

# YEMEN

21 October 2021

## Key Figures:

**20.7 million** people in need

Over **4 million** internally displaced

Up to **1.2 million** displaced Yemenis living across 1,800 hosting sites

**79,002** individuals (13,167 families) newly displaced in 2021<sup>1</sup>

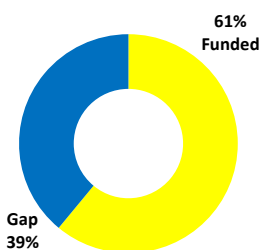
Children and women represent up to **76 per cent** of the total IDP population

**129,531** refugees

**12,075** asylum-seekers

## Funding:

USD **271 M** required for 2021 operations



USD **166.6 M** received as of 19 October 2021

<sup>1</sup>IOM-RDT 18 October 2021

## IDP Response

**Over 5,000 Yemenis (800 families) have been forcibly displaced this week alone.** Since the beginning of 2021, close to 80,000 Yemenis have been forced to flee their homes and seek shelter elsewhere across the country. UNHCR is concerned about recent developments in Marib governorate, where intensified clashes are steadily displacing hundreds of families. Blockages to humanitarian aid distributions are further depriving those most urgently in need from accessing critical assistance. Despite the deteriorating situation, UNHCR continues delivering assistance to the most vulnerable. Following the temporary suspension of activities in Al Jubah district in Marib due to security concerns, UNHCR's shelter partner Society for Humanitarian Solidarity resumed distribution of non-food items to 75 families (500 individuals) in the area and to an additional 149 families (864 individuals) currently residing in Marib city.

**UNHCR and partners continue supporting women through social activities and skills development trainings.** During the reporting period, partner Deem began a 22-day handicraft training for 20 women in Ibb governorate, providing them with technical and business development skills. Similarly, partner YGUSSWP provided literacy classes to 17 women in Sana'a governorate, and partner YRC conducted social activities for 30 women and girls in Kharif IDP hosting site in Amran governorate.



UNHCR & partners train displaced women and host community members in craft making, which has widely thrived within local markets © UNHCR

**UNHCR's latest rapid needs and vulnerability assessment findings reveal a significant increase in vulnerabilities among IDPs.** So far in 2021, UNHCR has assessed almost 150,000 households, out of which, 92% report having at least one family member with a vulnerability, including 23% children at risk (unaccompanied and separated children, out-of-school children, child labour and children exposed to neglect, abuse and exploitation), mirroring findings reported by the child protection actors; 43% women at risk, including women heading households (one out of five) and single women with no community support; and, 25% older persons living alone with no community support. In addition, 32% of households reported having persons with various protection needs such as psychological distress, fear of arrest or detention and situations of violence involving women and girls. These findings are significantly higher than the previous year, pointing to a continuous deterioration of the protection environment for those most affected by the conflict.

**Eviction threats continue to hinder the protection space for displaced Yemenis across IDP sites.** This week, around 1,000 families in 11 IDP sites in Al-Dhale'e were targeted with eviction threats. Six sites were directly impacted and several families were forced to leave. UNHCR and the Protection and CCCM Clusters are coordinating with OCHA to advocate for a halt to evictions until a safe relocation plan can be developed in coordination with local authorities and host communities.

## Refugee Response

**A limited number of refugees benefitted from resettlement opportunities during the reporting period.** A total of 11 individuals were resettled to two third countries. In addition, the Operation submitted eight cases representing 53 individuals for further consideration to the limited number of countries currently offering resettlement quotas.

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