

Cash-Based assistance in Yemen

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Anwar Ali and his family of 14 fled from the frontlines to Sa'adah city, Sa'ada governorate two months ago. UNHCR partner staff conducted a household assessment at Anwar's rented home and noted that the lack of income is a serious concern. After the evaluation and verification by the protection partners, UNHCR Field Office Sa'ada provided Anwar's family with rental subsidies. ©UNHCR/Jamal Al-Barea.

Why cash? Helping families who have been affected by the conflict through cash is a practical and effective solution, especially for those living in rented homes or close to markets. UNHCR's cash programme gives families an opportunity to prioritize their needs, may it be food, clothes for winter, medicine or paying back debt. Though cash, displaced families can make choices and thus regain their dignity.

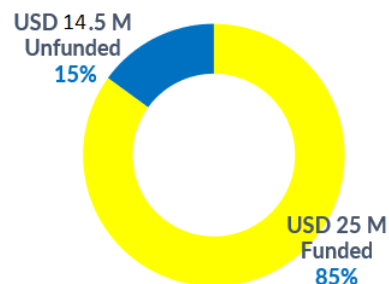
Each eligible family receives **YER 100,000 (some USD 170)** to address their protection needs such as **rent, food, extra clothes and fuel for the winter, medical and other immediate concerns**. This multi-purpose cash is aimed to contribute

towards a Minimum Expenditure Basket. The families who have been verified to need rent support, receive the cash assistance in **two instalments over a period of six months**.

In 2020, some **180,000** families will be provided with some **USD 40 M** to cover their basic needs.

Some **345,000** potential cash beneficiary families will be assessed and verified for transparency, prevention of fraud and other errors.

Funding for the Cash programme

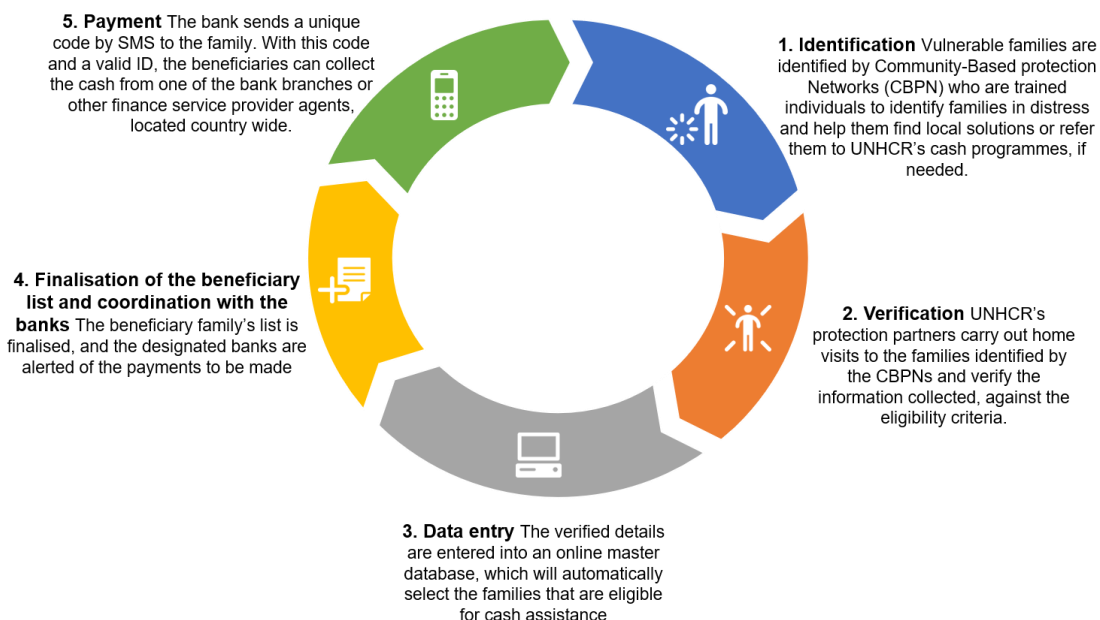


¹ Total funding requirements for UNHCR is 211.9 M for 2020.

Both internally displaced and impoverished host community members are eligible for UNHCR's cash assistance in Yemen. The community-based protection networks remain vigilant to identify and assess the new and existing IDP families in need of support while prioritizing the neediest. After the initial assessments are completed, UNHCR's partners verify the information. The verified data is then inserted into an online tool for the final, impartial selection of the beneficiary families based on objective criteria. As the last step, the finance provider sends an SMS to the head of the selected beneficiary family to collect their cash.

Cash interventions prioritise most vulnerable people including female and child-headed households, persons living with disabilities, unaccompanied elderly, children-at-risk and individuals with severe or chronic medical conditions

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