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Regional Refugee and Resilience Plan



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The Regional Refugee and Resilience Plan

is a strategic coordination, planning, advocacy, fundraising and programming platform with over 270 humanitarian and development partners across five countries.

has **channeled over US\$ 24 billion** since its inception in 2015.

is a **regionally coherent plan** that adopts a tailored approach to bring out country-specific needs and priorities.

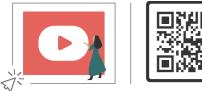
consists of **one regional plan and five standalone** country chapters, which align with existing government-led national response plans (e.g., JRP and LRP).

is centered on national leadership and capacities to achieve resilience for all, guided by the principle of 'leaving no one behind'.

is at the forefront of many **programmatic** innovations in support of national and local systems, using technology to increase efficiency and effectiveness, and supporting the self-reliance of refugees and host communities.

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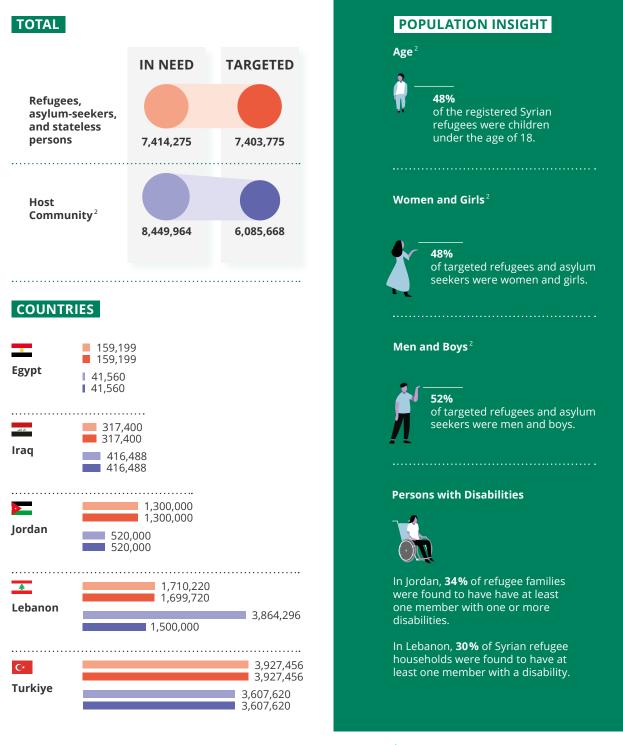




Saudi Arabia

Population

Year: 2023



1 The host community is defined by looking at the administrative areas where refugees are present. Host communities can be targeted not only individuals but also as communities and institutional (municipalities and government institutions) levels. ² Data Source: <u>UNHCR data portal</u>, and Government of Türkiye

Funding

Year: 2023

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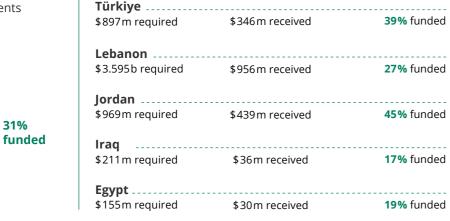
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2023 FUNDING: TOTAL

3RP Total Requirements USD 5,856,939,097

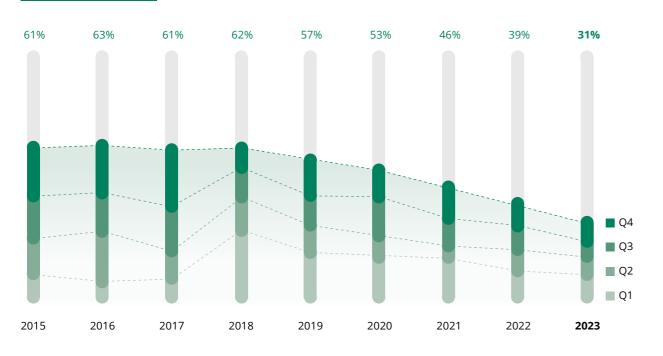




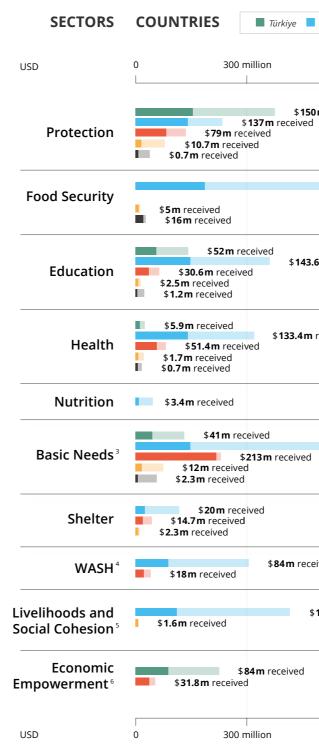
2023 FUNDING:

COUNTRIES

FUNDING TREND



2023 SECTOR FUNDING



Note: This breakdown does not include regional funding requirements and some other country-level requirements which have not yet been allocated to a sector. All 3RP countries have the following sectors while four sectors are specific to the country context. ³ Jordan: The amount shown for the Basic Needs sector in Jordan includes food security requirements and received funding. ⁴ Lebanon: The amount shown for the WASH sector in Lebanon includes Energy requirements and received funding.
⁵ Lebanon: The amount shown for the Livelihoods and Social Cohesion sector in Lebanon includes Social Stability requirements and received funding.

6 Economic Empowerment is a new sector in Türkiye and Jordan.



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Strategic Direction #1

Protecting people is critical to keeping displaced persons and vulnerable host community members safe from the harms of exploitation, abuse, violence, and the associated mental health and psychosocial risks. With this understanding, the 3RP supports the mainstreaming of protection in the planning, design, implementation, and monitoring of its interventions. It helps empower women, men, girls and boys to lead their own development in the long term, ensuring stability in social conditions and mental wellbeing, thus helping to guarantee that no one is left behind.

Protecting People

Prevent and reduce statelessness through legally recognized documentation and favourable legal provisions 96% of children in Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, and Lebanon have a birth document (birth notification)

Access to territory, asylum and basic rights for refugees is secured **5.2 million** Syrian refugees were registered

256,314 beneficiaries were reached with legal assistance

Expanding efforts to nurture community protection and refugee-host community cohesion

967,524 individuals were able to access information on available services and entitlements for refugees through community centres (community service centres, social service centres, women's centres etc.) 26% of target met

Target: 3,748,209



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GBV is prevented and the risk of its occurrence mitigated

174,715 individuals received Gender-Based Violence (GBV) response services 75% of target met Target: 231,864

Scale and scope of specialized child protection services expanded **103,484** of girls and boys received specialized child protection services 61% of target met Target: 168,647

Strategic Direction #2

Opportunities for enabling pathways towards durable solutions are urgently needed to allow refugees a purpose for the future that provides hope and dignity. The 3RP works towards three possible durable solutions in line with international standards and frameworks: 1) voluntary repatriation to Syria; 2) resettlement to third countries and complementary pathways; and 3) local solutions and opportunities (the latter covered by Strategic Directions 3 and 4). While a regional approach and coherence is pursued, the exact scale and scope of activities towards durable solutions varies according to the context of each 3RP country.

Supporting **Durable Solutions**

Supporting safe and dignified returns, without incentivizing other returns 38,257 refugee returns to Syria were monitored or verified by UNHCR

Maximizing resettlement opportunities for those most in need **35,656** refugees benefitted from resettlement from a range of states

(Egypt, Jordan, Iraq, Lebanon, Türkiye)



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Promote the opportunity for complementary pathways: Expanding local opportunities for refugees from a solutions perspective

From Syrian Refugee in Jordan to Tech Professional in Northern Ireland, Mohammad Danial has transformed his life through labour mobility facilitated by UNHCR.

At 25, the Syrian refugee who once dreamt of a tech career, now works as an Analyst Software Engineer at Deloitte in Belfast. His journey from Jordan, where he completed a computer science degree on a DAFI scholarship, to securing a coveted position at one of the Big Four accounting firms, marks a significant achievement. Danial, who self-taught English and refined his skills as a Data Scientist in Jordan, credits his success to Talent Beyond Boundaries and UNHCR's efforts in promoting skilled refugee employment pathways. Despite the bittersweet departure from Jordan, his new life in Northern Ireland offers him opportunities to grow, contribute to society, and support his family back in Jordan.

"Working at Deloitte isn't just a job; it's a chance to make a real difference," says Danial. His employer, Stirling McCoy, Director at Deloitte UK, appreciates the unique perspectives Danial brings, emphasizing the firm's commitment to diversity and inclusion.



Strategic Direction #3

Through displacement and the surrounding pressures from various crises, refugees and vulnerable host populations continue facing multiple challenges, including high levels of poverty, unemployment, and food insecurity, as well as increased protection-related needs, particularly those related to legal status, gender, age and disability, especially among the vulnerable individuals. In 2023, fewer beneficiaries were able to receive support in accessing primary health services, employability and skills trainings, cash assistance, compared to 2022. Additionally, 2023 witnessed a significant drop in refugee children enrolled in formal and non-formal education, compared to previous years. Yet, 3RP partners remain ready to support to refugees and their host communities to become more self-reliant and access essential services.

Contributing to Dignified Lives

Access to quality health care services for refugees and host communities is improved **3.1 million** benefitted from consultations in primary health care services 48% of target met Target: 6,294,492

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Ensure the refugee population can meet their basic needs, generate income, and prevent them from resorting to harmful coping strategies:

Lebanon: For Mahmoud* and his family, life can be difficult, yet they still manage to push through. As a daily worker, Mahmoud barely earns enough to cover expenses. Hence, the US\$125 cash assistance that the family receives from WFP is an essential support that allows them to pay for food, rent, electricity bills, schools, and medication for his wife.

Before the assistance, the parents could not afford to send their kids to public schools. "Seeing other children going to school, but not your own child [is difficult]." However, now with the assistance, things have changed.

*Name changed

Photo: Mahmoud's daughters wish to become a TV presenter and a chef. Photo by WFP/ Khadija Dia

In 2023, 3,222,960 individuals received multi-purpose, unconditional, sectorspecific, or emergency cash assistance 65% of target met Target: 3,316,110

Minimum standard of housing of the most affected communities is improved 150,232 households received rental subsidy or cash for rent 68% of target met Target: 219,689



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Refugee children are enrolled in the national education system (primary and secondary) 783,084 children were (5-17 years, girls and boys) enrolled in formal and nonformal education



Employability of refugees and host communities is improved 53,044 individuals

benefitted from skills development (training, internship, apprenticeship, entrepreneurship) and career guidance 31% of target met Target: 171,516

Strategic Direction #4

3RP partners continue supporting national institutions and systems, local actors' capacities to cope, adapt and transform their provision of services and assistance to refugees and host communities. Working with na- tional institutions and local stake- holders is also key to preserving social cohesion and strengthening trust in the public sector. In 2023, 3RP partners were able to increase response capacities of municipalities, local authorities and mechanisms to foster social cohesion. Compared to 2022, in 2023 fewer businesses were established or supported, impacting decent employment creation.

Enhancing Local & National Capacities

Response capacities of national public institutions strengthened

199,807 staff of national public institutions, including front line workers such as nurses and teachers were trained

Response capacities of municipalities and other local authorities to deliver basic services and foster social cohesion is strengthened

562 local / municipal mechanisms for interaction and dialogue between communities were put in place and supported 91% of target met Target: 620

> Capacities of businesses to create and maintain decent employment opportunities strengthened 501 of new businesses (start-up, home-basedbusinesses, social enterprises and cooperatives) were established and maintained 9% of target met

Target: 5,323



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Meet Esma Alagöz, an entrepreneur whose textile business flourished after using the grant she received to invest in new equipment to revive her business after the earthquake in Türkiye and maintain her workforce. Once a stay-at-home mother, Esma has expanded her business to include export activities, demonstrating her remarkable journey of resilience and growth in the industry. Esma, along with 256 other women-led small businesses, has not only reopened their businesses in Kahramanmaraş but has also emerged as a symbol of resilience and determination thanks to a cash grant from the UNDP initiative funded by Sweden.

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16,666 of businesses were supported through business development services, including grants, in-kind support, and access to finance

Delivering delight and hope: The inspirational journey of refugee entrepreneurs in Türkiye



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Omar and Osama, two Syrian refugees in Türkiye, founded Paketman, a food delivery app. Inspired by a training session organized by SPARK and Jusoor, they launched Paketman from Istanbul, connecting foreigners to local Turkish restaurants. The app has successfully served cities like Istanbul, Mersin, and Gaziantep, employing 60 people and positively impacting 60 families.

Omar and Osama's journey highlights the resilience of refugee entrepreneurs. They believe that despite the difficulties, entrepreneurship can lead to success and inspire others. Looking forward to 2026, they aim to expand across Türkiye, employ 1,000 team members, and 10,000 riders, continuing to deliver delicious food and hope with every order.

Empowering Inclusion: Innovative Initiatives for Persons with Disabilities

UNDP in Egypt is committed to promoting inclusion for persons with disabilities through innovative initiatives such as the "Egypt Walk for Inclusion" and "Wasel," an Arabic sign language chatbot. Additionally, there has been much support provided to assistive technology projects, like the "Damg platform," which helps individuals with cognitive disabilities. "I wish all universities would empower people with disabilities and offer them an accessible state-of-the-art education. I also hope that the private sector provides decent job opportunities for us to earn our living. With the right support, we are capable of overcoming all challenges," said Khadija, a literature student with cognitive disabilities at the British University in Cairo.



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How a Refugee Woman in a Wheelchair Became a Role Model in Jordan

After an accident in Syria, Samaher became paraplegic. Initially devastated, she eventually embraced her new life, supported by her family. Samaher continued her education despite the challenges faced.

In 2013, Samaher fled to Jordan with her family. There, she found confidence through UNHCR-supported community centers, learning candle making and handicrafts. Samaher now runs an online business, "House of Candles and Soaps," and trains others in recycling and women's rights. Though she can't yet live solely off her candle sales, Samaher finds joy in her work, aspiring to inspire others.

Humanitarian Support in Bekaa Valley







Omar, a Shelter Officer with Medair, supports Abbas, a 65-year old Lebanese community member, to receive a Non-Food Items (NFI) kit from Medair at the distribution point in Al-Nabi Shayt, Baalbek - Hermel, Bekaa Valley. In preparation for winter, the kit which includes mattresses, thermal blankets, and sleeping mats, signifies a crucial step to improve living conditions for Abbas and others facing similar challenges. Beyond kit distribution, Medair is committed to rehabilitating substandard buildings, making them safer for families like Abbas. Abbas's hope reflects the impact of humanitarian aid on vulnerable communities.

The Silk Road to Recovery: Emel's Story of Resilience

After the devastating earthquakes in Türkiye and Syria, Emel, owner of the largest silkworm farm producing "peace silk," remains a beacon of strength. Despite personal losses, she continues to support her community. Emel's facility became a shelter for displaced workers and their families. She co-founded the EkuDoku Cooperative to produce crueltyfree silk and support women, including migrants, affected by the disaster. Although the earthquake damaged most of their tools, with help from the International Organization for Migration (IOM), Emel and her team are rebuilding. Emel believes in production, awareness, and investment to strengthen the community.



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Mohsen's Green Ways to the Green Centre



Mohsen, a 40-year-old Syrian refugee in Jordan's Azraq Camp, has turned adversity into opportunity with his innovative solutions. Facing harsh desert conditions, Mohsen built a makeshift air conditioner and later created a solar-powered bicycle to ease travel within the sprawling camp.

After arriving in Jordan in 2019, Mohsen found work with World Vision's Solid Waste Management project, helping maintain a clean environment in the camp. His proactive spirit and inventive mind not only improved his family's living conditions but also inspired others in the community. With innovative minds like Mohsen's, Syrians will remain resilient. What they need is support to grow their start up ideas and see them flourish further benefitting their community.

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