

YEMEN

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Key figures:

24.1 M

people in need

3.65 M displaced since March 2015¹

More than 80 per cent have been displaced more than a year

66,499 families newly displaced since beginning of 2019²

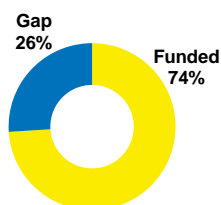
1.28 M IDP

267,244 refugees

10,576 asylum-seekers

Funding

USD **198.6 M** required for 2019 operations



USD **147.6 M** received as of 7 January 2020

¹ IOM-DTM March 2019

² IOM-DTM 21 December 2019

IDP Response

Due to the temporary challenges faced regarding the implementation of humanitarian activities under the *de facto* authorities (DFA) in Sana'a, monitoring activities were unable to take place, including the management of the 11 community centres by UNHCR. In 2019, these community centres provided various Protection services such as legal counselling, legal assistance and psychosocial support, assisting some 94,000 individuals including the vulnerable host community, while also facilitating cash assistance for more than 86,000 IDP families. However, several urgent cases were supported through partners who were present in the community centres, despite the ongoing restrictions. UNHCR continues to discuss the current situation with the DFA so that the activities may resume as soon as possible. Meanwhile, fierce clashes were reported daily in Al Dhale'e governorate and are expected to continue as the conflicting parties attempt to control the roads connecting the north and south of the country, severely impacting the safety and security of civilians.



Hassan, an IDP from Hudaydah governorate, rides a tricycle provided by UNHCR as part of the livelihoods project. "The money I made today, I will use it to support my parents and siblings," he said. In Aden, UNHCR supports vulnerable waste collectors with a tricycle and protective gear, helping to increase their income and livelihoods. © UNHCR/ Marie-Joelle Jean-Charles, January 2020

During the reporting period, sporadic heavy rain was observed throughout the south of Yemen.

In Aden Governorate, 10 IDP family shelters, household items and food stocks were ruined due to extreme weather conditions. UNHCR provided technical guidance to rehabilitate emergency shelters, such as repair works for roofing and further enhancement to guard against rain. In 2019, some 400 families benefitted from such technical repairs.

Refugee Response

UNHCR Sub-Office (SO) Aden initiated a two-month project to verify data on the reasons leading to high numbers of out-of-school refugee children in Mukalla and Sayun cities, in Hadramaut governorate. Apart from the severely weakened public education system due to ongoing fighting, contributing factors are believed to include gender discrimination, poverty, child labour and early marriage. UNHCR embarked on an assessment to verify these assumptions, based on previous successes in Aden and Lahj governorates through the Ministry of Education. A similar project will be carried out in the eastern governorate of Al Mahara.

UNHCR continued to conduct regular individual case management for refugee status determination and resettlement, including screening, interviews and best interest assessments for children. In January, nine refugees underwent this process in SO Aden. During 2019, 53 cases involving 61 individuals were interviewed in SO Aden, and a total of 105 refugees have departed under UNHCR's resettlement programme in 2019, in search of protection and safety in third countries.

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