

YEMEN

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KEY FIGURES:

24.1 million
people in need

3.65 million
displaced since March 2015¹

Over **80 per cent**
have been displaced for
more than a year

10,731 families have
experienced
displacement at least
once in 2020²

66,499 families were
newly displaced in
2019³

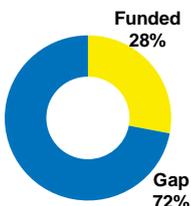
1.28 million
IDP returnees¹

269,388 refugees

10,811 asylum-
seekers

FUNDING:

USD **211.9 M**
required for 2020
operations



USD **58.4 M** received
as of 14 April 2020

¹ IOM-DTM March 2019

² IOM-DTM 4 April 2020

³ IOM-DTM 21 December 2019

IDP Response

As the rainy season begins in the south of Yemen, UNHCR assisted a total of **1,800 IDP families affected by floods in Aden and Lahj governorates with emergency shelter kits, mattresses, kitchen sets and solar lamps**. The UNHCR-led Shelter Cluster issued an [Interim Guidance](#) for cluster partner activities during the COVID-19 pandemic. The document outlines that door-to-door distribution should be used whenever possible and traditional queuing only as a last resort; all basic household items should be collected by one family member to avoid unnecessary crowding at distribution points; to encourage handwashing before and after queuing; and to maintain minimum spacing of 1.5 meters from others. This follows Yemen's first confirmed case of COVID-19 identified in Hadramaut on 10 April; the patient's health is said to be stable.

UNHCR finalised the list of 2,500 IDP families in the south (Aden, Hadramaut, Lahj, Al Maharah, Shabwah, Al Dhale'e, Abyan and Taizz), who will receive multipurpose cash assistance. This is the second regular distribution in the south. The second distribution in the north for 22,500 families is nearing completion (92 per cent). UNHCR aims to assist some 180,000 IDP families with cash throughout the year, country wide.

UNHCR's response for IDPs in Marib governorate is ongoing. Out of the 8,750 IDP households identified by IOM in Marib (as of 8 April), UNHCR partners assessed 7,754 displaced IDP and host families. Most of the displaced families were female-headed households, many without identification documents to prove their identity, and bearing the responsibility of caring for family members living with disabilities and chronic illnesses. UNHCR distributed basic household items such as mattresses, kitchen sets and solar lamps to 940 IDP families. Discussions are ongoing with the authorities and partners to register those with no identification, to ensure they can avail of public health and education services.

Despite movement restrictions both in the north and south relating to COVID-19 prevention, household assessments and counselling activities in the community centres are ongoing, albeit at a slower pace. All partners are equipped with masks, surgical gloves and other sanitation items, and are following appropriate distancing and hygiene measures.

Refugee Response

On 11 April, UNHCR started a one-time cash distribution to 11,207 refugee and asylum-seeking families in the south of Yemen (Aden, Hadramaut, Lahj, Al Mahara, Shabwah, Al Dhale'e, Abyan and Taizz), who recently lost their livelihoods as a result of COVID-19 prevention measures. This one-off cash assistance of YER 100,000 (USD 170) will help them cope with the loss of income and meet their most basic needs for food and water.

Due to COVID-19 precautionary measures, all refugee status determination and resettlement interviews have been suspended until further notice. All current cases have been rescheduled for June. In the meantime, UNHCR continues to verify cases submitted for resettlement by remote means.

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A staff briefs a refugee woman on handwashing at a recent hygiene item distribution that took place in Kharaz Refugee Camp. Social distancing and regular hand washing was communicated to all persons. © UNHCR/YPN, March 2020