UNHCR OPERATIONAL UPDATE

COVERING THE PERIOD FROM 29 MARCH TO 5 APRIL 2022

YEMEN

7 April 2022

Key Figures:

23.4 million people in need

Over **4.3 million** internally displaced

Up to **1.6 million** displaced Yemenis living across 2,300 hosting sites[1]

28,716 individuals (4,786 families) newly displaced in 2022[2]

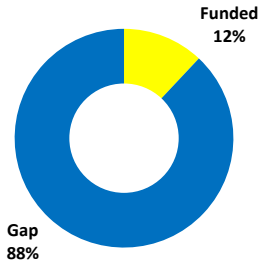
Children and women represent up to **79 per cent** of the total IDP population

82,868 refugees

12,947 asylum-seekers

Funding:

USD **291.3 M** required for 2022 operations



USD **34.4 M** *received as of 31 March 2022*

[1] CCCM overview – 31 December 2021
[2] IOM-RDT - 30 March 2022

IDP Response

UNHCR welcomes announcement of two-month truce in Yemen. On 1 April, the UN Special Envoy for Yemen, Hans Grundberg, announced that the Internationally Recognized Government, the Saudi-led Coalition and the de facto authorities had agreed to a two-month countrywide truce, including cross-border attacks, coming into effect on 2 April. This is the first nationwide truce agreed since 2016. The parties accepted to halt all offensive military air, ground and maritime operations, for fuel ships to be allowed to enter into Hudaydah ports and for commercial flights to operate in and out of Sana'a airport to predetermined destinations. The truce has the potential to reduce the burden of the conflict on civilians and halt further displacement in a year that has already observed close to 30,000 new displacements. More durable peace and stability would facilitate access to certain locations and further enable UNHCR and the humanitarian community to steadily shift the focus to durable solutions – mainly voluntary and safe return of IDPs, as well as local integration in areas of displacement.

UNHCR has distributed more than $8 million in cash assistance since the beginning of the year, benefiting over 300,000 individuals. So far, 42,900 IDP families (some 282,000 individuals) and 8,135 refugee families (close to 20,000 individuals) have benefitted from UNHCR cash assistance in 2022. As the socio-economic situation worsens in the country and new findings reveal increasing risk of famine in several locations, cash assistance remains critical to support those most in need. Nevertheless, funding shortfalls risk impeding this assistance in coming months.

Vulnerable IDPs receive cash assistance in Sa'ada city, Yemen © UNHCR/YDF

UNHCR continues distributing core relief items to newly displaced Yemenis. During the reporting period, UNHCR partner SHS distributed core relief items to 120 families in Shabwah and Hadramaut governorates, and mosquito nets to 240 families in Al Modhalal IDP site in Shabwah governorate. As the rainy season approaches, the demand for core relief items in several locations is expected to increase.

Fuel shortages and rise in prices continue challenging IDPs' access to Community Centres (CC) as well as partners' ability to conduct mobile missions. Several field offices reported that the shortage and increase in fuel prices is impeding IDP access to CCs and is affecting the ability of partner staff to conduct mobile missions.

During the reporting period, UNHCR finalized the installation of solar lighting in several IDP sites across Yemen to improve the living conditions of vulnerable displaced families. Several IDP sites in Mawza and Maqbanah districts were targeted and benefitted from the installation of solar lighting. It is estimated that more than 850 families (some 5,000 individuals) have benefitted from these interventions.

Refugee Response

On 28 March, UNHCR and IOM co-organized an asylum and migration conference in support of the National Committee for Refugee Affairs (NACRA). Fruitful discussions were maintained, and a series of recommendations were adopted. Topics covered included international and national legal institutional framework for the protection of refugees and migrants, the overall situation of refugees and asylum-seekers, and an overview of key humanitarian needs and challenges, among others.

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