

Tunisia

May 2025

10,683 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 **adapted its operations** by implementing activities both directly and through partners.

KEY FIGURES

10,683*

forcibly displaced people registered in Tunisia as of 31 March, including 8,108 asylum-seekers and 2,575 refugees.

86%*

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

993

individuals supported with financial assistance in May 2025.

1,214

document renewals in May 2025.

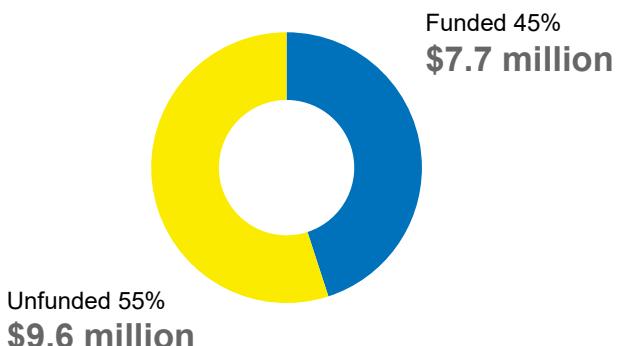
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departures on resettlement in May 2025.

FUNDING (AS OF 31 MAY 2025)

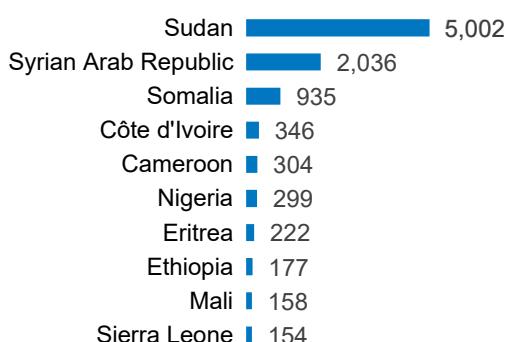
USD \$17.3 million

requested for Tunisia in 2025.



REGISTERED POPULATION

Country of origin*



* These figures reflect the registered population as of 31 March 2025, based on UNHCR's most recent presence verification exercise. They will be updated following the next verification.

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 throughout their journey.

Among those arriving are particularly vulnerable individuals in need of international protection, including victims of torture, survivors of gender-based violence, individuals with serious medical or psychosocial needs, as well as unaccompanied children. Once in Tunisia, limited access to basic services continues to exacerbate vulnerabilities, particularly for those without family or community support. Worsening economic conditions further compound the situation, increasing the reliance of asylum-seekers and refugees on humanitarian assistance to meet their most basic needs.

Since 2024, UNHCR has adapted its response to the evolving context by taking on the direct implementation of certain activities previously carried out by partners, while continuing to rely on partners for the delivery of other key services. This approach has ensured continued access to critical assistance for registered asylum-seekers and refugees at heightened risk, including 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 1,214 cards successfully renewed in May 2025. In addition, 14 newborns were registered, and their details were added to the registered parents' file.
- UNHCR conducted vulnerability assessments for 57 registered refugees and asylum-seekers to identify the most appropriate interventions and referrals to existing services and assistance.
- As part of a joint action plan, UNHCR and UNICEF continued to strengthen their collaboration, with the transition of child protection case management and mental health and psychosocial support responsibilities to UNICEF nearing completion.
- UNHCR and its partner provided legal assistance, advice, and consultations to 61 additional refugees and asylum-seekers.

HELPLINE

- UNHCR's helpline services recorded a total of 3,649 communications from 1,656 unique callers, including Sudanese, Syrians, and Ivorians among the top three nationalities. Helpline assistants provided callers with information, counselling, and orientation to specialized services and assistance

SAFE SHELTER

- In May 2025, UNHCR hosted a total of 429 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.
- 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 up to 410 refugees and asylum-seekers in May 2025.

HEALTH

- UNHCR and its partner helped vulnerable refugees and asylum-seekers access health services: 145 individuals received in-person or remote medical counseling, 294 were referred to health services. Hospital accompaniment was provided for 133 individuals, and 112 individuals had their consultation costs covered.
- UNHCR delivered psychosocial counseling to 31 individuals.

CASH-BASED INTERVENTIONS

- With the endorsement of the Tunisian government, UNHCR continued to implement cash-based interventions, benefiting 992 individuals in May 2025. In total, 608 individuals received multipurpose cash support, 229 received cash-for-food assistance, and 155 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 centres and institutions in Tunis to provide vocational training. Since the beginning of the year, 52 individuals have successfully completed their training, while 13 are continuing in the program as of May 2025.
- 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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