

Czech Republic

September 2022

The Czech Republic has a well-established **asylum framework**. Reception conditions are of a good standard with a functioning State Integration Programme which has expanded with the Ukraine crisis.

429,471 refugees had applied for Temporary Protection status or similar national protection schemes as of 13 September. The Czech Republic has the largest number of refugees per capita in Europe.

As a donor country, the Czech Republic has steadily increased its donations to UNHCR over the years, contributing in 2022 to refugee and IDP programmes in Moldova, Ukraine, and Afghanistan.

POPULATION OF CONCERN as of 30 June 2022*

Refugees	388,274
Asylum-seekers	914
Stateless persons	1,625

TOP THREE COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN*

Refugees		Asylum-seekers	
Ukraine	386,371	Ukraine	278
Syrian Arab Rep.	422	Russian Federation	83
Belarus	180	Belarus	43

*Source: UNHCR provisional mid-year 2022 data

UKRAINE REFUGEE SITUATION RESPONSE

As of 30 September, 439,043 refugees from Ukraine are currently present in the Czech Republic.

438,926 refugees from Ukraine are registered for temporary protection in the Czech Republic.

UNHCR delivered **500 Refugee Housing Units (RHUs)**, **24,864 blankets**, **25,004 steel field cots** and **5,004 hygiene parcels**.

Support to the most vulnerable: UNHCR scaled up its support in protecting children, preventing gender-based violence and communicating with refugee communities.

Coordination: UNHCR leads inter-agency coordination among the UN agencies and their partners, working closely with the government to support the response. The Czech Republic will have a separate chapter in the recalibrated **Regional Refugee Response Plan (RRP)**, adjusting the appeal launched earlier in the year, to reflect winterization and other emerging needs.

HIGHLIGHTS

Education handbook for Ukrainian parents

UNHCR has published a guidebook in Ukrainian for refugee parents on accessing the education system in the Czech Republic, which also serves as a referral tool for teachers in the national education system.

2 new partnership agreements

Czech NGOs *La Strada* and *Romodrom* signed partnerships with UNHCR in relation to the Ukraine Response. These come in addition to the existing partnership with the Organization for Aid to Refugees.

Over 255 people were trained

by UNHCR and partners since 24 February on child protection, GBV, PSEA, and the legal framework for Temporary Protection.

UNHCR 2022 recommendations

UNHCR issued **recommendations** to the French and Czech Presidencies of the Council of the EU for 2022 calling for an increased attention to the protection of refugees in Europe and globally.

UKRAINIAN DOCTOR AND HER DAUGHTER REBUILDING THEIR LIVES IN PRAGUE



Viktoriia is a doctor who worked all her life helping others in Ukraine. Now UNHCR and its partners help her, and her daughter get their lives back on track in Prague after having to flee Ukraine. ([Watch the video](#))

Key Priorities

- **Protection (monitoring):** UNHCR monitors the condition of reception and accommodation centres and advocates for maintaining good standards with respect to age, gender, diversity, and special needs. Access to Temporary Protection in relation to the Ukraine crisis is followed closely.
- **Access to territory:** Asylum-seeker's access to territory is monitored at airports, the only external Schengen borders of the country. Information materials regarding refugee protection rights are available on site.
- **Asylum procedures:** The asylum procedure is grounded in the EU *acquis*. To further strengthen the system, UNHCR advocates for streamlining legislation on the access and quality of asylum procedures, and its compliance with European and international standards.
- **Integration:** UNHCR advocates for local integration of refugees and supports authorities in enhancing the State Integration Programme by assisting in standardizing integration services.
- **Education:** UNHCR promotes a safe environment at schools through the campaign Hello Czech Republic and dissemination of materials developed through the “**Teaching about Refugees**” learning programme.
- **Community empowerment and self-reliance:** Ukrainian-speaking staff visit community centers and monitors refugee communities, communication channels and messaging groups, where issues of concern or information are shared.
- **Promoting social cohesion:** Through its **iVolunteer project**, UNHCR mobilizes voluntary support for asylum-seekers and refugees to combat xenophobia and racism and foster positive interaction between refugees and the host society.
- **Detention monitoring:** Authorities use the detention of asylum-seekers in certain cases (i.e.,

Dublin transfers). UNHCR monitors detention conditions, and advocates for the establishment of suitable alternatives to detention.

Working with Partners

- UNHCR works with Governmental partners, primarily with the Ministry of the Interior, the Refugee Facilities Administration, and the Office of the Ombudsperson. UNHCR is engaged in a strategic dialogue with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- UNHCR has partnership agreements with NGOs **Organisation for Aid to Refugees** (manages the iVolunteer programme, provides legal assistance to asylum seekers), **La Strada** (outreach and prevention of trafficking and exploitation) and **Romodrom** (protection response for Ukrainian Roma refugees/asylum-seekers).
- **External engagement:** UNHCR engages with film and cultural festivals, photographers, and selected media for public awareness raising.

Statelessness

- The Czech Republic is a party to both Statelessness Conventions, albeit with reservations. The country has no effective statelessness determination procedure.
- UNHCR published a [study on statelessness in the Czech Republic](#) in 2020, based on interviews with stateless persons. UNHCR advocates for the lifting of reservations to the 1954 Statelessness Convention and for the establishment of a dedicated statelessness determination procedure.

UNHCR Presence

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4 National Staff
3 International Staff

Offices:

1 Branch Office in Prague

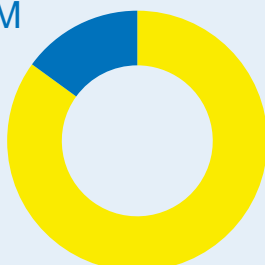
Financial information* (September 2022)

*Information relates to the Representation for Central Europe, which covers Belarus, Czechia, Hungary, Slovakia and Slovenia under the Multi-Country Office in Hungary.

Financial requirements

USD 67.8 M

Funding gap
14%
10.3 M



Funded
85%
57.7 M

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