

# YEMEN

18 March 2021

## KEY FIGURES

**20.7 million** people in need

Over **4 million** internally displaced

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

**18,276** individuals (3,046 families) newly displaced in 2021<sup>2</sup>

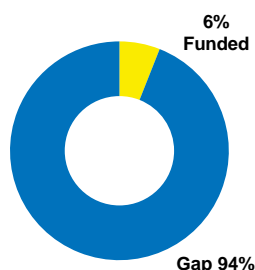
Children and women represent up to **79 per cent** of the total IDP population

**143,409** refugees

**10,997** asylum-seekers

## FUNDING

USD **291.1 M** required for 2021 operations



USD **16.9 M** received as of 16 March 2021

<sup>1</sup> IOM/DTM 28 December 2020  
<sup>2</sup> IOM-RDT 8 March 2021

## IDP Response

On 17 March, the UN and partners released the **2021 Yemen Humanitarian Response Plan**. Humanitarian partners are seeking USD 3.85 billion to assist 16 million people affected by conflict, displacement, natural hazards, economic decline, weakened infrastructure and basic services across the country. The UN and partners will lead urgent interventions to prevent outbreaks of disease, prevent famine and malnutrition, lower mortality and morbidity, restore livelihoods, and deliver protection services to civilian populations.

During the reporting period, UNHCR and partner NMO distributed transitional shelter kits to 297 displaced families (around 1,782 individuals) in Al-Khawka district, Hudaydah governorate. UNHCR and partners are prioritizing displaced families whose shelters remain inadequate and who continue to reside in precarious conditions in hosting sites.

During the reporting period, UNHCR identified eight cases involving child labour in Sana'a. Intensified fighting and the declining economic situation are forcing an increasing number of families to rely on harmful coping mechanisms, including child labour. To avoid reliance on these measures, UNHCR continues to provide psychosocial support and counselling to affected families, taking into consideration the child's best interest. UNHCR further provides a variety of recreational and other activities



UNHCR and partners organized recreational activities to promote resilience among IDP children and their families in Al-Raqqa hosting site in Hamdan district, Sana'a governorate. © UNHCR

to promote wellbeing and encourage resilience among children affected by the conflict. During the reporting period, UNHCR organized recreational activities in Al-Raqqa hosting site, in Hamdan district, Sana'a governorate for the children of families fleeing hostilities in neighboring areas.

## Refugee Response

The migrant community in Sana'a, human rights activists, and the Government of Yemen (GoY) are calling for an international probe into the fire that killed dozens of migrants at a De Facto Authority (DFA) immigration holding facility in Sana'a on 7 March. More than 170 persons were injured, while at least 44 individuals perished, most believed to be Ethiopian nationals. UNHCR provided 11,300 medical items and 500 blankets to the three main hospitals where the injured were treated. No persons of concern are believed to have been at the facility when the fire broke out. Following the incident, some 600 foreign nationals protested outside UNHCR's Reception Centre in Sana'a, seeking support to reach relatives in hospitals and organize burials. As the UN joins calls to hold those responsible for the tragedy accountable, the DFA's Deputy Foreign Minister, Hussein Al-Ezzi, expressed condolences to the Ethiopian government and its people, noting an investigation was underway to determine the cause of the blaze.

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