

Tunisia

June 2026

7,515 refugees and asylum-seekers* are registered with UNHCR, most from countries affected by armed conflict and widespread violence.

Among them are people with **critical protection needs**, including victims of torture, gender-based violence survivors, and unaccompanied children.

UNHCR provides essential assistance to persons under its mandate and supports **third-country solutions**, including resettlement and voluntary return.

KEY FIGURES

7,515*

forcibly displaced people registered in Tunisia as of 30 April 2026, including 5,219 asylum-seekers and 2,296 refugees.

95%*

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

949

individuals supported with financial assistance in June 2026.

713

UNHCR document renewals in June 2026.

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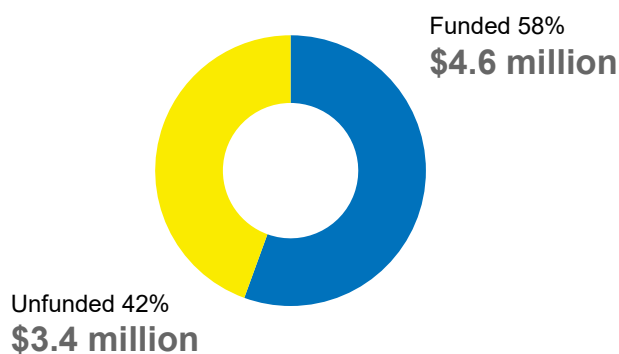
departure on resettlement in June 2026.

* These figures reflect the registered population as of 30 April 2026, based on UNHCR's most recent presence verification exercise. They will be updated following the next verification.

FUNDING (AS OF 30 JUNE 2026)

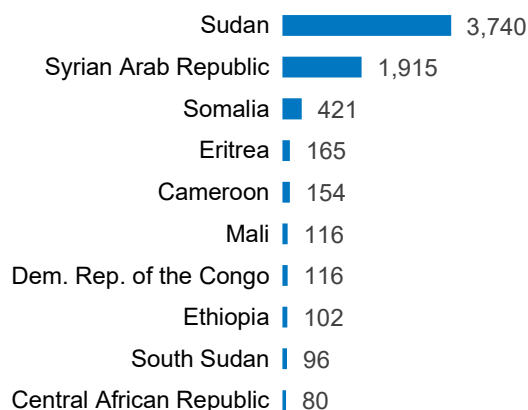
USD \$ 8 million

requested for Tunisia in 2026.



REGISTERED POPULATION

Country of origin*



Operational context

UNHCR operates in Tunisia in support of refugees and asylum-seekers, including individuals with specific needs. The country hosts a population of registered refugees and asylum-seekers from Sudan, Syria, Somalia, and various West, Central and East African countries, the majority of whom have fled conflict, persecution, and other protection risks. Among them are particularly vulnerable individuals, including victims of torture, survivors of gender-based violence, people with serious medical or psychosocial needs, and unaccompanied children.

In recent years, the operational environment has changed significantly: access to protection and to some essential services has become increasingly limited, heightening the vulnerability of forcibly displaced population. In line with its humanitarian mandate, UNHCR provides life-saving protection and assistance to registered refugees and asylum-seekers, working with national partners including the Tunisian Scouts, the Arab Institute for Human Rights (IADH), and the Tunisian Association for Management and Social Stability (TAMSS).

Operational response

HELPLINE

- In June 2026, UNHCR's country-wide helpline service recorded a total of 2,237 communications from 986 unique callers. Helpline assistants provided callers with information, counselling, and orientation to specialized services and assistance.

PROTECTION

- UNHCR continued renewing cards and updating basic biodata for registered refugees and asylum-seekers with a total of 713 cards successfully renewed in June 2026. In addition, four new-borns were registered, and their details were added to their parents' registration files.
- UNHCR conducted vulnerability assessments for 86 registered refugees and asylum-seekers to identify the most appropriate interventions and referrals to existing services and assistance.
- UNHCR and its partner provided legal assistance, advice, and consultations to 80 additional refugees and asylum-seekers.

SAFE SHELTER

- In June 2026, UNHCR hosted a total of 231 refugees and asylum-seekers, including 102 unaccompanied children, in three UNHCR-run temporary safe shelters in Tunis and Medenine, 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 safe shelters, providing access to a range of activities such as language courses 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 170 refugees and asylum-seekers in June 2026. A regular monthly in-kind food distribution was also provided to residents of the shelter.

HEALTH

- UNHCR and its partner helped vulnerable refugees and asylum-seekers access to national health facilities, primarily public ones: 194 individual accompaniments to health structures were conducted, 182 consultations and admissions were covered, including ten for mental health, and an additional 12 medical payments were provided.

CASH-BASED INTERVENTIONS

- With the endorsement of the Tunisian government, UNHCR continued to implement cash-based interventions, benefiting 949 individuals in June 2026. In total, 436 families (701 individuals) received multipurpose cash support, 146 received cash-for-food assistance, and 102 unaccompanied children received food vouchers.

SELF-RELIANCE

- UNHCR and its self-reliance partner continued their efforts to strengthen the resilience of registered asylum-seekers and refugees. During the month, 21 individuals completed their vocational training.

Financial information

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