

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

29,736 individuals (4,956 families) newly displaced in 2021²

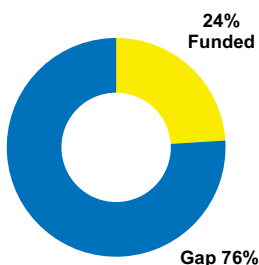
Children and women represent up to **79 per cent** of the total IDP population

127,666 refugees

11,452 asylum-seekers

FUNDING

USD **271 M** required for 2021 operations³



USD **64.1 M** received as of 20 April 2021

¹ IOM/DTM 28 December 2020
² IOM-RDT 20 April 2021
³ An additional USD 20 M has been budgeted for COVID-19 response, should the needs arise during the year.

IDP Response

During the reporting period, UNHCR supported some **14,400 IDPs (2,250 families)** in Sana'a governorate with core relief items and a range of protection services, including psychosocial support and legal counselling. In addition, some 4,500 IDPs (750 families) received core relief items in Taizz and Al-Hudaydah governorates. Families continue to flee ongoing hostilities in Marib, Taizz, Hudaydah, and Al-Dhale governorates, with at least 100 households (some 495 individuals) displaced during the period 18 – 24 April 2021. UNHCR continues to identify the most vulnerable displaced people impacted by conflict, persecution, natural disaster, and COVID-19 in Yemen, providing them with life-saving assistance and emergency protection services.

A 12-day **vaccination campaign** began in Aden governorate and will continue in governorates under control of the Internationally Recognized Government (IRG) in Aden. A total of 315,000 people are expected to be reached across thirteen governorates. Yemen has so far received 360,000 AstraZeneca vaccine doses through the COVAX scheme, from the 1.9 million expected to be delivered during the year. So far, only authorities in the south have developed a vaccination plan. UNHCR has worked with the government and health partners to support the inclusion of the most vulnerable refugees and asylum seekers in the vaccination plan. The campaign comes at a time when Yemen faces a notable spike in cases countrywide.

Thanks to the generous contributions of donors, UNHCR continues to deliver cash assistance and rental subsidies to IDP families in Yemen to ensure access to adequate shelter. For Badria (pictured) this support has made a notable impact in her family's situation, as she managed to use part of her assistance towards her medical needs. A widowed mother of two, Badria currently resides in Sana'a, after being forced to flee her home in Hudaydah governorate due ongoing hostilities. She is currently battling cancer, a spine injury, and a fractured hand, which has made it difficult for her to manage her family's livelihood and afford rent.



Badria and her children, at a cash distribution in Sana'a governorate. © UNHCR | Esmaeel, YGUSWP

Refugee Response

UNHCR continues to counsel refugees on the Assisted Spontaneous Return (ASR) programme. UNHCR and partners have so far registered some 1,624 refugees for departures in Aden governorate. The operation continues to work closely with partners in Somalia to resume boat journeys and provide refugees with a safe return, when conditions allow. Boat rotations have been suspended since mid-March 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic and associated movement restrictions.

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