

INDIA

January- February 2026

Operational Context

India continues to be a generous host to refugees and asylum-seekers from across the region and beyond. UNHCR works in close coordination with the Government of India and other UN agencies in fulfilling its mandate of ensuring access to protection, solutions, and humanitarian assistance to persons forced to flee.

Civil society organizations, working in partnership with UNHCR, are at the forefront of the refugee response ensuring that assistance reaches the most vulnerable within the overall objective of “leaving no one behind”. Partnership agreements are in place with five national NGOs.

UNHCR works closely with the Government of India and the UN Country Team to ensure that refugees and asylum-seekers are included in national efforts to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals, in line with the principle of leaving no one behind

Snapshot January- February 2026



48,342

Refugees and asylum seekers registered with UNHCR India



16

Resettlement departures



150

Compilmentary Pathways departures



309

Individual asylum-seekers registered with UNHCR India in 2026



22

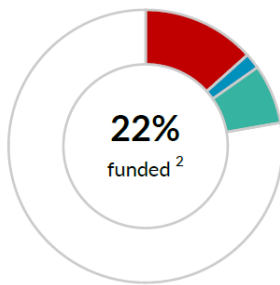
individuals Voluntarily Repatriated

INDIA FUNDING UPDATE

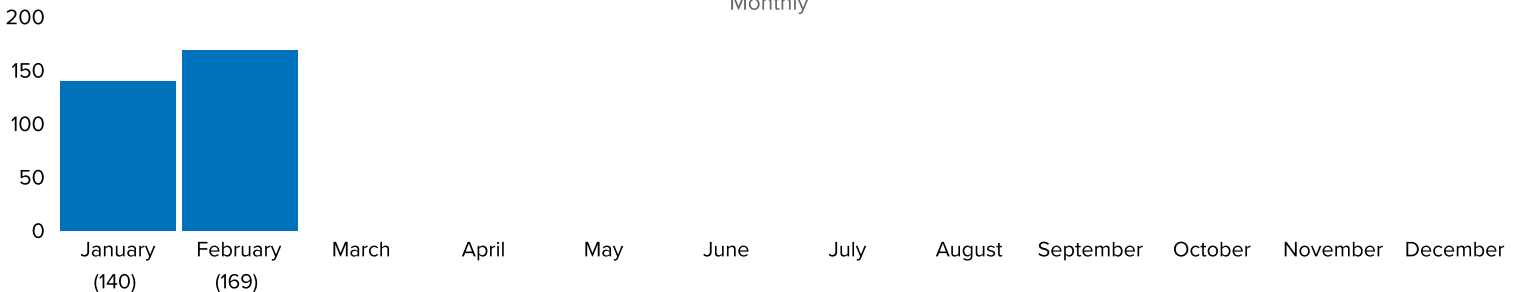
as of 28th February 2026

USD 16.6 million

UNHCR financial requirements 2026



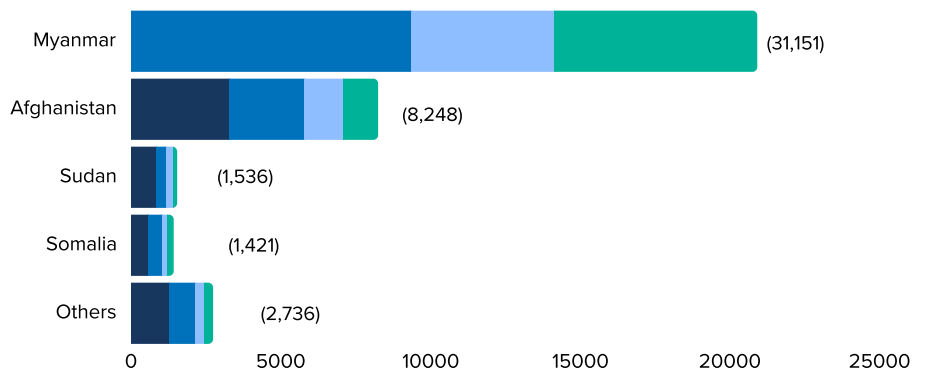
- Tightly earmarked
- Earmarked
- Softly earmarked (indicative allocation)
- Unearmarked (indicative allocation)
- Funding gap (indicative)



REFUGEES AND ASYLUM-SEEKERS AS OF 28th February 2026

Country/Territory of Origin





- Men (18+ years old)
- Women (18+ years old)
- Boys (0-17 years old)
- Girls (0-17 years old)



NEW ASYLUM SEEKER REGISTRATIONS 2026

Monthly

Key Achievements January- February 2026 (till 28th Feb)

Sector	Response	Description
 Registration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 309 individuals registered with UNHCR 	Registrations of asylum seekers mainly from Myanmar and other countries
 Livelihood	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 98 refugees supported with job placements • 10 individuals supported with self-reliance activities such as micro grants • 61 individuals benefitted from vocational training and entrepreneurship development program. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Placements in hospitality and services, manufacturing and repair, IT, health care and food-beverage sectors • Micro grants to refugees in mobile repairing and tailoring sector • vocational trainings in healthcare, IT and beauty wellness sectors
 Protection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2,307 people benefitted from 114 community engagements • 6 people received emergency cash assistance • 5887 people received emergency food assistance. • 23 refugee led initiatives were supported focusing on education and response to gender based violence 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community sessions conducted on themes PSEA, youth centric sessions, healthcare, legal support, Gender based violence awareness, complimentary pathways and legal awareness. • Food and cash assistance provided in Delhi NCR, Telangana, Dera Bassi and Mizoram • Refugee led initiatives (community based centres) in Delhi, Jammu, Bangalore, Jaipur and Telangana.
 Solutions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 150 individuals departed on Complementary Pathways • 22 individuals were supported with Voluntary Repatriation • 16 departed on Resettlement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Departure through Complementary Pathways programmes to Canada, Australia and Netherlands • Voluntary Repatriation to Afghanistan, Cameroon and Somalia • Resettlement to Australia and UK

A New Digital Gateway Opens for Refugees in India



A new UNHCR Digital Gateway is empowering refugees in India with secure and faster access to vital services and information.

The UNHCR Digital Gateway, launched in New Delhi in December 2025, is a secure self-service platform designed to improve how refugees and asylum-seekers in India access information and services. Available to registered individuals aged 18 and above, the platform allows users to create accounts, view their personal data, update details, and communicate with UNHCR remotely.

The Gateway integrates multiple access points, including the “My Services” portal, contact centres, and kiosks, enabling refugees to access support anytime without needing to travel to registration centres. This reduces time, costs, and administrative barriers while improving efficiency and transparency.

A key feature is the ability to report vital life events such as births and deaths. This helps address challenges related to lack of legal documentation, which can limit access to services and increase risks of statelessness. Improved reporting also supports better data for planning and policy.

The platform was developed based on community feedback, though more efforts need to be done to include digital inclusion. To address this, UNHCR provides in-person support, training, and internet access.

Overall, the Digital Gateway strengthens inclusion, efficiency, and data protection, while empowering refugees with greater control over their information and access to essential services. To read the full story Please click [here](#)

UNHCR WORKS TO PROTECT REFUGEES AND ASYLUM SEEKERS AND TO ADVANCE SOLUTIONS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH :

- **The Government of India and relevant public institutions**
- **United Nations (UN):** UNHCR is a member of the United Nations Country Team (UNCT) and contributes to the India-United Nations Sustainable Development Framework (UNSDf) for 2023-2027.
- **Formal partnership agreements with 5 national NGOs: ActionAid (AA), Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA), Bosco Organization for Social Concern and Operation (BOSCO), Development and Justice Initiative (DAJI) and Modern Architects for Rural India (MARI)**



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