

Yemen

January - March 2023

Large scale conflict has declined in Yemen since the warring parties signed a truce in April 2022, which was subsequently not renewed in the later part of 2022, after two extensions. The **political situation remains fragile**, and **millions remain displaced**. Meanwhile, the precarious **no peace, no war situation** is wrecking havoc on the economy,

with essential services continuing to deteriorate while exacerbating current and new vulnerabilities and further deepening the protection risks of displaced persons.

Yemen is the only state in the Arabian Peninsula that **acceded to the 1951 Convention and its 1967 Protocol in 1980**. Yemen is also a party to all major

international human rights and international humanitarian law instruments. Confronted with the growing challenge of internal displacement, in 2013 Yemen adopted a National Policy for Addressing Internal Displacement. UNHCR is assisting authorities to adapt and implement the policy.

Populations



71K

Refugees and asylum-seekers in Yemen. 70% come from Somalia, 20% from Ethiopia, 3% from Iraq, 3% from Syria, and 2% from Eritrea and 1% from Palestine.



4.5 million

Internally displaced persons (IDPs) in Yemen.



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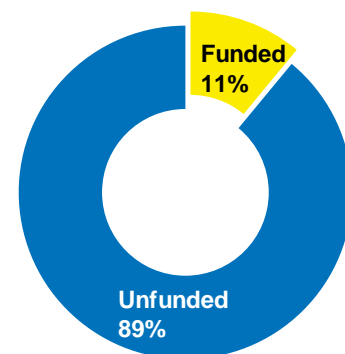
Yemenis in need of humanitarian assistance: **17.7M** are in need of protection; **7.5M** are in need of shelter and non-food items; **1.9M** are in need of camp coordination and camp management services.

Funding (as of 28 March 2023)



\$320 million

Requested for 2023 activities



Operation Overview

Refugee response

UNHCR is the only agency addressing the protection and well-being of refugees and asylum-seekers across Yemen. The refugee and asylum-seeker population are mainly from Somalia and Ethiopia. There is only one refugee camp in the country, Kharaz refugee camp, in Lahj governorate, which currently hosts over 9,000 refugees and asylum-seekers. While protecting refugees and assisting them in finding durable solutions, UNHCR and partners are the only providers of services, such as education, healthcare, water and sanitation. Host communities also benefit from the same services.

IDP response

UNHCR is the leading UN Agency of the Protection, Camp coordination and camp management (CCCM) and Shelter/Non-food Item (NFI) Clusters. Through the inter-agency coordination mechanisms, UNHCR advocates for joint site identification (demining, site planning); policy on civilian character of sites and non-encampment; housing, land and property (HLP) issues; eviction guidance including joint displacement tracking; support on community engagement and protection considerations, among others. UNHCR also plays a key role in ensuring that displacement issues are well reflected in both humanitarian and development planning documents, including in relation to durable solutions to displacement. UNHCR leads the advocacy on the protection of civilians, particularly regarding the impact of the conflict on displaced populations.



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Key 2023 Refugee Response Key Achievements

Protection

Registration¹

- **672** asylum-seekers registered with UNHCR support.
- **4,000** refugees and asylum-seeker's identification documents issued or renewed.
- **187** refugees and asylum-seeker children registered and issued birth certificates.

Legal Services

- **547** refugees received legal assistance or counseling.
- **26** legal awareness sessions conducted for refugees and asylum-seekers.

People with specific needs

- **1,490** refugees and asylum-seekers received psychological first aid or psychosocial support.
- **1,256** individuals received targeted support.

Child Protection

- **43** refugee children received legal assistance.
- **216** refugee children received psychological first aid and psychosocial support.
- **374** refugee children participated in recreational activities.

Durable Solutions

- **155** refugees expressed their intention to return.

¹ For registration activities, UNHCR works with Bureau of Refugee Affairs (BRA) and Immigration, Passport & Nationality Authorities (IPNA) in the north. In the South, UNHCR works with Immigration, Passport & Nationality Authorities (IPNA)


Education

- **8,983** refugee and asylum-seeking children enrolled in primary education.
- **115** refugee and asylum-seeking children received scholarships and other support to access tertiary education.
- **231** out-of-school children to restart school attendance following UNHCR and partners' support.


Cash Assistance

- **3,300** refugees and asylum-seekers participated in needs assessments.
- **4,900** refugees and asylum-seekers received multipurpose cash to support their most urgent needs.
- **105** refugees and asylum-seekers received emergency cash.


Community Engagement

- **5.6K** inquiries received through the complaints and feedback mechanism.
- **6** community groups supported.


Health & Nutrition

- **28,000** refugees and asylum-seekers accessed one of the five health facilities supported by UNHCR.
- **367** children under-5 and pregnant and lactating mothers admitted into a nutrition programme



*UNHCR's registration staff during the registration interview with an asylum seekers in UNHCR's Registration Center in Aden.
 @ UNHCR/Abdullah Babrek*

Key 2023 IDP Response Key Achievements


Protection
Documentation

- **866** national identification documents issued by the Civil Registry Authority (CRA) with UNHCR support.

Legal Services

- **875** IDPs and IDP returnees received individual legal assistance.
- **165** legal awareness sessions conducted for IDPs and IDP returnees.

Community-Based Protection

- **497** awareness-raising activities conducted or supported by community-based protection networks.

People with specific needs

- **1,900** IDPs and IDP returnees received psychological first aid and psychosocial support.

Child protection

- **1,000** children participated in recreational activities.
- **233** children received psychological first aid or psychosocial support.
- **90,000** IDP and IDP returnees participated in needs assessments.

NFI Shelter and Non-food Items

- 56 displaced families provided with emergency shelter kits.
- 300 IDP households were assisted with the rehabilitation of their homes.

Camp Coordination & Management

- 320 IDP sites monitored and supported.
- 13 sites engaged in infrastructure projects to mitigate natural hazards and communicable diseases.

Community Engagement

- 21,800 inquiries received through the complaints and feedback mechanism.

Cash Assistance

- 51,000 IDPs, IDP returnees, and host community members received multipurpose cash to support their most urgent needs.
- 903 IDPs, IDP returnees, and host community members received emergency cash assistance.



*"Everyday I dream about the day that my displacement status will end, and that I'd be able to return home to rebuild my damaged house. I strongly count on UNHCR's support until then". Five years ago, Youssef fled from Al-Hodeida to seek safety in Aden.
@UNHCR/Abdullah Babrek.*

Partnerships

Al-Awn Foundation for Development; Al-Dar Al-Arabia for Development and Advocacy; Al-MAGD Charitable Humanitarian Relief & Development; Bureau for Refugee Affairs; Deem for Development organization; Executive Unit for IDPs Camp Management; Field Medical Foundation; Human Access for Partnership and Development, Human Access for Partnership & Development; Immigration, Passports and Naturalization Authority; INTERSOS; Jeel Albena Association for Humanitarian Development; Migration, Refugees, and IDPs Studies Centre ; Nahda Makers Organization; NAMA Small and Microfinance Foundation; Qatar Red Crescent Society; Rawabi Al-Nahdah Developmental Foundation; Safe Road for Peace and Development; Society For Humanitarian Solidarity; Sustainable Development Foundation; Tamdeen Youth Foundation; The National Committee for Refugee Affairs; The Supreme Council for Management and Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs and International Cooperation; Yemen Al-Khair for Relief & Development Foundation; Yemen Development Foundation; Yemen General Union of Sociologists, Social Workers and Psychologists; Yemen Red Crescent Society; Yemen Women Union.

Coordination

UNHCR leads the Protection, Camp Management & Camp Coordination (CCCM), and Shelter/Non-food Item (NFI) clusters. And co-leads the Refugee & Migration Multisector with IOM. As part of the UN Country Team, UNHCR co-chairs the prevention to sexual exploitation and abuse (PSEA) network. UNHCR is an active

participant in several inter-agency working groups, including the Durable Solutions Working Group, the Humanitarian Access Working Group, the Mental Health and Psychosocial Support Working Group, and other specialized task forces.

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