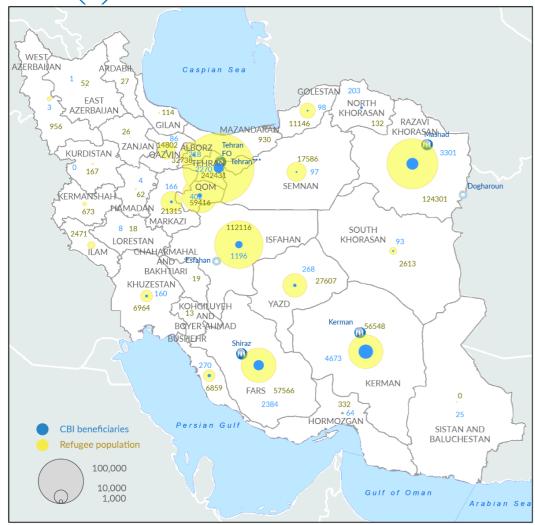


IRAN: CASH-BASED INTERVENTIONS

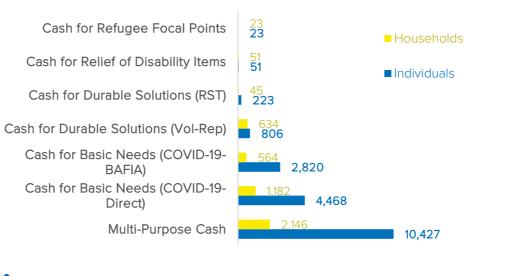
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UNHCR uses cash-based interventions to provide protection, assistance, and services to the most vulnerable. Cash helps Persons of Concern (PoCs) meet both basic (food, shelter, etc.) and specific needs. The flexibility that CBIs offer makes them a more dignified form of assistance, giving refugees the ability to immediately prioritise and choose what they need. Cash-based interventions make the displaced less likely to resort to harmful coping strategies, incl. child labour. They also directly benefit the local economy through the purchase of goods and services and can contribute to peaceful coexistence with host communities.



BENEFICIARIES BY TYPE OF ASSISTANCE

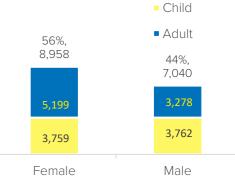


11% (490) of the households receiving cash were female-headed households

41 households who were exceptionally in need, received cash assistance more than once within the reporting period

All cash interventions were delivered through bank transfer (**financial inclusion**), except Cash for Durable Solutions (Vol-Rep) and Cash for Basic Needs (COVID-19-BAFIA) project which were provided as cash in hand and pre-paid card respectively.

BENEFICIARIES BY AGE & GENDER



Sources: UNHCR and BAFIA* 2020 population data

According to the data recently received from the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran in October 2020, on which consultations are ongoing, 800,000 refugee card holders reside in Iran. Number of refugees by province is extrapolated based on the total 800,000 and proportions of provincial refugee distribution based on Amayesh registration round X (2017).



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