

# YEMEN

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## 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

**22,842** individuals (3,807 families) newly displaced in 2021<sup>2</sup>

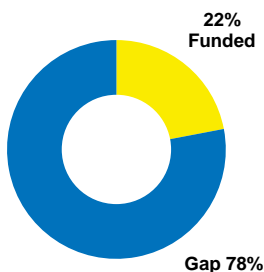
Children and women represent up to **79 per cent** of the total IDP population

**126,884** refugees

**11,290** asylum-seekers

## FUNDING

USD **271 M** required for 2021 operations



USD **60.2 M** received as of 6 April 2021

<sup>1</sup> IOM/DTM 28 December 2020

<sup>2</sup> IOM-RDT 29 March 2021

## IDP Response

Between 20 February - 30 March 2021, UNHCR and partners conducted [protection monitoring](#) exercises to assess the needs of some 16,300 displaced Yemenis in Marib governorate, including those displaced by the recent escalation of hostilities. To date, UNHCR has distributed cash assistance to 2,000 IDP families and emergency shelter kits to 1,900 families, reaching a total of some 24,000 individuals. According to [IOM](#), over 2,600 families have fled hostilities in Marib since the beginning of the year. The governorate also hosts some one million displaced Yemenis. The majority of those newly displaced have sought refuge in overcrowded and underserved hosting sites. Lack of resources, access constraints and insecurity are increasingly hindering the delivery of aid to civilians in Marib, with severe consequences for the most vulnerable.

**A new wave of COVID-19 is being observed in parts of Yemen.** Some 4,800 cases have been reported in the south since March 2020, half of which were registered during the last month. The death rate remains high, with close to 1,000 deaths reported – around 20% of total cases. Humanitarian groups have called for urgent and strict curfew and preventive measures. The first batch of COVID-19 vaccines comprising 360,000 doses arrived in Aden on 31 March to be administered to priority groups including health workers. As part of its COVID-19 emergency response, UNHCR provided equipment to complete three isolation centres for patients and accommodations for medical staff in Aden and Lahj hospitals.

**UNHCR continues to support displaced Yemeni and refugee families with multi-purpose cash assistance, disbursing USD 10 million to vulnerable families since the start of 2021.** UNHCR has distributed cash assistance to close to 57,000 vulnerable families (some 300,000 individuals), including over 41,000 vulnerable displaced Yemeni families and more than 16,000 refugee families throughout the country so far this year.

## Refugee Response

**UNHCR continues coordinating with authorities to ensure vulnerable displaced populations, including refugees and asylum-seekers, are included in overall national COVID-19 preparedness and response plans as well as vaccination schemes.** In March, UNHCR and partners implemented a series of activities supporting the COVID-19 response, including donating 40 oxygen concentrators to three hospitals in Sana'a; delivering personal protective equipment to 900 frontline partner staff for a duration of six months; and initiating procurement of 28,000 PCR diagnostic tests to be dispatched to six isolation centres in Aden, Lahj, Hadramaut and Hudaydah. During the reporting period, UNHCR continued to sensitize refugee and IDP, and host communities to protect against COVID-19.

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*Women struggle to get by as Yemen conflict hits six-year mark. As the world's worst humanitarian crisis rages on, women and children make up three-quarters of the four million people forced from their homes, putting them at greater risk. Learn first-hand about the increasing challenges faced by Yemeni women through [Nabiha's story](#).*