




KEY FIGURES



22.2M
People in need




2.3M IDPs
89% of IDPs displaced
for more than a year




1M
IDP returnees

608K IDPs have been
assisted in 2018, of whom
100K were reached
through the Hudaydah
response

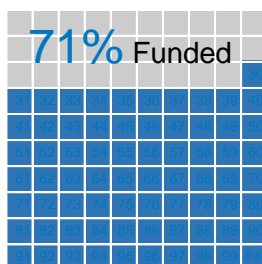


280k
refugees and
asylum seekers



\$198.7M
requested in 2018

\$141M received
as of 28 August 2018



Situation Update

According to the 17th report of the Task Force for Population Movement (TFPM), over 2.3 million people have been displaced by conflict in Yemen since March 2015. As of June 2018, more than one million individuals have returned home across 22 governorates.

The military offensive in Al-Hudaydah continues with more than 78,400 families displaced since the onset of the clashes. Since 1 October, some 8,100 newly displaced households from Al-Hudaydah reached the southern governorates, leading to a total of 24,366 households that have been displaced to Taizz Governorate and Al Hudaydah coast line districts (Hays, Al-Khawkhah and Mawza). UNHCR is advocating for a peaceful resolution to the conflict and for all parties to adhere to their obligations under International Humanitarian Law. So far, UNHCR has assisted more than 100,000 people as part of the Al-Hudaydah response.

On 6 October, one woman was killed and 12 civilians were injured, including eight children, in a shelling incident that occurred at the Bani Jaber internally displaced person (IDP) camp in the Al-Khawkhah district in Al-Hudaydah Governorate. As many as 17 civilians have reportedly been killed or seriously injured in October. Since 2016, over 65,000 Yemenis are estimated to have either been killed or injured as a result of the conflict; this includes 16,000 civilian deaths that have been documented by the United Nations.

IDP Response

UNHCR activities are ongoing in Hajjah and Al-Hudaydah Governorates despite the continued deterioration of the security situation. Following the attack in the IDP camp in the Al-Khawkhah district of Al-Hudaydah Governorate, UNHCR's partner Danish Refugee Council is providing psychosocial support and emergency cash assistance to 80 affected families.

UNHCR provided assistance through its partners in the form of non-food items (NFI), emergency shelter kits (ESK) and protection monitoring in areas that remain accessible in Al-Hudaydah. On 1 October 2018, UNHCR and its partner Jeel Albena completed the distribution of 2,973 NFIs and 1,067 ESKs in the As-Sukhna district of Al-Hudaydah. The distribution targeted 2,973 families who fled the armed clashes in Kilometre 16 and Kilometre 10 in Al-Hudaydah city.

As of 4 October, the overall Shelter/CRI cluster response in Al-Hudaydah Governorate has reached a total of 25,743 households with NFIs and ESKs. In detail, the Al-Hudaydah Hub assisted 16,807 households; the Aden Hub assisted 2,978 households; the Ibb/Taizz Hub assisted 2,584 households; and the Sana'a Hub assisted 3,374 households (Shelter/NFI/CCCM Cluster).

During the reporting period, the IDP Community Centre run by UNHCR's partner, the Hudaydah Girls Foundation (HGF), undertook a protection assessment for 1,722 households in various districts of Al-Hudaydah, while the IDP Community Centre run by UNHCR's partner ADRA in Hajjah, conducted protection assessments for 198 households (110 IDP and 88 host community households) in Abs district.

On 25 and 26 September, UNHCR conducted a remote verification for lists of multi-purpose cash assistance beneficiaries covering 3,423 families in

Hajjah Governorate and 496 families in Al-Hudaydah Governorate. UNHCR's multi-purpose cash distributions enable persons of concern to meet their families' most basic needs during this time of crisis. Without adequate financial support, they are likely to be exposed to increased protection risks and resort to negative coping mechanisms. In 2018, UNHCR and its partners assisted over 66,400 families across the country (62,026 families in the north and 4,600 families in the south) with multi-purpose cash grants and cash for rental subsidies.

A Multi-Cluster Needs Assessment (MCLA) training of trainers took place in Sana'a from 17 to 19 September on technical questions regarding Shelter, WASH, Education, Protection, Health and Livelihoods. The data collected by the MCLA assessment will inform the 2019 Humanitarian Needs Overview.

The implementation of Quick-Impact Projects (QIPs) is ongoing. QIPs are small, rapidly implemented projects intended to help create conditions for peaceful coexistence between those displaced and their hosting communities, and to strengthen the resilience of these communities. As an example, last week, in Sa'ada, displaced women completed a sewing course. At the end of the one month course, the trainees were provided with sewing machines and basic sewing materials to start their own projects.



UNHCR verification of internally displaced persons for NFI assistance in Aden ©UNHCR/Ammar Bamatraf

Refugee Response

Given the current life-threatening conditions in Yemen for many civilians, including refugees, UNHCR is supporting the voluntary returns of Somali refugees in Yemen. UNHCR is working with IOM and the Yemeni and Somali authorities to facilitate voluntary returns to Somalia. **On 2 October, 106 Somali refugees departed Aden under UNHCR's Assisted Spontaneous Return (ASR) programme.** So far, 2,506 refugees departed Yemen since the ASR programme started in 2017.

From 24 to 26 September, a training on "Active Learning for Teachers" was conducted by UNHCR's partner, Sustainable Development Foundation (SDF), in coordination with the education office in Sana'a. This initiative is part of UNHCR's Educate a Child Project (EAC). A total of 40 teachers working in 10 schools supported by the EAC project participated in the training.

On 8 October, students of the Migration and Refugee Studies Centre (MRSC) in the Faculty of Sharia and Law at Sana'a University, participated in a moot court as the final requirement for a three week Refugee Law Course. The moot court aimed to provide law students with an insight into the legal complexities of dealing with asylum cases. Students deliberated on two asylum cases and took on the roles of judges, lawyers, refugees, interpreters, investigating officers and guards. UNHCR established the MRSC in 2009 and continues to support the centre with capacity building for law professors, training courses for students, equipment and a library.