YEMEN

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Key Figures:

- **20.7 million** people in need
- **4 million** internally displaced
- **80 per cent** have been displaced for more than one year
- **52,536** individuals (8,756 families) newly displaced in 2021

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

- **129,174** refugees
- **11,800** asylum-seekers

IDP Response

On 16 August, UNHCR issued an update on the humanitarian and displacement situation in Marib governorate. The escalation in violence in Marib continues to displace hundreds of families, making the already dire humanitarian situation more precarious. Since the beginning of the year, more than 3,078 households have been displaced due to intense fighting on multiple fronts and sporadic tribal clashes, primarily in the western district of Sirwah and the southern district of Al-Jubah in Marib city. Airstrikes and artillery shelling continues to take a heavy toll on the civilian population, with some 154 injuries and deaths reported during the first six months of 2021 alone – more than both 2019 and 2020 combined.

UNHCR protection partners have highlighted growing protection concerns in Marib, namely the lack of birth certificates for children, resulting in limiting access to healthcare, education and other essential services. During the reporting period, Lawyers working with UNHCR’s protection partner in Marib, Human Access, filed applications and followed up with the Internationally Recognized Government’s Civil Registration Authority to provide birth certificates for 300 IDPs in Marib; a total of 994 children have been issued birth certificates so far, out of the planned 1,500.

As of 15 August, a total of USD 52 M was distributed across various IDP cash assistance programmes, benefitting 149,107 households (923,492 individuals). Additionally, some USD 933,417 was distributed to IDP and refugee households.

Refugee Response

Through UNHCR’s program to reduce morbidity and mortality rates among refugee children under five, 58 children and pregnant and lactating women were admitted to the nutrition program at UNHCR-supported health clinics in Basateen (Aden), Kharaz (Lahj), and Mukalla (Hadramaut). UNHCR plans to support 207 refugee children with acute malnutrition programmes and 2,357 refugee children under the age of five, pregnant and lactating women with supplementary feeding programs.

Additionally, some 3,708 refugees and host community members in those locations received COVID-19 awareness and hygiene sessions, while another 1,083 individuals were provided with awareness sessions on general health matters such as vaccination, medication management, and prevention of communicable diseases such as cholera.

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