Overview

The events of 1 February 2021, and the ensuing political and security related developments, had a significant impact on UNHCR operations and on people of concern in 2021. By year-end, the population of concern to UNHCR stood at 1.2 million people - 51 percent more compared to the end of 2020. The overall situation has been further exacerbated by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic which continues to affect people of concern - particularly in view of the already strained/disrupted health services, as well as by cyclical natural hazards such as flooding. Furthermore, the situation for the 600,000 Rohingya and stateless populations or people at risk of statelessness in Rakhine State remained largely unchanged with slim prospects for a comprehensive and lasting solution to their plight. Despite immense challenges faced over the year, UNHCR continued to address the most pressing humanitarian needs to assess the protection environment and to mobilize partners to place protection and solutions at the center of their humanitarian action.

2021 Key Highlights

- **NFI**: 182,130 people received lifesaving core relief items, including kitchen sets, blankets and sleeping mats, ensuring their basic needs were met.
- **95,213** people received emergency shelter support such as plastic tarps and rope, offering an immediate shelter solution and protection from the elements when newly displaced.
- **18,084** people received transitional shelter support, ensuring safe and dignified living conditions while in displacement.
- **12,563** people with specific needs were supported with emergency cash assistance aimed at addressing their most pressing needs, tailored in-kind assistance, or referrals to specialized services.
- **6,585** people received maintenance tools to carry out repairs on their homes, enhancing the longevity of shelters.
- **2,426** in-person field missions were conducted to better understand the needs and concerns of affected populations.
- **81** community-based projects, including to improve infrastructure, promote life skills and enhance protection were implemented, building resilience, and promoting peaceful co-existence among communities.

Financial Requirements

- **$62.6M** required in 2021, **52%** funded, **48%** gap.
- **$56.7M** required in 2022, **38%** funded, **62%** gap.

Internally Displaced Persons receive core relief items at a monastery in Kayin State. ©UNHCR