

ARMENIA

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Key figures:



101,848
 refugees
 registered in
 Armenia as of 20
 October 2023

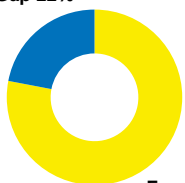
UNHCR distribution of core relief items (CRI)

-  **16,943** Bed linen
-  **15,726** Blankets
-  **15,977** Pillows
-  **5,439** Mattresses
-  **4,395** Folding beds
-  **1,400** kitchen sets
-  **5,436** Hygiene kits

Funding situation:

USD 14.6 million required in 2023-2024, including to respond to the emergency.

Gap 22%



USD 11.5 million received as of 13 December 2023

Situation Update

According to the latest [update](#) from the Government of Armenia, over 5,350 refugees from Karabakh have found work in the country in various sectors, including manufacturing, education, services, and construction.

UNHCR Response

Under the EU funded project, UNHCR and partner Chamber of Advocates held a **consultative workshop for public defenders**, working across the country, to enhance legal aid for refugees and asylum-seekers in Armenia. UNHCR and Chamber of Advocates work together to support the Government's reform agenda, strengthening the legal aid system and ensuring that fair and efficient asylum procedures are in place.

On 12 December 2023, UNHCR facilitated a [field visit for the French Delegation](#), which meet with refugees and spoke about their urgent lifesaving needs. The Delegation, including the French Ambassador to Armenia, and a French Parliamentarian, who is also a Member of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, visited a temporary shelter home in Masis town, Ararat region, hosting 67 refugees from Karabakh. Refugees, among them women, children, older people and persons with disabilities were grateful for the French Government's support provided through UNHCR, including the provision of core relief items, that helped them prepare for the winter season.



Masis, Ararat province – Delegates from France and UNHCR Representative spoke with refugees in a shelter home about their urgent needs. ©UNHCR

So far, UNHCR has carried out protection monitoring for **7,103 refugees (1,543 households)** in Yerevan and ten provinces in Armenia.

UNHCR's hotline has received over 2,531 calls from refugees from Karabakh, inquiring about food, household items, winter clothing, heaters, financial support, and hygiene items. Refugees are referred to UNHCR partners for assistance.

So far, UNHCR and partners Mission Armenia and People in Need, provided **77,042 core relief items to 16,943 refugees** in 5,436 refugee households residing in various provinces across the country.

During the reporting period, UNHCR has provided direct **counselling services to forcibly displaced persons** seeking advice on accessing the asylum procedure in Armenia. UNHCR referred them to the Migration and Citizenship Service, as well as implementing partners for legal, social, and employment assistance.

On 6 December 2023, **UNHCR discussed the referral mechanism** with partner People in Need assisting the refugee population in Syunik and Vayots Dzor regions, among them vulnerable older persons and people with disabilities. The discussion focused on improving referral pathways to ensure a targeted response matching refugee needs.

#16Days of Activism: UNHCR donated art and crafts supplies to five Safe Spaces, conducting art therapy workshops for approximately **170 refugee women from Karabakh**. The initiative specifically targeted the newly opened spaces in the regions of Aragatsotn, Kotayk, Lori, Shirak, and Tavush.

UNHCR published the [Inter-Agency Update #8](#), which highlights key developments in the emergency response between 22-28 November 2023.

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