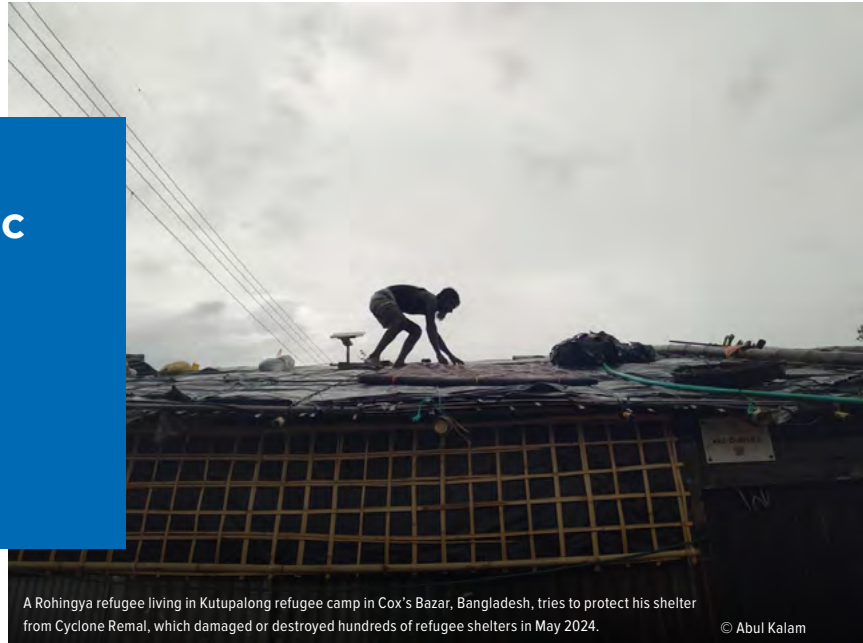


# Asia and the Pacific

## Regional overview

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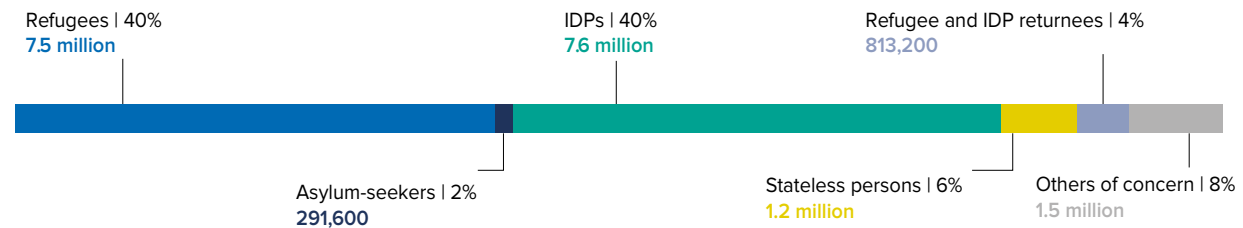
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## POPULATION DATA

### 2025 population planning figures

18.9 million forcibly displaced and stateless people | 14% of the global population



Humanitarian crises in the Asia-Pacific region are expected to increase in scope, scale and complexity in 2025, while decreasing donor funding will not keep pace with the rising needs.

In 2025, UNHCR will seek the fulfilment of over 150 pledges made at the Global Refugee Forum, including more than 60 from States committing to enhance protection and solutions, especially for [Afghan](#) and [Rohingya](#) refugees.

UNHCR will promote sustainable responses in order to balance critical humanitarian and protection needs with long-term solutions. This will require greater responsibility-sharing and predictable, whole-of-society responses where people who have been forced to flee are empowered and included. UNHCR will aim to ease pressures on host communities and expand solutions, including resettlement opportunities and complementary pathways, and will support sustainable voluntary return where conditions are conducive.

In Afghanistan, UNHCR will deliver protection and assistance to returnees, internally displaced people, refugees and asylum-seekers. In line with the Solutions Strategy for Afghan Refugees (SSAR), Global Compact on Refugees and Inter-Agency Durable Solutions Working Group in Afghanistan, UNHCR helps channel humanitarian, development, and peace investments into the Priority Areas of Return and Reintegration and promotes collaborative policies and approaches via the SSAR Support Platform.

UNHCR will advocate against the involuntary returns of Afghans in view of its [non-return advisory](#) and will call for safe and voluntary returns. UNHCR will step up advocacy for the uninterrupted and non-discriminatory delivery of humanitarian assistance, as well as for the broader rights of women and girls. UNHCR will re-imagine community- and area-based investments in the Priority Areas of Return and Reintegration, transforming return into a force for stability, peace and hope by promoting access to

basic services, sustainable shelter and housing solutions, and livelihoods in collaboration with partners.

UNHCR will advance the priorities set out in the recalibrated two-year inter-agency Regional Refugee Response Plan to promote improved access to asylum and protection, and push for greater support for inclusion and solutions in Afghanistan and the Islamic Republics of Iran and Pakistan. Where Afghan refugees move onwards from the region as part of mixed movements, UNHCR will work towards alternatives to dangerous journeys to reduce harm along the routes taken, create alternatives to dangerous journeys, and support States in strengthening asylum capacity and effectively managing mixed movements.

The expansion of violence across Myanmar is triggering new and secondary displacement at an alarming rate, complicating the search for solutions for displaced and stateless communities. Despite insecurity and access constraints, in 2025 UNHCR will work to secure more predictable and regular access for the provision of core relief items, shelter support and community-based projects. In Bangladesh, UNHCR will work with partners to support Rohingya refugees in Cox's Bazar and Bhasan Char Island, pursuing comprehensive approaches to solutions and expanding access to education and skills development opportunities.

In line with the [“Guidance note on the international protection needs of people fleeing Myanmar”](#), UNHCR will work with countries in the region to strengthen access to territory

and asylum and advocate for protection from refoulement. With maritime movements by Rohingya refugees on the rise, UNHCR will promote efforts to provide protection, reduce loss of life at sea, and ensure safe and predictable disembarkation options. UNHCR will advance a comprehensive regional approach, with alternatives to dangerous journeys to strengthen protection and solutions.

UNHCR will roll out approaches to tackle and mitigate the increase in online misinformation, disinformation and hate speech targeting people fleeing Myanmar in countries along the routes, while also establishing and strengthening partnerships with the private sector and civil society.

Following the conclusion of the Global Action Plan to End Statelessness, UNHCR will undertake policy advocacy and capacity-building activities throughout the region to identify, reduce and prevent statelessness and promote the protection of stateless people. UNHCR will support all States in the region with achieving universal birth registration by 2030, and promote access to legal identity documentation for the forcibly displaced. UNHCR will also sustain its support to reduce statelessness in Central Asia.

UNHCR will continue to work with partners to bolster the climate resilience of refugees and other displaced people, advocate for their inclusion in national adaptation and disaster risk reduction plans, and enhance preparedness to respond to climate shocks and extreme weather events.



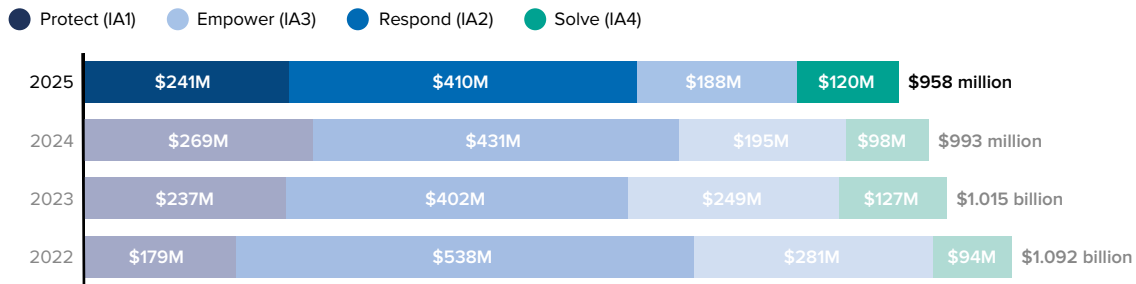
Rohingya refugees arriving from Bangladesh in Ulee Madon in North Aceh, Indonesia, offload their belongings.

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## BUDGET DATA

### Regional budget by Impact Area 2022-2025

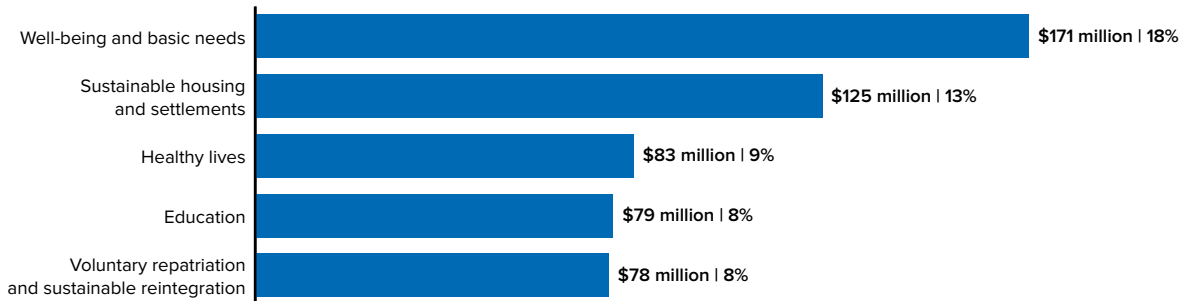
**\$958 million** required for 2025 | **9%** of the global needs | **-4%** vs 2024 current budget\*



\*current budget as presented at ExCom 2024

### Top 5 budgets for Outcome and Enabling Areas in 2025

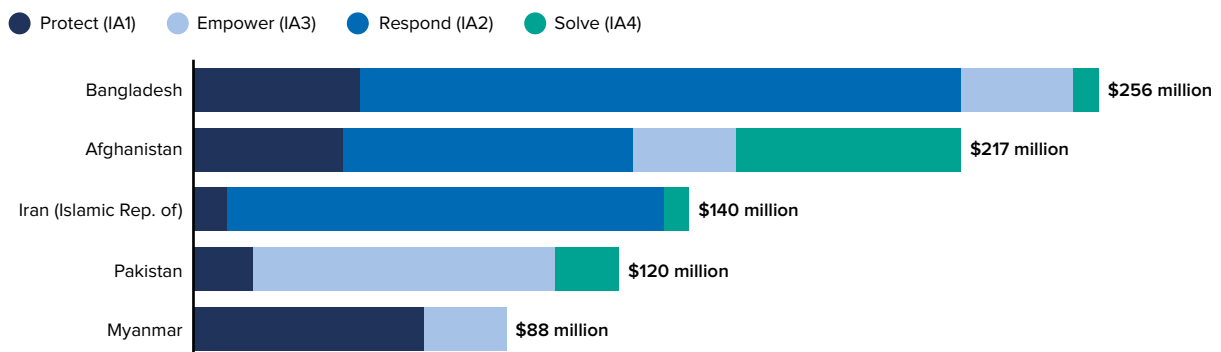
These **5 areas account for 56%** of the regional needs.



Other Outcome and Enabling Areas = \$422 million | 44%

### Top 5 operations by budget in 2025

These **5 operations account for 86%** of the regional needs.



## BUDGET DATA

### 2025 regional budget by operation and impact area | USD

REGION / OPERATION	2025 approved budget				TOTAL
	Attaining favourable protection environments	Realizing basic rights in safe environments	Empowering communities and achieving gender equality	Securing solutions	
<b>ASIA AND THE PACIFIC</b>					
Regional Bureau for Asia and The Pacific <sup>1</sup>	5,308,118	9,068,014	2,796,160	2,795,001	<b>19,967,293</b>
Afghanistan	42,218,377	81,796,182	29,225,450	63,379,814	<b>216,619,823</b>
Australia multi-country office <sup>2</sup>	2,718,577	-	732,123	1,396,761	<b>4,847,460</b>
Bangladesh	46,892,960	169,916,200	31,533,635	7,191,418	<b>255,534,213</b>
China	3,061,944	1,339,179	-	482,990	<b>4,884,113</b>
India	15,935,502	-	-	1,381,798	<b>17,317,300</b>
Indonesia	3,412,322	9,311,806	2,719,849	1,747,220	<b>17,191,197</b>
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	9,419,954	123,315,171	-	7,264,875	<b>140,000,000</b>
Japan	4,230,245	-	-	-	<b>4,230,245</b>
Kazakhstan multi-country office <sup>3</sup>	5,096,885	-	-	4,469,043	<b>9,565,928</b>
Malaysia	7,126,408	5,606,170	8,247,408	858,925	<b>21,838,911</b>
Myanmar	65,124,600	-	23,210,900	-	<b>88,335,500</b>
Nepal	994,205	-	-	2,914,797	<b>3,909,001</b>
Pakistan	16,746,300	-	85,193,400	18,239,800	<b>120,179,500</b>
Philippines	485,994	535,383	217,782	3,234,821	<b>4,473,980</b>
Republic of Korea	2,630,718	-	477,023	523,398	<b>3,631,138</b>
Thailand multi-country office <sup>4</sup>	9,510,042	8,797,051	3,223,895	3,890,513	<b>25,421,501</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>240,913,149</b>	<b>409,685,156</b>	<b>187,577,626</b>	<b>119,771,173</b>	<b>957,947,104</b>

<sup>1</sup> Regional Bureau covers the whole Asia and Pacific region.

<sup>2</sup> Coordinates activities in Australia and Papua New Guinea and also covers without a presence New Zealand and the Pacific Islands.

<sup>3</sup> Coordinates activities in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan and also covers without a presence Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan.

<sup>4</sup> Coordinates activities in Thailand and also covers without a presence Cambodia, the Lao People's Democratic Republic and Viet Nam.



Former refugee Saifurahman, 55, lost 11 family members in July 2024 when storms hit Nangarhar province in Afghanistan, ruining his home in Surkh Rod district, a Priority Area of Return and Reintegration, where UNHCR and partners provide support and protection for returnees and IDPs.

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