Basateen Neighborhood

January 2023

Basateen is a neighborhood in the outskirts of Aden Governorate. It hosts **17,301 asylum seekers and refugees,** the majority of whom comes from Somalia and Ethiopia.

Basateen neighborhood also hosts IDPs, IDP returnees and local Yemeni communities. After eight years of the conflict, families are living in **dire conditions**.

UNHCR and partners are the only providers of humanitarian and protection services to asylum seekers and refugees. Including **health, livelihood, shelter, and non-food items.**

POPULATION OF CONCERN

17,301 **Number of refugees and asylum-seekers** in Basateen neighborhood as of 31 December 2022.

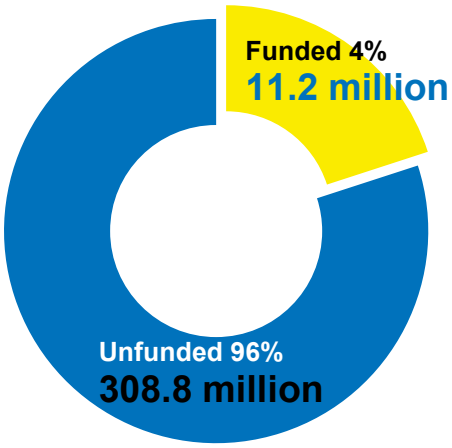
17,947 **Number of internally displace persons** in Basateen neighborhood.

132,743 **The total population** in Basateen refugees' neighborhood, includes refugees, asylum seekers, IDPs, IDP returnees and local Yemeni host communities.

FUNDING (AS OF JANUARY 2023)

$ 320 million

requested for Yemen operation 2023 activities



KEY FACTS

The Basateen refugee neighborhood located in Dar Sad district, of Aden governorate.

5 Implemented partners

Working with Partners

- In Basateen refugee neighborhood, UNHCR works closely with the authorities of Aden Governorate, the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Education, and the UN World Food Programme (WFP). UNHCR also partnered with INTERSOS, Human Access (HA), Society for Humanitarian Solidarity (SHS), Al-Awn Foundation for development, and community-based committees to provide protection and essential services to refugees and asylum seekers living in Basateen and their host community.
- At the community level, UNHCR engages with different refugee committees active in Basateen refugee neighborhood. These included the Somali Grand Council Committee, the Ethiopian Grand Council Committee, committees for women, youth groups, teachers, tribal leaders, and persons living with disabilities.

Main Activities

Protection

- UNHCR and partners provide comprehensive protection activities in Basateen refugee neighbourhood. This includes case management, legal assistance, psychological support, child protection, assistance to vulnerable persons, psychological and social activities.

Registration and Documentation

- UNHCR and the Immigration, Passport and Naturalization Agency (IPNA) of the Government of Yemen (GoY) provide registration and documentation services to refugees and asylum seekers living in Basateen. UNHCR and partners provide technical, financial, logistical, material support and capacity building to the IPNA registration centre in the Basateen refugee neighbourhood.
- In 2022, 6,891 ID cards were issued to refugees and there were 1,733 new registrations. The Internationally Recognized Government (IRG) grants prima facie refugee status to Somali nationals. Other nationalities, the majority Ethiopians, are registered by UNHCR and undergo a Refugee Status Determination (RSD) process.

Legal Assistance

- UNHCR and partners provide legal services to asylum-seekers and refugees. Services include legal awareness, legal counselling, representation, and mediation in the community, at the drop-in centre, and during monitoring of detention facilities/centres. In 2022, 818 refugees and asylum seekers were provided with legal assistance.
- UNHCR supports the issuance of civil documentation (birth certificates) to ensure access to services under the protection of the law and to reduce the risk of statelessness. In 2022, 247 refugees benefitted from this service.

Support to Persons with Specific Needs (PwSNs)

- UNHCR provides a full range of protection services for vulnerable persons through emergency cash assistance, social and legal counselling, psychological first aid, psycho-social support, temporary emergency accommodation, and referrals to health care services.
- In 2022, 4,815 refugees and asylum seekers' households were assessed. Out of them, 332 refugees and asylum seekers received psychological first aid and psychosocial support. In addition, 748 persons with disabilities and 821 older persons received specialized support.

Community-Based Initiatives

- UNHCR adopts community-based approach and works with community-protection focal points, community volunteers, and refugee committees. Community structures inform and support the implementation of daily protection activities. The committees have been particularly important in identifying potential alternative care arrangement for children and people living with disabilities, as well as in tracing of family members.

Child Protection

- Child protection services include case management, care arrangement, psychosocial support, recreational activities, and documentation services.
- As of December 2022, 73 new unaccompanied and separated children were identified and supported. 145 children are hosted in foster families, and they all receive regular home visits.
- UNHCR runs an Early Intervention and Learning Centre (EILC) for refugee children living with disabilities. Children were offered specialized services such as speech therapy, physical therapy, communication, and social skills. The EILC also supports the integration of children living with disabilities into schools. In 2022, 135 children with disabilities received specific support at the EILC.

Education

- UNHCR supports the primary and secondary education of asylum-seeker and refugee children. In 2022, 1,974 refugee children were enrolled in two primary schools, an education girls' primary, and a secondary school. Both also have free access to secondary schools outside of Basateen neighbourhood. UNHCR supports with school kits and uniforms as well as teaching material, stationary, non-curricula activities and maintenance. UNHCR also provides incentives for teachers and leads trainings for teachers.
- A limited number of tertiary education scholarships are offered through the DAFI program. Vocational and technical trainings are provided with UNHCR and partner's support. In 2022, eight students graduated from DAFI program and 20 were newly enrolled in a vocational school.

Durable Solutions

- UNHCR operates a Return Help Desk (RHD) in Basateen community centre, as part of the Assisted Spontaneous Return (ASR) Program to Somalia, which began in 2017. While the movements were suspended in March 2020 due to COVID-19, registration of interest and counselling continued at the return help desks. Refugees targeted by ASR Programme received a cash assistance in order to enable them when arriving to Somalia.
- In July 2022, the ASR programme restarted targeting 620 refugees. In total, between 2017 to 2022, the ASR has facilitated 6,018 refugees' returns to Somalia in collaboration with IOM and partners in Yemen and Somalia.

Health and Nutrition

- UNHCR supports two primary health facilities open to all those living in the Basateen neighbourhood. In 2022, the clinics provided 38,019 consultations 1,546 individuals were referred to secondary and tertiary level care.
- The clinics provide female health services and physiotherapy sessions to refugee living with disabilities. More than 6,000 women have been reached in 2022 and over 30 assistive devices have been distributed. UNHCR and partners continued to support the prevention and response to cholera through an Oral Rehydration Corner (ORCs).

- The clinics provide educational services. Over 65,000 refugees, asylum seekers and Yemenis have attended workshops on nutrition, sanitation, and hygiene. More than 80,000 participated in health awareness and sensitisation campaigns on COVID-19 since 2020.

Cash-Based Intervention

- UNHCR uses cash-based interventions as an efficient and effective protection tool to assist the most vulnerable refugees, identified through socio-economic assessments and case management. Several interventions are implemented through cash modalities, including Multi-Purpose Cash Assistance (MPCA) emergency cash, shelter rehabilitation and shelter maintenance.
- In 2022, 2,850 refugee families received cash assistance in Basateen refugee neighborhood. Cash transfers give purchasing power to vulnerable people who know best what they need to improve their families' food security and well-being. This enables them to buy locally and supports local markets.

Water and Sanitation

- UNHCR continues efforts to increase access to clean and safe water and quality sanitation and hygiene services. In 2022, UNHCR completed the construction of an integrated 1,000,000 cubic-liter concrete water tower reservoir, installed 35,000 meters of water pipelines from three solar powered wells, and 5,765 meters of underground sewage pipelines around the entire Basateen refugee neighborhood, with 172 safe sewage vents had been built. The new water and sanitation system will serve around 70,000 people living in Basateen refugee neighborhood.

Shelter and NFIs

- UNHCR continues to identify and provide rehabilitation of shelters rented by refugees and Yemeni host communities. This is part of the Basateen Roadmap project to improve living conditions and foster social cohesion.
- In 2022, 202 IDP returnee households received conditional cash to rehabilitate their shelters while also supporting self-reliance.

Infrastructure Projects and QIPs:

- In 2023, UNHCR plans to implement large infrastructure project in Basateen refugee neighborhood, in order to support the local community with sustainable services, which is maintained the social cohesion between host communities and people of concern to UNHCR. The project is going to be implemented in close coordination and communication with the relevant local authorities of Aden governorate.

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