

# Tunisia

September 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 2025, including 8,108 asylum-seekers and 2,575 refugees.

# 86%\*

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

# 929

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

# 714

**UNHCR document renewals** in September 2025.

# 6

**departures on resettlement** in September 2025.

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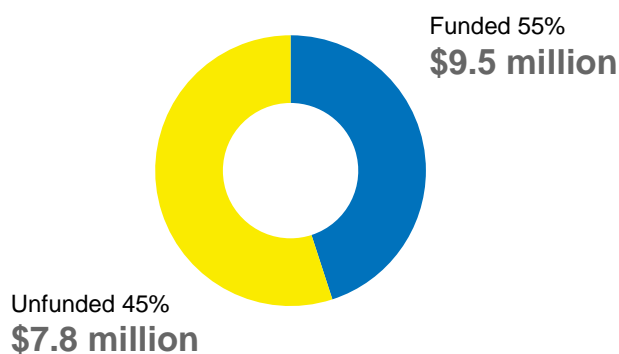
**departures on complementary pathway** in September 2025.

\* 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.

## FUNDING (AS OF 30 SEPTEMBER 2025)

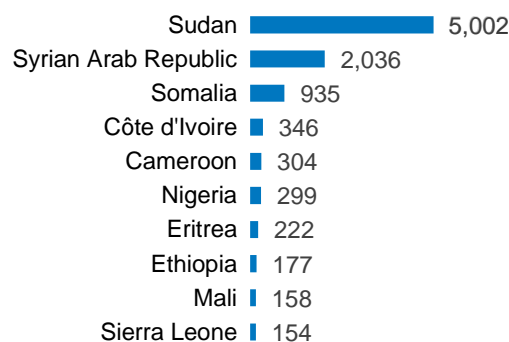
# USD \$17.3 million

requested for Tunisia in 2025.



## REGISTERED POPULATION

# Country of origin\*



## 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. The country continues to host asylum-seekers and refugees from Sudan, Syria, Somalia, and various West African countries, many of whom have experienced conflict, persecution, and other protection risks before arrival. Among them are particularly vulnerable individuals, including victims of torture, survivors of gender-based violence, individuals with serious medical or psychosocial needs, as well as unaccompanied children.

In recent years, the operational environment for asylum-seekers and refugees has significantly evolved. Access to protection and essential services has become increasingly limited, exacerbating the situation faced by forcibly displaced populations. UNHCR has adapted its response to the evolving context by maintaining life-saving assistance while reducing certain activities that can no longer be implemented at scale. Since 2024, direct implementation has been pursued for some services, while others continue through national partners, namely the Tunisian Scouts, the Arab Institute of Human Rights (IADH), and the Tunisian Association for Management and Social Stability (TAMSS). This approach has ensured continued delivery of critical assistance for the most vulnerable registered asylum-seekers and refugees, 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 714 cards successfully renewed in September 2025. In addition, 7 newborns were registered, and their details were added to the registered parents' file.
- UNHCR conducted vulnerability assessments for 75 registered refugees and asylum-seekers to identify the most appropriate interventions and referrals to existing services and assistance.
- As part of the UNHCR and UNICEF collaboration on case management and mental health and psychosocial for children under UNHCR's mandate, 19 best interest assessment were initiated during the month.
- UNHCR and its partner provided legal assistance, advice, and consultations to 29 additional refugees and asylum-seekers.

### HELPLINE

- In September 2025, UNHCR's helpline service recorded a total of 3,376 communications from 1,158 unique callers, including Sudanese, Somali and Syrians among the top three nationalities. Helpline assistants provided callers with information, counselling, and orientation to specialized services and assistance.

**SAFE SHELTER**

- In September 2025, UNHCR hosted a total of 407 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 transitional shelter in the governorate of Medenine, which hosted up to 140 refugees and asylum-seekers in September 2025.
- In coordination with local authorities, UNHCR and UNICEF completed rehabilitation works on the wastewater system at the Jdariya transitional shelter to improve hygiene and sanitation conditions.

**HEALTH**

- UNHCR and its partner helped vulnerable refugees and asylum-seekers access to national health facilities: 169 in-person and remote medical counselling sessions provided, 204 individuals benefited from accompaniment to health facilities, and 133 consultations and admissions were covered.
- UNHCR delivered psychosocial counseling to 60 individuals.
- In coordination with local authorities, UNHCR facilitated a medical intervention at the temporary shelter in Jdariya, with three volunteer Tunisian doctors providing consultations and basic medical care to people living at the site. Additionally, UNDP, UNHCR, and their partners organized HIV awareness sessions and health activities for refugees and asylum-seekers at the UNHCR-run shelters in Medenine.

**CASH-BASED INTERVENTIONS**

- With the endorsement of the Tunisian government, UNHCR continued to implement cash-based interventions, benefiting 929 individuals in September 2025. In total, 552 individuals received multipurpose cash support, 228 received cash-for-food assistance, and 149 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, 64 individuals have successfully completed their vocational training across accredited fields (welding, building electricity, caregiver, software testing), while 71 others have begun a training programme in September 2025.
- UNHCR and its self-reliance partner continued their efforts to strengthen the resilience of asylum-seekers and refugees. In September, job placements for six individuals were secured and approved by the Tunisian authorities.

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