

Protecting displaced families in Yemen

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UNHCR's partner is interviewing an IDP in the Amran governorate community centre, where IDPs and vulnerable members of the host communities receive support for legal issues, including facilitation of ID cards, psychosocial counselling against trauma and abuse, and tailored support for the survivors of gender-based violence and children at risk. ©YRC/UNHCR

Half of the population needs regular services for their survival, especially women, children, the elderly and persons with disabilities.

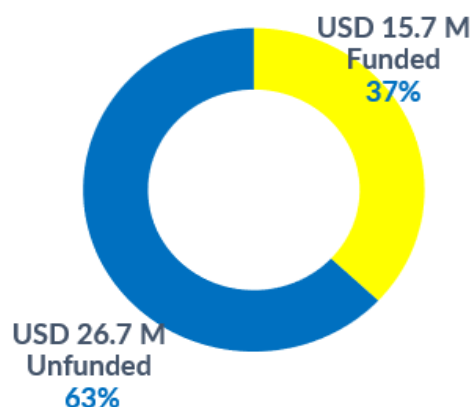
Why protection?

The ongoing conflict, attacks and violations of human rights over the past five years have left an indelible impact on civilians. One-eighth (4 million) of the entire Yemeni population (30.5 million) have been forced out of their homes due to the conflict, having their houses destroyed and their livelihoods lost. Women, children, the elderly and persons with disabilities suffer disproportionately due to the ongoing fighting, dwindling economy and discontinued public services such as the judicial system, registration centres, hospitals and schools.

Yemen remains the **"Worst Humanitarian Crisis in the World"** for the past three years, with 80 per cent of the population in need of humanitarian aid.

In 2020, **110,400** individuals will benefit from **legal assistance and psychosocial support**.

At least **1,320** survivors of GBV will be given tailored support, through legal, medical, and psychosocial services and **age and gender sensitive services arranged for children** with or without family support




HOW DO WE ASSIST?


Facilitating the issuance of documentation is essential in ensuring that families in need are included in emergency distributions, cash and access to other protection services, such as legal counselling, including on civil and family matters, psychosocial support to address trauma and abuse, and tailored support for survivors of Gender-Based Violence (GBV) and children at risk of abuse due to fragile family and community relations.


UNHCR works with more than 400 Community-Based Protection Network (CBPN) members across 11 governorates, reaching the most affected families, including in the hard-to-reach areas. They are trained to identify protection issues in families and to help them find local solutions and, if needed, refer them to the eight community centres managed by UNHCR's partners.


The community centres managed by UNHCR's partners function as "one-stop-shops" where a wide range of protection support and services is given. UNHCR meticulously follows up on each case to ensure that the beneficiaries receive a comprehensive solution that empowers and assist in their return to normalcy.


The range of protection services provided through the community centres are:

 **Legal support and assistance.** Assisting displaced families in obtaining civil documentation to facilitate access to public services, representation in court, mediation to settle disputes; as well as provision of counselling regarding family law, such as divorce, alimony and custody arrangements.

 **Psychosocial support,** such as counselling to address the stress related to displacement, loss of relatives and property, abuse and domestic violence.

 Strengthening **community engagement** through meetings, awareness-raising and community development projects to promote self-resilience and peaceful coexistence between displaced and local communities.

 Specialised services such as **child protection** through facilitating access to birth registration, foster family care and child counselling and individual case management for **GBV survivors** including mediation, medical care, legal representation, psychosocial counselling and cash assistance.

 Cases that cannot be addressed at the community centre directly, such as medical care, physiotherapy and provision of assistive devices for both children and adults, are referred to specialised services in the vicinity.

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