensive Regional Protection and Solutions Framework](#) (known in Spanish as *Marco Integral Regional para la Protección y Soluciones*, or MIRPS), the Quito Process, and the LA Declaration on Migration and Protection. Under the MIRPS in Central America and Mexico, UNHCR will continue to provide targeted support to National Action Plans, the Regional Action Plan, and

regional working groups on protection and solutions with the aim to support displaced persons to seek protection where they are. Furthermore, UNHCR will continue strengthening alliances with cooperating States and international financial/development institutions to mobilize resources through their participation in regional coordination mechanisms – such as the [MIRPS Support Platform](#) and the [Friends of the Quito Process](#) – and in the organization of high-level solidarity events.

As a follow-up of 2023 Global Refugee Forum, Latin American and Caribbean countries launched the [Cartagena+40](#) process. In 2024, the culmination of the Cartagena+40 consultations will create a regional roadmap addressing protection and solutions over the next 10 years, emphasizing priorities like human mobility, development, and forced displacement, including due to the adverse effects of climate change and natural disasters.

UNHCR will redouble efforts to enable sustainable responses by leveraging Global Refugee Forum pledges and engaging with financial/development actors and the private sector to support inclusion and integration efforts, expanded job opportunities, health, education and housing for refugees and host communities.



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[Islamic Relief USA enters strategic partnership in support of refugees globally](#)

Long-term partner Islamic Relief USA has entered a [strategic partnership](#) to support UNHCR's work, with a commitment of \$25 million over five years – funded by general support and Zakat (Islamic charitable giving) – that will make a tremendous impact for millions of refugees around the globe.

This commitment builds on Islamic Relief USA's history of uplifting

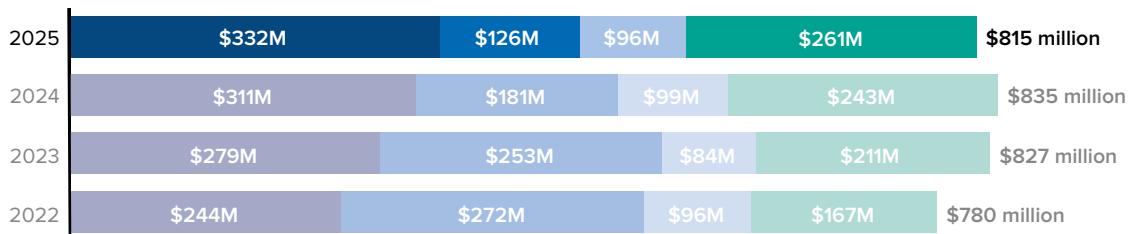
refugees through programmes like the Mexico Local Integration Program, which supports refugees and displaced populations with long-term integration and job placement.

BUDGET DATA

Regional budget by Impact Area 2022-2025

\$815 million required for 2025 | 8% of the global needs | -2% vs 2024 current budget*

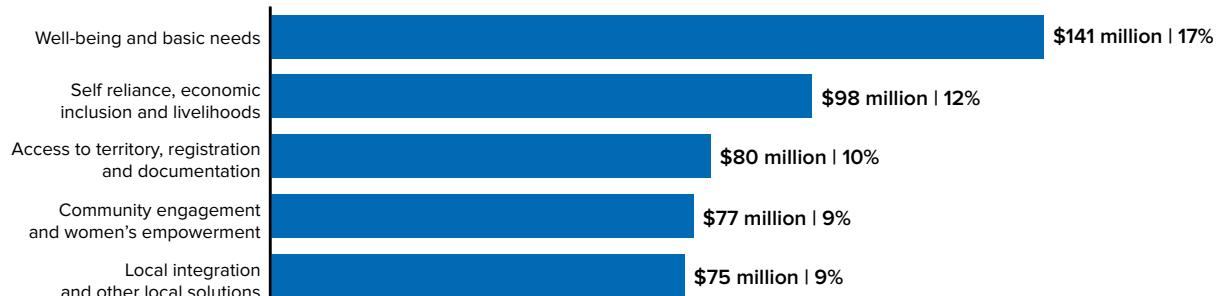
● Protect (IA1) ● Empower (IA3) ● Respond (IA2) ● Solve (IA4)



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Top 5 budgets for Outcome and Enabling Areas in 2025

These 5 areas account for 58% of the regional needs.

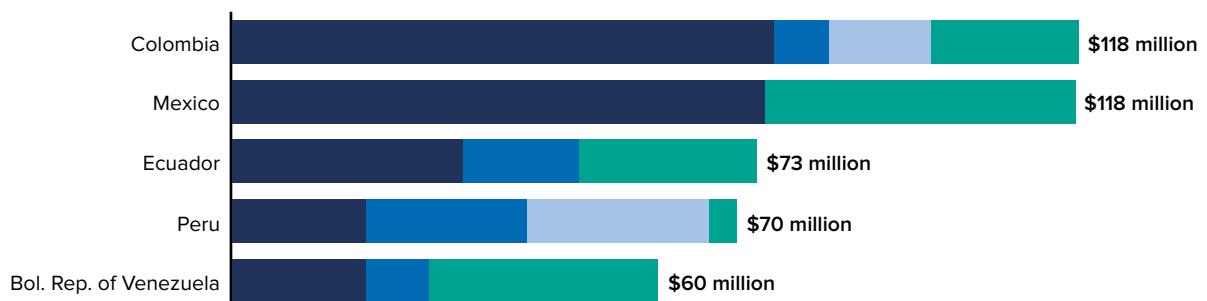


Other Outcome and Enabling Areas = \$344 million | 42%

Top 5 operations by budget in 2025

These 5 operations account for 54% of the regional needs.

● Protect (IA1) ● Empower (IA3) ● Respond (IA2) ● Solve (IA4)



BUDGET DATA

2025 regional budget by operation and impact area | USD

REGION / OPERATION	2025 approved budget				TOTAL
	Attaining favourable protection environments	Realizing basic rights in safe environments	Empowering communities and achieving gender equality	Securing solutions	
THE AMERICAS					
Regional Bureau for the Americas ¹	4,624,835	7,900,742	2,436,227	2,435,217	17,397,021
Other Operations in the Americas	-	-	-	6,305,666	6,305,666
Argentina multi-country office ²	20,965,824	10,751,677	12,778,448	11,498,557	55,994,507
Brazil	7,479,975	19,245,138	14,185,556	11,562,667	52,473,336
Canada	874,353	1,185,804	-	1,049,353	3,109,510
Colombia	75,708,100	7,607,079	14,263,273	20,681,746	118,260,199
Costa Rica	18,636,737	-	-	21,789,910	40,426,647
Ecuador	32,250,278	16,226,782	-	24,822,940	73,300,000
El Salvador	3,566,274	8,865,666	4,726,481	11,406,259	28,564,680
Guatemala	9,165,129	7,192,045	5,670,351	15,866,117	37,893,643
Honduras	6,201,296	7,797,670	6,999,483	9,701,038	30,699,487
Mexico	74,403,279	-	-	43,539,343	117,942,622
Panama multi-country office ³	19,217,349	-	-	34,225,609	53,442,957
Peru	18,709,732	22,455,886	25,433,469	3,892,737	70,491,823
United States of America multi-country office ⁴	21,560,938	7,946,859	9,254,091	10,575,461	49,337,349
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	18,688,005	8,800,000	-	32,045,000	59,533,005
TOTAL	332,052,105	125,975,348	95,747,379	261,397,619	815,172,452

¹ Regional Bureau covers the whole Americas region.

² Coordinates activities in Argentina, the Plurinational State of Bolivia, Chile and Uruguay and covers Paraguay without a presence.

³ Coordinates activities in Aruba, Belize, Cuba, Curaçao, Guyana, Panama, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago and also covers Suriname and Nicaragua without a presence in the latter.

⁴ Coordinates activities in the Bahamas, the Dominican Republic, Haiti and in the United States of America and covers without a presence Antigua and Barbuda, the Bahamas, Barbados, Dominica, Grenada, Jamaica, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines; the British Overseas Territories of Anguilla, Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Montserrat, and Turks and Caicos Islands; and the Dutch overseas territory of the Kingdom of the Netherlands Sint Maarten.



Despite being one of the most dangerous jungles in the world, Darien is a transit location for thousands of refugees and migrants, most of them coming from the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Ecuador, Haiti, and African and South Asian nations. According to the National Migration Service (SNM) published statistics, from 2021 to 2023, nearly 900,000 people crossed through this area, with 520,000 crossing in 2023.

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West and Central Africa

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POPULATION DATA

2025 population planning figures

14.9 million forcibly displaced and stateless people | 11% of the global population



Political instability, new and protracted conflicts, and widespread insecurity are expected to continue driving displacement in West and Central Africa in 2025. The number of forcibly displaced is expected to climb from 14.3 million at the end of 2024 to around 15.2 million by the end of 2025, an increase of 6%. Competition over resources due to climate change, poverty, and inflation across the region exacerbate humanitarian needs. Most countries in the region either host displaced persons, produce them, or both.

Internal displacement generated by conflict in the Central Sahel is likely to make up the bulk of this increase, projected to increase up by 24% in 2025. The IDP count in West and Central Africa could reach 9 million by end 2025, a 13% increase compared to 2024.

The current total number of refugees in the region is expected to reach 2.9 million by the end of 2024, mainly due to the outflows from the Sudan. The conflict in the Sudan has displaced

nearly 200,000 people into Chad within 2024 as of October, host to the largest number of Sudanese refugees, with over 682,000 arrivals since the conflict began in April 2023. In 2025, a projected 250,000 new arrivals are expected from the Sudan into Chad.

At the same time, UNHCR foresees over 550,000 IDP and refugee returnees in the West and Central Africa region in 2025. Approximately 90,000 voluntary returns are foreseen by end 2024, mostly to the Central African Republic (CAR), Mali and Nigeria countries of origin with refugees returning home from Cameroon, Chad, the Democratic Republic of Congo, and Mauritania countries of asylum, respectively. In the CAR alone, over half a million people are internally displaced, and nearly 751,000 Central Africans have sought asylum in neighbouring countries. In line with progress on the commitments under the 2022 Yaoundé Declaration and the launch in late 2023 of the CAR Solutions Support Platform, the voluntary repatriation of 300,000 refugees to the CAR

is anticipated by 2028. IDP returns are also expected in Cameroon, the CAR and Mali in 2025.

While the security situation in Northeast Nigeria remains fluid, Nigerian refugees are returning in search of a durable solutions, with the support of central and local governments. UNHCR will continue to engage governments in 2025 to promote solution strategies with adequate protection safeguards, including to respond to the realities of returns in adverse circumstances, where refugees are compelled to return due to the deteriorating security situation in their country of asylum.

In response to this context, UNHCR has identified four strategic priorities in West and Central Africa: renewing our focus on protection and solutions, building self-reliance and resilience through new partnerships, and strengthening emergency response preparedness for forced displacement. The fourth priority centers on optimizing resource mobilization and enhancing efficiency in resource management. This approach is underpinned by a strong focus on data, dialogue, and engagement with development actors to ensure effective protection and solutions.

The Sahel region, in particular, is undergoing a profound transformation as rising insecurity leads to more forced displacement, including a shift from internal displacement to secondary displacements and cross-border movements accompanied by increasing protection risks. This evolving context has prompted UNHCR to adapt its engagement strategy in the Sahel.

To meet the specific challenges in the Sahel and neighbouring states, UNHCR is implementing its 2024-2025 Sahel Plus Strategy to transition from emergency response to early self-reliance and resilience; to focus on community interventions rather than individual assistance; to shift from in-kind aid to cash-based support; to strengthen partnerships with development actors; boost the capacities of local actors to continue interventions locally when humanitarian access is impeded; and expand the geographic scope of a unified response to coastal countries, including Algeria and Mauritania.

The strategy has four priority themes: asylum and mixed movements, urbanization, youth and gender, and climate action. Continued advocacy for open borders and legal refugee status will remain a priority area. Mainstreaming of youth and gender needs across programming, especially livelihoods, will further promote self-reliance of these groups in 2025.

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Innovative solutions: value-chain integration in Nigeria

In August 2024, UNHCR and [Tropical General Investments](#) (TGI) struck a five year cooperation agreement to advance socioeconomic inclusion, protection and sustainable solutions for forcibly displaced people and their host communities by effectively integrating them into production models for critical agricultural value chains in Nigeria. The project

will start in Katsina State and involve 1,000 direct beneficiaries in its pilot phase and 5,000 indirect beneficiaries. The project will also develop and strengthen local farming cooperatives with training and certifications via the TGI Academy and will support employment opportunities for vulnerable population, food security and financial inclusion and literacy, which is critical to unlocking access to wider services.

To establish sustainable urban settlements, UNHCR will enhance its collaboration with development actors to address challenges and achieve durable solutions for forcibly displaced and stateless people, focusing on the well-being of refugees and their host communities. Sahel countries are priority countries for Climate Action, and in 2025 UNHCR will expand its smart-agriculture interventions, as well as development partnerships to garner community-inclusive climate solutions.

In Chad, Mali and the Niger, UNHCR has already established protection monitoring, community-based identification and referral mechanisms with mobile teams, including targeted messaging on alternatives to dangerous journeys. The mixed movements of refugees and migrants within the region and towards North Africa and the central Mediterranean, or across the Atlantic to the Canary Islands, pose significant challenges for governments, the people themselves and communities including loss of lives, precarious protection situations, and difficulties for States to manage. UNHCR will build on implementation of a comprehensive, route-based approach, which UNHCR, with IOM and other humanitarian partners, along key routes in Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali and the Niger. UNHCR will prioritize safe houses for survivors of trafficking in the Niger and will strengthen outreach, communication, asylum systems and identification of persons on the move in the Gambia and Senegal.

Conflict, poverty, and inequitable access to socioeconomic resources continue to trigger new displacements in Cameroon, Chad, the

Niger and north-east Nigeria. In Nigeria, in 2025, the operation will pivot towards ensuring that all displaced communities have access to government services, livelihood opportunities and other long-term support protection mechanisms, with a view to becoming self-reliant over time.

These strategic priorities for the West and Central Africa region underpin UNHCR's focus on sustainable responses, with an anticipated transition towards a "whole-of-government" approach, ensuring that line ministries and local governments fulfil their roles in service delivery, social protection, and economic inclusion.

UNHCR's approach to sustainable responses will involve supporting national refugee agencies in redefining their coordination roles, and directly with line Ministries to support refugee inclusion in national systems. Additionally, there will be a focus on stronger engagement with development actors and the private sector to support the humanitarian-development-peace nexus, as UNHCR repositions itself to leverage 2023 GRF pledges and its mandate for protection and solutions, equipped with robust data and analytics to act as a credible facilitator and catalyst.

UNHCR's resource mobilization strategy seeks sustainable and flexible funding from a broader donor base, by maintaining and deepening relationships with current donors; pursuing initiatives to expand the donor base and making the case to development actors and international financial institutions for investment in socioeconomic inclusion.



Hamidou Maiga is from the host community in Mopti, in central Mali. He is 70 years old and a father of 11. Despite the lack of resources and difficult living conditions, his family has generously welcomed many Burkinabé fleeing insecurity.

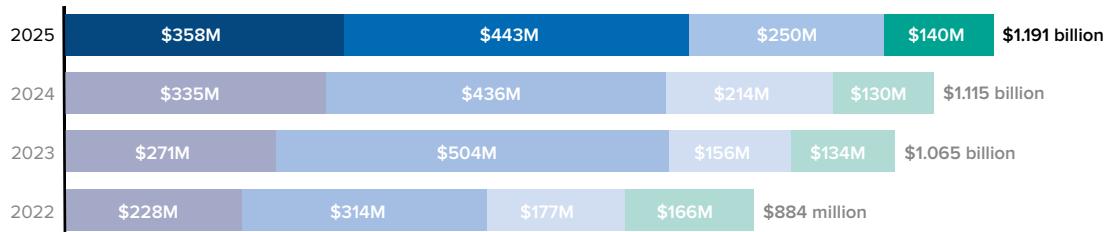
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BUDGET DATA

Regional budget by Impact Area 2022-2025

\$1.191 billion required for 2025 | 12% of the global needs | +7% vs 2024 current budget*

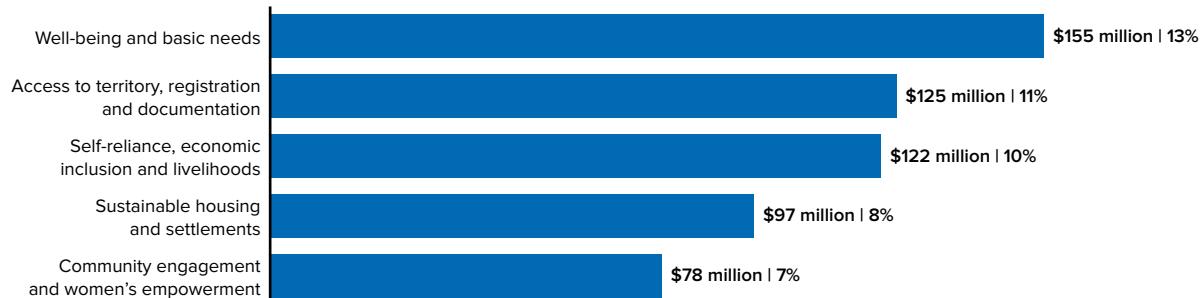
● Protect (IA1) ● Empower (IA3) ● Respond (IA2) ● Solve (IA4)



*current budget as presented at ExCom 2024

Top 5 budgets for Outcome and Enabling Areas in 2025

These 5 areas account for 48% of the regional needs.

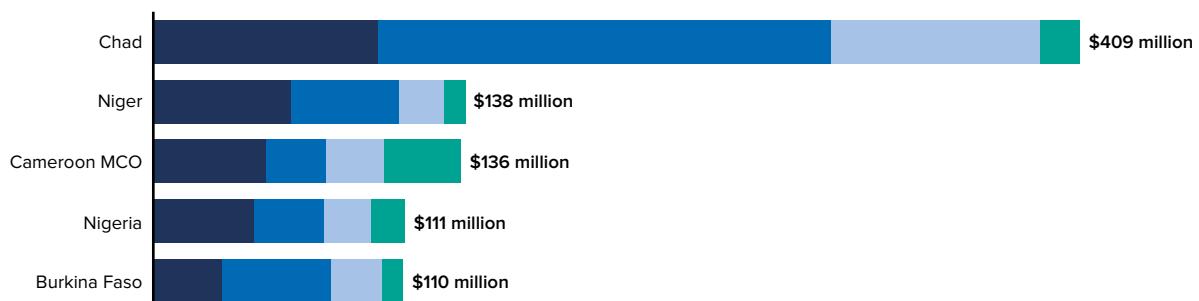


Other Outcome and Enabling Areas = \$614 million | 52%

Top 5 operations by budget in 2025

These 5 operations account for 76% of the regional needs.

● Protect (IA1) ● Empower (IA3) ● Respond (IA2) ● Solve (IA4)



MCO=Multi-country office

BUDGET DATA

2025 regional budget by operation and impact area | USD

REGION / OPERATION	2025 approved budget				TOTAL
	Attaining favourable protection environments	Realizing basic rights in safe environments	Empowering communities and achieving gender equality	Securing solutions	
WEST AND CENTRAL AFRICA					
Regional Bureau for West and Central Africa ¹	5,525,994	9,440,219	2,910,931	2,909,724	20,786,868
Burkina Faso	30,242,986	48,091,528	22,856,579	9,213,049	110,404,143
Cameroon multi-country office ²	49,894,481	26,081,556	25,910,401	33,815,494	135,701,931
Central African Republic	9,193,837	40,748,084	37,484,119	20,053,703	107,479,743
Chad	99,221,535	200,082,369	92,429,785	17,653,226	409,386,916
Côte d'Ivoire multi-country office ³	43,123,366	-	5,811,499	8,521,451	57,456,316
Mali	8,137,260	39,512,164	22,352,314	16,059,324	86,061,062
Niger	60,581,287	48,087,299	19,686,694	9,619,826	137,975,106
Nigeria	44,400,114	30,911,139	20,890,735	15,043,065	111,245,052
Senegal multi-country office ⁴	7,435,100	-	-	7,095,000	14,530,100
TOTAL	357,755,960	442,954,358	250,333,057	139,983,862	1,191,027,238

¹ Regional Bureau and regional activities cover the whole of West and Central Africa region.

² Coordinates activities in Cameroon and Gabon and also covers without a presence Equatorial Guinea and Sao Tome and Principe.

³ Coordinates activities in Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Liberia and Togo and covers Benin without a presence in the latter.

⁴ Coordinates activities in Guinea, Guinea Bissau and Senegal and covers without a presence Cabo Verde, The Gambia and Sierra Leone.



Spontaneous refugee site in Adre, Chad where, as of April 2024, around 150,000 Sudanese refugees live in makeshift shelters.

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