

YEMEN

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Key figures:

 **24 M**
people in need

 **3.65 M**
displaced in the last four years¹

81% of Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) displaced for more than one year

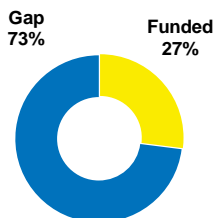
 **1.28 M** IDP returnees

1.2 M IDPs given in-kind or cash assistance in 2018

 **273,939** refugees and asylum-seekers

Funding

USD **198.6 M** required for 2019 operations



USD **53.3 M** received as of 20 March 2019

IDP Response

UNHCR continues to respond to the needs of Yemen's internally displaced persons (IDPs), in light of ongoing conflict, including shelling and airstrikes, in the northern governorates of Sa'ada and Al Jawf particularly. UNHCR has nearly completed the distribution of core relief items (CRIs) to IDPs in Sa'ada governorate. To date, 675 IDP families out of 750 have received CRIs and 225 received emergency shelter kits (ESKs).

The distribution of cash assistance for protection needs and rental subsidies continues in the northern governorates of Sa'ada and Al Jawf. Five hundred sixty-four IDP families out of the total target of 1,029 in Sa'ada and 907 out of 955 in Al Jawf received cash assistance to cover immediate needs. Another 317 families out of 516 in Sa'ada and 1,000 families out of 1,052 in Al Jawf received cash for rental subsidies.



Eleven-year old Ghassan is a displaced child from Hajjah, one of the flashpoints of the northern frontlines. Due to recent clashes, he left with his family for safer areas within the same governorate. During 19-23 March, more than 2,000 displaced families received UNHCR assistance in Abs, Hajjah. © UNHCR/Rashed Al Dubai.

Protection support to IDP families close to the northern frontlines

On 19 March, UNHCR's team in Al Hudaydah conducted on-the-job training for the fourteen newly recruited members of the Community-Based Protection Network (CBPN) from three districts of Hudaydah. The training took place at the Hudaydah Girls Foundation (HGF). The CBPN provides a bridge between the affected population and service providers through awareness raising, information dissemination and facilitation of community support projects.

During the reporting period, UNHCR through partner ADRA in Hajjah governorate conducted protection monitoring of 819 IDP and extremely vulnerable host community families in Abs, Aslem, Hajjah City, Ku'aydinah and Mustaba as the first step towards referral to other specialized services. A further 86 individuals received legal advice, 83 were provided with social support and 26 referred for psychological assistance through the community centre. A total of 1,185 individuals attended awareness sessions on protection services, psycho-social support and human rights through UNHCR's CBPN.

Refugee Response

With regard to responding to the needs of refugees and asylum-seekers in the South, UNHCR is technically and financially supporting three governmental registration centres in Lahj, Aden and Hadramaut governorate for *prima facie* refugees from Somalia. These centres manage new arrivals, renewals and re-issuance of documentation. Additionally, there is one UNHCR registration centre in Aden that carries out registration of non-Somali asylum-seekers.

During the reporting period, 159 persons were verified and added to UNHCR's ProGres database, while 93 persons had their documents renewed. The documents are renewed once every two years for Somalis, who enjoy a *prima facie* status in Yemen, and once a year for non-Somalis. Twenty-six cases (50 Somali refugees) have been processed for Assisted Voluntary Return (ASR) and were issued a voluntary repatriation form. This allows the applicant to proceed with the rest of the procedure for departure, such as medical screening and receiving of the 'Go Home' travel document issued by the Somali consulate.

¹IOM-DTM March 2019