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# AZERBAIJAN FACTSHEET

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## JANUARY – APRIL 2018 HIGHLIGHTS

<p><b>35</b></p> <p>RSD cases of the State Migration Service monitored</p>	<p><b>1,066</b></p> <p>IDP's have been directly assisted</p>	<p><b>202</b></p> <p>Refugee households were provided with monthly, temporary or ad-hoc subsistence allowances</p>	<p><b>191</b></p> <p>Persons at risk of statelessness obtained citizenship in January 2017</p>
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### Population of concern May 2018

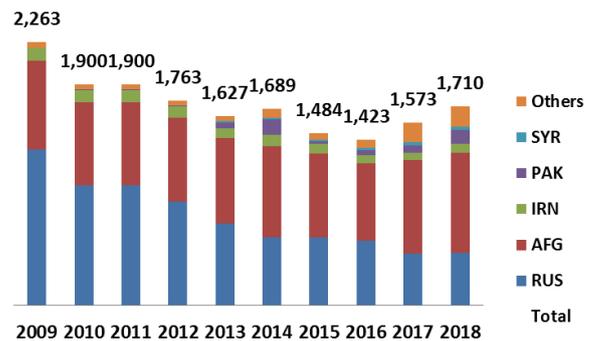
A total of **618,080** people of concern

Population	Total PoC
Refugees	1,147
Asylum Seekers	563
Stateless Persons	3,585
Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs)	612,785
<b>Total</b>	<b>618,080</b>

### 2018 Operational budget

**USD 3,902,865 million requested**  
**Funded: 65%**

### Refugees and asylum seekers



### UNHCR Presence

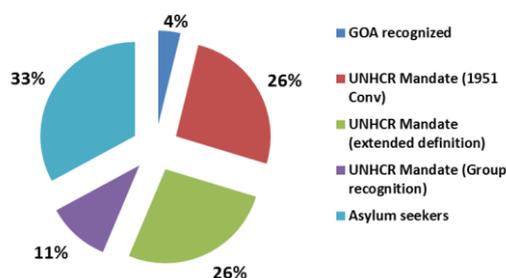
#### Staff:

12 national staff, 5 international staff  
3 UNOPS, 2 interns, Total staff: 22

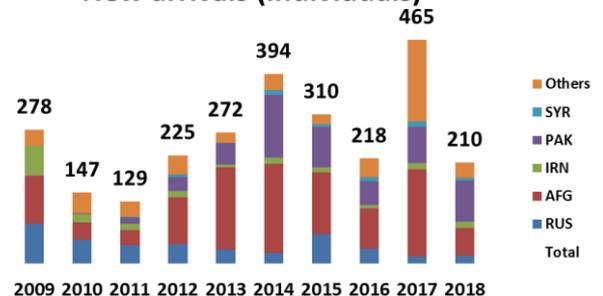
#### 2 Offices in Baku:

1) Country Representation; 2) Refugee Reception Center and Refugee Women - Youth Center.

### Legal Status



### New arrivals (Individuals)



## UNHCR PRESENCE IN AZERBAIJAN

UNHCR established its presence in Azerbaijan in December 1992 in order to contribute emergency and relief assistance programmes for thousands of persons fleeing the conflict in Nagorno Karabakh. Azerbaijan is a State Party to the 1951 Convention on the Status of Refugees and its 1967 Protocol, as well as to the 1954 and the 1961 Statelessness Conventions. The 2017-2019 UNHCR strategy for Azerbaijan focuses on further enhancing the implementation of international legal instruments, improvement of the national legislative framework and Government policies. Awareness raising, capacity building and training programmes are developed and implemented jointly with regional initiatives, in line with the Sustainable Development Goals, and in cooperation with other international partners to further strengthen protection quality and response among all national stakeholders.

### UNHCR Azerbaijan's Strategic Priorities:

- Bring national refugee, asylum, statelessness and internal displacement legislation and its application in line with international standards. Continue monitoring of, and support to Government's capacity in asylum adjudication and processing.
- Ensure access to basic services and labour market for all asylum seekers, refugees, stateless and IDPs. Provide financial, medical, educational and self-reliance assistance meeting minimum standards to all vulnerable refugees and asylum seekers.
- Engage and mobilize awareness including increased donor support for UNHCR's activities in Azerbaijan, in the region and globally.

## WORKING WITH PARTNERS

- The main Government partners of UNHCR in Azerbaijan are: the Cabinet of Ministers (CoM), the State Committee for Refugees and IDPs (SCR), the State Migration Service (SMS), the State Committee on Family, Women and Children Affairs (SCFWCA), the State Border Service and the Social Fund for the Development of IDPs.
- "FUJI VISION AID MISSION" general incorporated association based in Japan.
- UNHCR is part of the UN Country Team and participates actively in the implementation of the UN Assistance Partnership Framework (UNAPF) and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

## MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS

### Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs)

- During first quarter of 2018, 1,066 IDPs received free legal assistance.

### Refugees and Asylum Seekers

- The 2018 UNHCR's Verification exercise started early April 2018 at the Refugee Reception Center and will soon be completed. This successful exercise allows UNHCR to verify its population of concern. For the first time SMS was accommodated to simultaneously register POCs in their database, at the Refugee Reception Center.
- UNHCR continues to implement the regional Quality Asylum Initiative for Eastern Europe and South Caucasus. A report on Progress Analyses covering the period of 2013-2017 was compiled by UNHCR and shared with the State Migration Service (SMS). UNHCR is working with the authorities towards the implementation of the recommendations.
- The Recommendations for the Road Map to Refugee Integration Policy in Azerbaijan were presented during a workshop to members of the Inter-Ministerial Working Group on Socio-Economic Integration of Refugees. The workshop was organized in March 2018, within the framework of the UNHCR QJEE project as well as MOBILAZE Project of the ICMPD, funded by the European Union, in accordance with its component on improvement of the asylum decision making procedure. UNHCR will work closely with the Working Group to implement the recommendations of the Road Map, and to help to build the capacity of the local authorities through proposing an integration model in Azerbaijan.
- UNHCR Azerbaijan continues to monitor Primary Health Care provided by the local polyclinics and offering Secondary Health Care through contracted clinic. Social services continued to address education component and supported hundreds of households with advisory on the local education system and the ongoing changes. To date about 57% of the existing caseload is receiving Cash Based Interventions.

### Stateless persons

- SMS has materialized their commitment to cooperate with UNHCR in its statelessness identification efforts, and senior colleagues have attended sessions carried out at the district level to register and document persons of undetermined nationality. Through government's identification procedures, UNHCR has supported 11 persons at risk of statelessness until April 2018.