

# UNHCR OPERATIONAL UPDATE

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# YEMEN

18 November 2021

### **Key Figures:**

**20.7 million** people in need

Over **4 million** internally displaced

Up to **1.2 million** displaced Yemenis living across 1,800 hosting sites

**119,364** individuals (19,894 families) newly displaced in 2021<sup>1</sup>

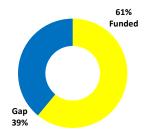
Children and women represent up to **76 per cent** of the total IDP population

**129,697** refugees

12,268 asylum-seekers

#### **Funding:**

USD **271 M** required for 2021 operations



USD 166.7 M received as of 9 November 2021

<sup>1</sup> IOM-RDT 16 November 2021

# **IDP** Response

Close to 6,000 individuals (800+ families) newly displaced due to ongoing clashes in Hudaydah City. Following recent developments on the main frontlines in Hudaydah City, some 800 families have been displaced to Al-Khukhah City and south of Al Makha district. A new IDP site comprising 300 tents was established in Al-Khukhah district and another site is expected to be established shortly to accommodate the newly displaced. The total number of newly displaced Yemenis countrywide as of November 2021 stands now at close to 120,000 individuals.

As new displacements continue to be recorded, UNHCR distributed core relief items to more than 1,200 families (some 7,200 individuals) in Al-Hudaydah, Aden, Al Dhale'e and Lahj governorates. Families received kitchen sets, lamps, mattresses, blankets and jerricans to help them cook, sleep, wash and clean. An additional 4,150 individuals (685 families) were reached in Marib.

UNHCR and its partner JAAHHD finalized the installation of several solar panels dedicated to generating power to pump water through pipes. The system in place



Ameer, 8 and Halima, 3, two displaced Yemeni children, help carry some of the items their parents collected at a non- food items distribution in Aden. ©UNHCR/NMO, October 2021

will grant access to water to over 1,000 Yemeni families in Al- Hudaydah Governorate. Access to water remains a challenge for many displaced families across Yemen. During the same period, UNHCR and its partners conducted a series of hygiene and sterilization campaigns to clean different IDP sites in Al-Jawf Governorate, helping reduce the excessive amount of plastic throughout the country.

# Refugee Response

During the reporting period, sensitization session was organised in Sana'a on the 1951 convention on refugees and its 1967 protocol targeting 35 journalist and media workers. The training was arranged by the Migrant and Refugees Studies Centre (MRSC) in Sana'a University in partnership with UNHCR. The aim of the session was to inform about International Refugee Law, UNHCR's mandate, the rights and duties of refugees according to the convention and the role of the media in dealing constructively with refugee issues. Representatives form the Sana'a' mandated authorities stressed the importance of informing the journalists and the media workers about the laws and legislations for refugees in order to shed the light on their situation. This event was part of a series of initiatives organized throughout the year with different interlocutors such as the judiciary, local leaders, law enforcement authorities, Sana'a'-based line ministries (e.g. health), and academia, to sensitize a wider audience on asylum issues and contribute to improve the protection environment for refugees and asylum seekers in North Yemen.

Last week, some 1,500 refugees, asylum seekers, and Yemeni nationals received primary healthcare at the UNHCR-supported-clinics in Basateen and Kharaz. Febrile illness and upper respiratory tract infection continued to be the leading cause of out-patient consultation.

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