

Türkiye

September 2023

Türkiye hosts the world's largest refugee population for the ninth consecutive year, with over **3.6 million refugees and asylum-seekers**.

Türkiye's refugee response is based on a comprehensive **legal framework** including the law on Foreigners and International Protection and the 2014 Temporary Protection Regulation.

UNHCR co-leads with UNDP the multi-stakeholder response under the **Regional Refugee Resilience Plan (3RP)** and chairs the UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF) Migration, International Protection and Harmonization Results Group.

UNHCR POPULATION STATISTICS (as of mid-2023)*

Syrians under temporary protection **3.3 million**

Refugees and asylum-seekers under international protection **297,000**

Top three countries of origin*

Refugees		Asylum-seekers	
Syrian Arab Republic	3,332,896	Afghanistan	126,387
Afghanistan	12,946	Iraq	115,241
Iraq	12,473	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	11,976

*UNHCR 2023 Mid-Year Trends and UNHCR data finder

HIGHLIGHTS

Earthquake Emergency Response

UNHCR supported the Government of Türkiye and local authorities by providing over 2.9 million core relief items and shelter materials. UNHCR's close collaboration with the Presidency of Migration Management to respond to the needs of refugees affected by the earthquakes is ongoing.

Communication with Communities (CwC)

UNHCR disseminated earthquake-related information in multiple languages through its Counseling Line and [Help](#) page, while remaining in contact with communities and refugee-led organisations to understand needs and provide assistance.

Specific Needs Fund

UNHCR provides one-off specific needs cash assistance for earthquake survivors, directly, and through eight partners. Over 43,900 individuals (10,500 families) have benefitted from this assistance as of September 2023.

UPDATE ON THE GLOBAL REFUGEE FORUM (GRF)



35 pledges registered for Türkiye

since 2019, in the areas of **education, solutions, jobs & livelihoods, energy & infrastructure, protection capacity, solutions, responsibility sharing, and statelessness**. Türkiye was among the five co-convening countries at the first GRF in 2019, and has since been an advocate for full implementation of the Global Compact on Refugees, underlining the importance of easing the burden on host countries through international responsibility-sharing.

TV Project provides reliable, easily-accessible resource for refugees in Türkiye

Implemented by Association for Solidarity with Asylum Seekers and Migrants (ASAM), this TV Project aims to **provide a reliable and easily-accessible web-based resource** for refugees through its YouTube channel in 7 languages (Turkish, English, Arabic, Farsi, French, Somali and Ukrainian). Through the project, refugees living in Türkiye have been informed about their rights, helping build resilience at different levels in conjunction with their access to protection assistance.



Providing a Safe Space for Earthquake-Affected Refugees

Ali turned his café in Hatay province in Türkiye into a safe haven for people affected by the devastating earthquakes in February, including many displaced persons already present in the country. Learn more about his café [here](#).

Key Priorities

- **Protection:** UNHCR advocates for refugees' access to fair and efficient protection procedures and adequate standards and safeguards by working with its main counterpart, the Presidency of Migration Management (PMM) and its provincial directorates, under the Ministry of Interior.
- **Strengthening access to protection services:** UNHCR supports partners to identify and refer refugees and asylum-seekers to services and provide cash for protection. UNHCR focuses on support services such as counselling and referrals for persons with specific needs, in cooperation with the Ministry of Family and Social Services.
- **Resettlement:** UNHCR supported expediting the resettlement processing of refugees who were injured or had lost family, housing or livelihoods in the earthquakes. By end of September, 10,200 refugees were resettled, approximately half of whom were earthquake-affected.
- **Complementary pathways:** Seven students departed to Italy and two to Lithuania, through scholarships from LUISS and LCC Universities, while three refugees departed to Canada on labour pathway opportunities.
- **Promoting social cohesion:** UNHCR is collaborating with PMM on the drafting of its revised Harmonization Strategy Paper and National Action Plan to strengthen engagement between refugees and the host community.
- **Capacity-development:** UNHCR supports the operational and technical capacities of national institutions, border authorities and civil society to meet the specific needs of refugees and address social cohesion.

Working with Partners

- UNHCR works with ministries, public institutions, municipalities, NGOs, UN agencies, the private sector, refugees and the host community to support refugee

inclusion into national systems, while identifying access to solutions and fostering of social cohesion.

- **Regional Refugee Resilience Plan:** The 3RP is the main coordination platform for the international support to the refugee response, as outlined in the 2023 Regional Strategic Overview – which will undergo a review to cover 2024-2025.
- **Inter-agency coordination of the earthquake response:** UNHCR, the UN Resident Coordinator's Office and IOM jointly chair the Area-Based Coordination structure in Gaziantep. In the transition to the recovery phase, UNHCR and UNDP co-lead the multi-stakeholder response under the 3RP in support of refugees and host communities.

Statelessness

- Türkiye is a party to the 1954 UN Convention on Statelessness. At 2019 Global Refugee Forum, Türkiye pledged to accede to the 1961 Convention and implement it within five years. In 2020, UNHCR and PMM developed standard operating procedures on statelessness determination, the first guidance material on statelessness in the national system.

UNHCR Presence in Türkiye

Staff:

355 National Staff
 64 International Staff

Offices:

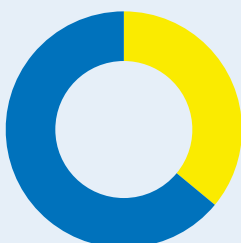
1 Country Office in Ankara
 5 Field Offices in Ankara, Izmir, Istanbul, Edirne, Van
 1 Sub Office in Gaziantep for Şanlıurfa, Hatay, Adana
 3 Resettlement offices in Ankara, Istanbul, Gaziantep

Financial information (September 2023)

Financial requirements

\$ 498.5 M

Funding gap 62%
 \$ 308.7 M



Funded 38%
 \$ 189.8 M

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