

YEMEN

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KEY FIGURES:

24.3 million people in need

3.65 million

displaced since March 2015¹

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

27,716 families have experienced displacement at least once in 2020²

66,499 families were newly displaced in 2019³

213,198 refugees

10,670 asylumseekers

FUNDING:

USD **251.8 M** required for 2020 operations

Funded 66%

USD 166.1 M received as of 1 December 2020

¹ IOM-DTM March 2019 ² IOM/DTM 30 November 2020 ³ IOM-DTM 21 December 2019 **UN and partners launched a USD 35 billion Global Humanitarian Overview for 2021.** The appeal includes USD 3.4 billion to support 19 million people in Yemen with food and livelihood assistance; the COVID-19 response; reduce the outbreak of cholera and infectious diseases; provide essential services to the most vulnerable displaced families; and the rehabilitation of public infrastructure.

IDP Response

Countrywide, UNHCR continued cash distributions to over 72,000 internally displaced families and their host communities. Close to 14,700 refugees and asylum-seekers will also receive cash assistance in the south. The money will help them make rental payments, pay for food, clothes, medical assistance, prepare for winter, as well as cope with the extra hardship caused by COVID-19.

According to IOM, over 27,716 families (166,296 individuals) have been displaced since the beginning of the year. Families on the move rely on humanitarian assistance to meet their most basic needs, including food, shelter, healthcare. UNHCR and partners provide them with lifesaving protection and assistance. Over the reporting period, UNHCR and partners assisted close to 2,000 families displaced by conflict with mattresses, blankets, and jerry cans to help them cook, sleep, wash and clean.

UNHCR also assessed some 6,600 displaced families to identify their needs and priorities. Based on the assessments, families were referred to receive

protection assistance, including cash assistance and specialized protection services for vulnerable and at-risk children and survivors of gender-based violence. UNHCR also coordinated with partners for referrals to other services, including healthcare and WASH.



UNHCR partner staff interviews a displaced Yemeni in Ibb governorate to assess his and his family needs © UNHCR/YWU

Refugee response

In Kharaz refugee camp in Lahj governorate, UNHCR and partner SHS distributed soap and detergent to all 9,000 camp residents. Girls and women also received sanitary napkins. In Yemen, refugees and asylum-seekers continue to rely on external assistance to meet their most basic needs. These distributions help to ensure that refugees and asylum-seekers meet their personal care and hygiene needs.

As malnutrition rates soar across the country, UNHCR assisted 115 malnourished children, pregnant, and lactating women newly admitted into its nutrition programmes. Since the beginning of the year, over 1800 malnourished children and 836 pregnant and nursing mothers in Basateen and Kharaz refugee camp, have received treatment for acute malnutrition. In the same locations, UNHCR provided assistance to prevent acute malnutrition to some 600 highly vulnerable children under two years old.

UNHCR continued to work with partners to provide refugees and asylumseekers with durable solutions, including resettlement to third countries. Over the reporting period, UNHCR facilitated the departure of 23 refugees. So far this year, 68 refugees have been resettled from Yemen.

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