

The Kyrgyz Republic

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Working with the Government to strengthen the **national asylum system** and support **local integration of refugees**

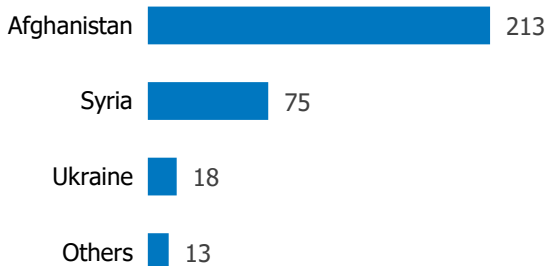
Advocating for due **access to territory** and **asylum procedures**, immediate **birth registration**, and **prevention of statelessness**

Partnering for efficient **preparedness and response to forced displacement emergencies**

People of Concern

A total of **1006** people, including:

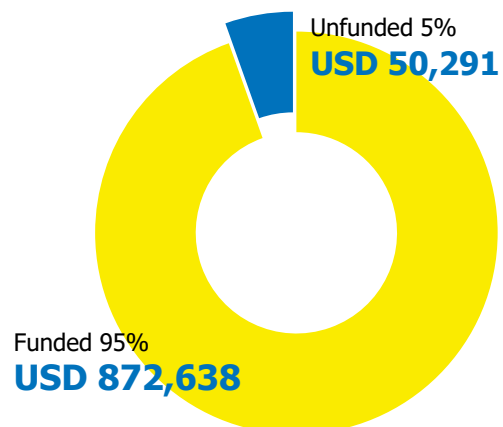
- **4** Stateless people
- **683** Asylum-seekers
- **319** Refugees, by country of origin:



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- 6 National Staff
- 1 Affiliate Workforce

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Sultanova Takhmina was once stateless. Now she is a citizen of Kyrgyzstan (Photo: UNHCR)

Protecting Refugees and Asylum-Seekers

- UNHCR supports the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic to further develop the national asylum system, and improve the quality of the asylum procedure, by strengthening the capacity of relevant authorities and civil society. To improve the overall protection environment, UNHCR provides training on refugee law to state authorities, judiciary, civil society and other stakeholders.
- So that people forced to flee can access the country and asylum procedures, UNHCR collaborates with authorities to institutionalise the process by which both individuals and large groups of people arriving in Kyrgyzstan are referred to UNHCR for support.
- In collaboration with partners, UNHCR promotes local integration of refugees, and advocates for them to have access to public services, including health, education and employment.
- During the COVID-19 pandemic, UNHCR contributes to prevention, treatment, and socio-economic recovery efforts of authorities and the UN, providing technical assistance and additional support to refugees and asylum-seekers.

Preventing Statelessness

- Encouraged by the global [#IBelong Campaign to End Statelessness](#), in 2019, the Kyrgyz Republic became the first country in the world to resolve all known cases of statelessness.
- To address newly discovered cases and prevent re-occurrence, UNHCR and partners support the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic to implement its pledges made at the October 2019 High-Level Segment on Statelessness, including:
 - Providing birth registration certificates to children who do not have birth registration
 - Aligning national birth registration legislation with international standards to ensure registration of birth of every child born in the Kyrgyz Republic
 - Adopting Regulation for determining the legal status of a stateless person
 - Studying the experience of other State parties to the 1954 and 1961 Conventions on Statelessness.

Preparing for Emergencies

- UNHCR actively engages with the UN Disaster Response Coordination Unit and UN Rapid Emergency Assessment and Coordination Team to ensure that a protection-sensitive approach is incorporated in national, regional and interagency emergency preparedness efforts.
- UNHCR supports the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic to enhance emergency preparedness and build national response capacities for refugee situations and internal displacement scenarios.

Working with Partners

- *To protect refugees and asylum-seekers*, UNHCR partners with the Ministry of Labour, Social Security and Migration; Ministry of Interior; Ministry of Foreign Affairs; State Border Service; Mandatory Health Insurance Fund; Office of the Prosecutor General; Institute of the Ombudsman; Parliament; Supreme Court; Kyrgyzstan Red Crescent Society; and Public Foundation Legal Clinic “Adilet”.
- *To prevent statelessness*, UNHCR partners with the Department of Registration Population and Civil Acts under the Ministry of Digital Development; Ministry of Justice; Citizenship Commission of the President’s Office; the Human Rights Ombudsman; and the Public Foundation Legal Clinic “Adilet”, to prevent statelessness.
- As a member of the UN Country Team, UNHCR actively engages with UN and development partners, international financial institutions and other stakeholders to ensure refugees, asylum-seekers and stateless people are not left behind in States' achievement of the [Sustainable Development Goals](#) (SDGs).

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