

Armenia

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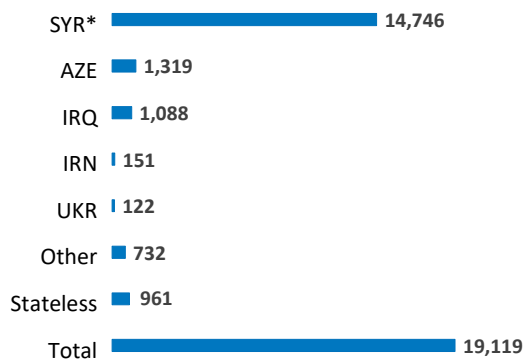
In response to COVID-19 outbreak, UNHCR Armenia adjusted its projects to ensure targeted humanitarian support to the most affected displaced persons.

235 asylum applications received in 2019. The recognition rate amounted 75%, representing a 10% increase as compared to 2018. Armenia still hosts 14,000 persons from Syria.

Increased number of overruled applications by the Armenian courts in favour of asylum-seekers is one of the key achievements of the past six months.

POPULATION OF CONCERN

Refugees, asylum seekers (by countries of origin) and stateless persons

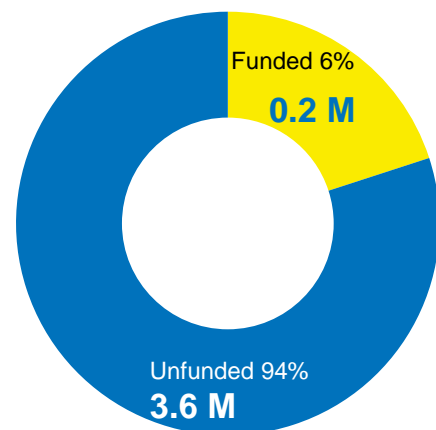


* Refugees, asylum seekers and persons in refugee-like situation
(Source: Government, 1 January 2020)

FUNDING (AS OF APRIL 2020)

USD 3.7 M

requested for Armenia



UNHCR PRESENCE

Staff:

- 14 National Staff
- 2 International Staff
- 4 Affiliate Staff

Offices:

- 1 Country Office in Yerevan



Working with Partners

■ UNHCR cooperates with key state and non-state stakeholders, including the Migration Service, Human Rights Defender's Office, line ministries, Parliament, law-enforcement bodies and the judiciary. UNHCR is a member of various inter-agency coordination platforms and mechanisms.

■ Project Partners:



Main Activities

- **Protection and Access to Territory:** (i) UNHCR continuously works on enhancing the quality and efficiency of the asylum procedures through capacitation of relevant state bodies, (ii) UNHCR, through its partner NGO, conducts regular border monitoring visits and capacity building of relevant state officials; (iii) the agency is closely engaged in monitoring of reception and detention conditions to ensure timely identification and effective referrals.
- UNHCR successfully continues the implementation of its **Judicial Engagement Strategy** through training and advocacy for legislative reform aimed at specialisation of judges and adoption of special procedures for the review of asylum appeals. Key legislative reforms are closely monitored and reviewed.
- **Statelessness:** In the frame of the #IBelong campaign, UNHCR has undertaken advocacy activities aimed at legislative reforms and provision of ICAO-compliant documents to persons of concern, *inter alia*, through launch of the Statelessness Handbook for Parliamentarians.
- **Advocacy:** UNHCR is extensively engaged in advocating for durable solutions for persons of concern pertaining to health, education, legal status and livelihoods.
- **Community mobilization:** The Agency has successfully launched a Refugee Coalition and a Youth Coalition in Armenia to ensure meaningful participation of persons of concern in various key processes and mechanisms impacting their integration in Armenia.
- **Integration and Self-reliance:** In support to its state counterparts, UNHCR provides targeted assistance to facilitate the integration of persons of concern. The assistance schemes are aimed at increasing resilience and finding sustainable solutions for the displaced population and the host communities, including provision of vocational and language training, income generation activities and tools, in parallel to psycho-social, legal and medical assistance.

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