

**Question for written answer E-002896/2018
to the Commission**
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Subject: Sahrawi refugee camps in Tindouf

In March 2018 UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, published a report regarding the total population living in the Sahrawi refugee camps in Tindouf, Algeria. Until now, the current planning figures was 125 000 individuals receiving food and nutrition assistance and 90 000 individuals representing the most vulnerable refugees. The figures have remained the same since 2007 despite the population growth rate.

The new UNHCR report shows that, as of 31 December 2017, there are 173 600 Sahrawi refugees residing in camps in Tindouf.

Adopted a month later, UN Security Council resolution 2414 (2018) emphasises 'the continued hardships faced by Sahrawi refugees and their dependency on external humanitarian assistance' and the 'insufficient funding for those living in Tindouf refugee camps and the risks associated with the reduction of food assistance'.

In the light of these updated figures, how does the Commission's Directorate-General for European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (ECHO) plan to adapt its financial aid?