

## Persons of Concern

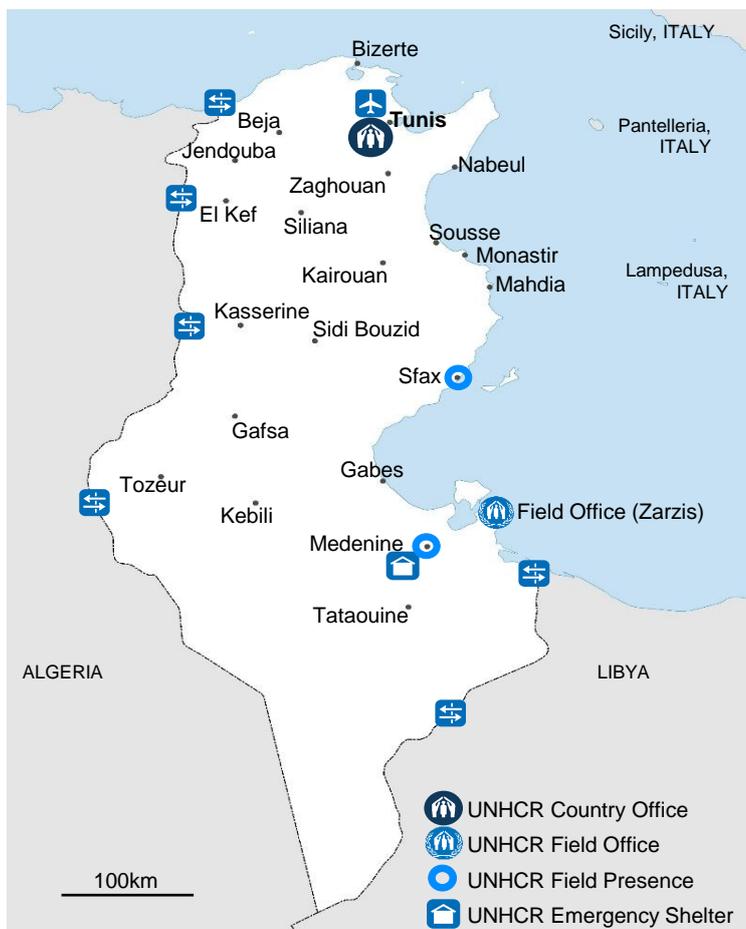
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|-------------------------------------|-------------|
| Total                               | <b>1493</b> |
| Registered refugees                 | 1144        |
| Asylum-seekers or others of concern | 349         |

## Countries of Origin (Top 5)

|               |     |
|---------------|-----|
| Syria         | 958 |
| Eritrea       | 105 |
| Côte d'Ivoire | 96  |
| Sudan         | 43  |
| Palestine     | 41  |
| Other         | 250 |

## Residence by Governorate (Top 5)

|              |     |
|--------------|-----|
| Grand Tunis* | 428 |
| Medenine     | 334 |
| Gabes        | 200 |
| Sousse       | 121 |
| Gafsa        | 86  |



Data on Persons of Concern updated as of 28 Feb 2019

\*Grand Tunis refers to Tunis Governorates and those surrounding it: Ariana, Ben Arous & Manouba



UNHCR registering new arrivals in the south of Tunisia, where the UNHCR/TRC emergency shelter is hosting increased numbers of asylum-seekers and refugees. Photo: UNHCR

## Selected achievements 2018

-  **777** individuals, including judges, lawyers, police, border guards, NGO staff, journalists and academics trained on the national asylum framework and on mixed migration matters (Jan-Dec 2018)
-  **714** individuals newly registered with UNHCR Tunisia as persons of concern (Jan-Dec 2018)
-  **117** of the most vulnerable households supported through multipurpose cash assistance (Jan-Dec 2018)
-  **109** refugees supported by livelihoods programmes (Jan-Dec 2018)
-  **11** individual vulnerable refugees, meeting specific protection criteria, resettled to other countries (Jan-Dec 2018)

## Key priorities for 2019

- Advocating for adoption of the drafted national asylum law and, through continued capacity building, supporting the Tunisian uptake of best practices in the interim.
- Continuing profiling, registration and refugee status determination in order to identify persons in need of international protection in the context of mixed migration.
- Promoting refugees' self-reliance through supporting access to livelihoods and to basic services, as well as prioritizing direct assistance to the most vulnerable.

## Key challenges for 2019

- Comprehensive domestic legislation to establish a national protection system for refugees and asylum-seekers was drafted in 2016 but has not yet been adopted as law.
- While some refugees and asylum-seekers can claim rights and access livelihoods and basic services (e.g. health, education), without a comprehensive domestic legal framework, many remain in a fragile legal and socio-economic situation.
- Tunisia is in a region significantly affected by mixed migration flows, in which potentially volatile political situations could result in increased movements of people, or a rapid influx.
- UNHCR Tunisia remains severely underfunded, with only 6 per cent raised of the money requested to cover the basic needs of refugees, asylum seekers and other persons of concern in 2019.



In February 2019, UNHCR and IADH continued joint capacity-building and awareness-raising activities focusing on a national asylum law for Tunisia. Photo: IADH

## Government partners

UNHCR frequently engages with Tunisian national and regional authorities, and works in cooperation with the ministries of:

- Justice
- Interior
- Foreign Affairs
- Social Affairs
- Women, Family, Childhood and Seniors
- Employment
- Health

## Funding requirements



As of 6 Feb 2019

## Profiling in the context of mixed migration during 2018



**1,188** individuals referred by Tunisian authorities to UNHCR, IOM & Tunisian Red Crescent in the context of mixed migration.



**782** individuals profiled by UNHCR and its partners.



**377** profiled individuals expressing interest in seeking asylum either during or after profiling.

Note: Profiling is usually conducted within a few days of referral. However, in some cases individuals become unreachable or decline to be profiled.

## Coordination and partnerships

UNHCR is a member of the United Nations Country Team and engages in multilateral coordination mechanisms such as the Mixed Migration Working Group.

Activities in 2019 are being implemented directly, or in partnership with the following:



Arab Institute for Human Rights (IADH)



Tunisian Association for Management & Social Stability (TAMSS)



Tunisian Council for Refugees (CTR)



Tunisian Red Crescent (TRC)

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