

ARMENIA

30 September 2023

Key figures:



100,480
refugees have
arrived to
Armenia



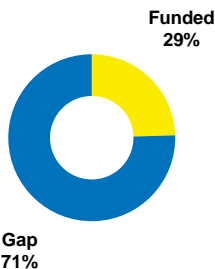
83,467
refugees
registered with
authorities



34,607
refugees have
been provided
with temporary
accommodation
by the
government

Funding:

USD 12.8 million
required in 2023,
including to respond to
the emergency



USD 3.7 million
received as of 18 September
2023

Situation Update

In just a week, over **100,000 refugees** have fled to Armenia, entering through the Syunik region in the south of the country. As of 30 September 2023, Armenia reported 100,480 refugees had arrived in the country since 23 September 2023. So far, government authorities registered 83,467 refugees at two registration centres established in the border provinces. Most refugees arrived with few belongings and require **urgent assistance**, including blankets, bedding materials, medical and psychosocial support, as well as shelter in the immediate term. Armenian authorities are providing temporary accommodation to 34,607 new arrivals without relatives in Armenia, including in hotels, social centres and schools. However, given the high number of arrivals in the short period, additional emergency centres are urgently needed. The Government together with the international and national community are working to address urgent needs of those arriving.



Recently arrived refugee children wait at the registration centre in Goris, Syunik province on 29 September. © UNHCR/Karen Minasyan

UNHCR's Emergency Response

Protection:

- UNHCR is present at the border since the onset of the emergency, providing protection counselling and information to arriving refugees.
- UNHCR is providing technical equipment, including laptops and tablets, to facilitate government registration and needs assessments.
- UNHCR is scaling up its presence at registration points to support information and counselling to newly arrived refugees.

Shelter and Core Relief Items (CRIs):

- UNHCR is distributing (CRIs) including foldable beds, bedding sets and blankets to Goris and Vayk municipalities.
- Additional items are on the way to Armenia to complement locally available stock; a first truck arrived in Yerevan on 30 September afternoon with equipment to be distributed to municipalities across the country.
- An additional 15 trucks are expected in the coming days, bringing CRIs such as blankets, beds, kitchen sets, etc. for an estimated 7,000 refugees in total.

Coordination

UNHCR is leading the inter-agency refugee response with UN Agencies and humanitarian organizations, working with the UN Resident Coordinator's Office. An inter-agency response plan is being finalized, together with all humanitarian actors engaged in the response.

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