

# YEMEN

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## KEY FIGURES:

**24.3 million**  
people in need

**3.65 million**  
displaced since March 2015<sup>1</sup>

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

**21,703** families have  
experienced  
displacement at least  
once in 2020<sup>2</sup>

**66,499** families were  
newly displaced in  
2019<sup>3</sup>

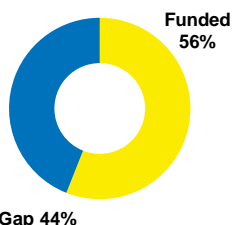
**1.28 million**  
IDP returnees<sup>1</sup>

**272,521** refugees

**11,377** asylum-  
seekers

## FUNDING:

USD **252.1 M**  
required for 2020  
operations



USD **140.9 M** received as  
of 1 September 2020

<sup>1</sup> IOM-DTM March 2019  
<sup>2</sup> IOM/DTM 29 August 2020  
<sup>3</sup> IOM-DTM 21 December 2019

## IDP Response

As of June 2020, the Protection Cluster has reached over 1.2 million people with critical protection services, including cash assistance for protection services, legal and psychosocial support. In several areas including in Marib and Al Hudaydah governorates, protection risks are compounded by ongoing conflict, floods and the threat of COVID-19. Despite growing needs, the Protection Cluster remains short of resources, with protection partners facing the closure of community centres due to lack of funding. Only 17 such centres remain operational as of August 2020, compared to 37 in 2019.

As part of its regular monitoring exercises, UNHCR conducted post-distribution monitoring of a selected 443 IDP and host community families in 17 out of 22 governorates, who had received UNHCR multi-purpose cash assistance in January 2020. More than 98 per cent of the families informed that the cash was used to buy food, followed by covering health costs including medicine (78 per cent), water (68 per cent), debt repayment (57 per cent) and rent (47 per cent). Some 70 per cent of the families were forced to reduce expenditures on hygiene products, water, infant supplies, health and education to meet their food needs, while some 60 per cent had to take new loans or borrow money. By August, some 19,700 refugee families and 110,600 IDPs, returnees and vulnerable host community families were assisted with some USD 23 M cash assistance this year for seasonal support against cold weather at the start of 2020, basic needs such as food, shelter and medicine and to mitigate the socio-economic effects of COVID-19. However, despite the high need for cash assistance, lack of timely funding has had a serious impact on the cash programme in Yemen, with only 15,000 IDP and refugee households assisted out of an estimated 66,000 households impacted by COVID-19 prevention measures.

The Shelter Cluster partners in the Hudaydah Hub responded to nearly 9,500 flood-affected families in Hajjah, Hudaydah, Raymah and Al-Mahwit governorates out of some 21,000 families identified in need. Following continued heavy rains and flooding, hundreds of shelters, as well as livestock, roads and agricultural land, was reported destroyed or damaged, with accounts of deteriorating health among displaced families due to waterborne disease. While assessments are ongoing, the current contingency stocks have already been depleted. UNHCR continues to liaise with local authorities for unhindered access to the affected areas and advocate for more funding through OCHA for the shelter response.



UNHCR's partner staff shows a young boy how to wash his hand at a distribution site in Aden. UNHCR and partners lead COVID-19 awareness-raising activities at distribution sites as part of prevention efforts. @UNHCR/NMO

## Refugee Response

Some 350 refugees received cash in Kharaz Refugee Camp, Lahj governorate as part of UNHCR's programme to assist survivors of gender-based violence, foster parents of unaccompanied and other children at-risk, and families facing severe socio-economic difficulties. Each individual or family received the equivalent of between USD 80 - USD 200, depending on their needs and level of vulnerability.

UNHCR-supported-clinics in Basateen, Aden governorate and Kharaz Refugee Camp, Lahj governorate re-opened for physiotherapy services after months of suspension due to COVID-19. During the reporting period, 73 refugees and host community members received physiotherapy treatments, with COVID-19 prevention measures such as triaging, thermo-scanning, social distancing and personal protective equipment for staff. Home visits were conducted for those with mobility challenges, with similar safety measures in place.

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