

# ARMENIA

29 December 2023

## Key figures:



**101,848**

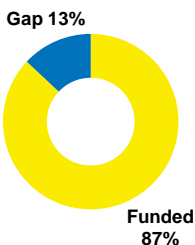
refugees registered in Armenia as of 20 October 2023

## UNHCR distribution of core relief items (CRI) as of 19 December 2023

-  17,130 Bed linen
-  15,996 Blankets
-  16,187 Pillows
-  5,674 Mattresses
-  4,530 Folding beds
-  1,400 kitchen sets
-  5,546 Hygiene kits

## Funding situation:

**USD 14.6 million** required in 2023-2024, including to respond to the emergency.



**USD 12.8 million** received as of 29 December 2023

## Situation Update

The Armenian government will compensate the tuition fees of **935 refugee students** from Karabakh, enrolled in educational institutions across the country, who used to get such assistance from Karabakh. Over 264 million AMD (651,000 USD) will be allocated to cover their first semester tuition. Over 1,800 students from Karabakh are now enrolled in Armenian universities, and over 1,100 are enrolled in colleges.

## UNHCR Response

On 25 December, over 35 social workers from Unified Social Service were trained by UNHCR on **Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) and Protection Mainstreaming**. The social workers will conduct multi-sectoral needs assessment, led by the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, targeting refugees from Karabakh across the country.

On 20 December, **40 refugees** (19 households), who are accommodated at the former Dilijan boarding school in Tavush region, were reached as part of **UNHCR's protection monitoring activities**. UNHCR assessed the protection needs and challenges faced by the refugees, including access to available services and information. UNHCR stepped in with the provision of core relief items (CRIs) to all the residents including beds, towels, mattresses, bed linen, pillows, blankets, and solar lamps.

Between 18 to 22 December, **275 refugees** (58 households) were reached as part of **UNHCR's protection monitoring activities** to identify protection risks, propose suggestions on targeted advocacy, and referral to improve refugees' ability to access available services. In total, **7,640 refugees** (1,663 households) in Yerevan and 10 provinces have been reached.

During the reporting period, 367 calls were received on **UNHCR helpline** from refugees from Karabakh. 98% of the calls related to food and core relief items and 8% were regarding complaints. UNHCR toll-free helpline has answered over 3,735 calls from refugees from Karabakh since the onset of emergency.

UNHCR will be distributing over **87,000 winter-specific non-food items (NFIs)**, including winter jackets, shoes, scarfs, and gloves in the upcoming months.

**40 refugee and local youth** supported under the "Youth Integration and Participation" **project** came together to present their innovative projects and reflect on their experience (21 December). The project aimed to establish bonds of friendship between refugees and host communities as well as strengthen the social integration of refugee youth.

**80 refugees and host community older persons** participated in a community event (23 December) organised in Goris, Syunik region. The initiative aimed to strengthen social cohesion and was part of UNHCR's targeted outreach to older refugees in Lori, Tavush, Shirak, and Syunik regions.



Syrian refugee siblings reflecting on their experience as part of the "Youth Integration and Participation" project. December 2023. Yerevan

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