

**43,641 REFUGEES AND ASYLUM SEEKERS ARE REGISTERED WITH UNHCR IN INDIA**

**MORE THAN HALF ARE CHILDREN**

COVID-19 in India has been devastating. During the first and second wave of the coronavirus pandemic, the scarcity of medical supplies, hospital beds, and staff has gravely affected every section of the population.

While this situation is difficult for everyone, it is particularly challenging for vulnerable communities like refugees as the government's social security nets do not support them.

Together with local NGO partners, UNHCR is supporting in:

- *Repurposing and adapting refugee protection and assistance programme for the most vulnerable,*
- *Strengthening communication with communities,*
- *Prioritising food and non-food support for the most vulnerable, and*
- *Advocating for the inclusion of refugees into the national public health and vaccination plan.*

\*statistics from April 2020-October 2021

**5,512**

individuals registered with UNHCR since the first lockdown on 23 March 2020

**85,933**

face masks distributed to prevent COVID-19 transmission

**16,981**

refugees, asylum seekers, and members of host communities provided with WASH support

**466**

awareness sessions conducted on Gender Based Violence

**11,293**

dignity kits distributed to refugee, asylum seeker, and host community women and girls

**1,501**

people assisted with livelihood support like micro grants, job placements, and trainings

**25%**

refugee students support with educational kit, mobile, and tablets.

**2,545**

refugees and asylum seekers provided with outreach services on issues related to protection and unmet basic needs.

- 600,000 soap bars distributed among refugees and asylum seekers to promote hygiene and sanitation.
- 8,812 families received food distribution.
- More than 41000 refugees and asylum-seekers received food and non-food support, as well as health support
- UNHCR works with
  - 21 Refugee youth groups,
  - 14 Adolescent groups,
  - 18 Child Protection Committees,
  - 31 Children's group,
  - 17 Women's group,
  - 4 Elderly group,
  - 17 WATSAN groups,
  - 13 Self-help groups, and
  - 26 Community Representative Structures.

- 6,589 households received support in the form of non- food items like mosquito nets, tarpaulin sheets, and blankets.
- 4,000 thermometer kits distributed
- 25 oxygen concentrators and 60 mattresses were procured and distributed in local hospitals across New Delhi.
- COVID-19 testing is facilitated at government facilities free of cost for refugees and asylum-seekers through UNHCR partner organisations
- 36,265 individual phone calls and emails were responded to by UNHCR between March 2020 and October 2021.

**VACCINATIONS**

**37,101**

refugees and asylum seekers have been vaccinated as of 30 October 2021, including Sri Lankan refugees not registered with UNHCR

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