

UNHCR OPERATIONAL UPDATE

COVERING THE PERIOD FROM 10 TO 24 MAY 2022

YEMEN

25 May 2022

Key Figures:

23.4 million people in need

Over **4.3** million internally displaced

Up to **1.6 million** displaced Yemenis living across 2,300 hosting sites¹

34,698 individuals (5,783 families) newly displaced in 2022²

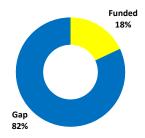
Children and women represent up to **79 per cent** of the total IDP population

83,905 refugees

13,240 asylum-seekers

Funding:

USD **291.3** M required for 2022 operations



USD 53 M received as of 23 May 2022

¹ CCCM overview – 31 December 2021 ² IOM/RDT 16 May 2022

IDP Response

Following the signing of the truce agreement on 1st April 2022, Yemen has observed a reduction in the otherwise regular violations of International Humanitarian Law (IHL) and International Human Rights Law (IHRL), along with a decrease in the number of civilian casualties and forced displacements. Notwithstanding the recent positive developments, UNHCR continues advocating for parties to the conflict to respect and commit to IHL/IHRL, including ensuring a safe passage for civilians to flee conflict areas and respect the civilian character of public infrastructures and hosting sites.

Multiple fire incidents reported in several IDP sites in Hudaydah and Marib governorates. Up to 10 fire incidents were recorded in IDP sites during the reporting period, namely in Hudaydah (seven fire incidents) and Marib (three incidents). In some of the sites, families' tents were affected and burnt down to the ground. It is estimated that more than 40 families have been affected. UNHCR and partners provided shelter support and core relief items to those affected by the incidents as well as protection services including psychosocial support. In



Hana, a 39 displaced Yemeni woman, walks into her burnt shelter in a hosting site in Marib city. © UNHCR/YPN Jihad Al Nahari

addition, field and partner staff have enhanced the delivery of awareness raising sessions on prevention of risks, gas cylinder explosions, and other fire-related risks.

Emergency cash assistance continues alleviating the suffering of individuals in an extremely vulnerable situation. During the reporting period over 30 individuals benefited from emergency cash assistance in Hudaydah and Sa'ada governorates. Most cases were under the category of life-threating medical condition with immediate impact on their families' capacity to access basic needs.

Following the release of a new Integrated Phase Classification (IPC) analysis on Yemen in March 2022, the humanitarian situation in the country is poised to get even worse between June and December 2022, with the number of people who likely will be unable to meet their minimum food needs in Yemen reaching a record 19 million people. The new IPC analysis confirms the deterioration of food security in Yemen, with an estimated 7.3 million people expected to fall into emergency hunger levels by end of 2022, most of whom are displaced individuals. UNHCR and food security data reveal a strong correlation between displacement and extreme acute food insecurity. Out of the 4.3 million vulnerable IDP population across Yemen, over 88 per cent (3.8 million individuals) are projected to live in districts categorized as being in an emergency food insecure situation, a phase just below the worst catastrophe phase. In other words, IDPs are four times more at risk of falling into famine than the rest of the Yemeni population.

Refugee Response

More than 1,200 refugees, asylum-seekers and Yemenis assisted through UNHCR-supported clinics. Last week, UNHCR assisted over 1,200 individuals in Basateen (Aden) and Kharaz Refugee Camp (Lahj) with medical support through Primary Health Care Centres. Febrile illnesses and upper respiratory tract infections continued to be the leading cause of out-patient consultations. Close to 200 refugee and Yemeni women further received reproductive health services including care for pregnant women, and 85 individuals with disabilities benefited from physical therapy.

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