


ARMENIA

20 December 2023

Key figures:

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

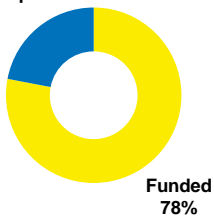
UNHCR distribution of core relief items (CRI)

-  17,130 Bed linen
-  15,996 Blankets
-  16,187 Pillows
-  5,674 Mattresses
-  4,530 Folding beds
-  1,400 kitchen sets
-  5,546 Hygiene kits

Funding situation:

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

Gap 22%



USD 11.4 million received as of 13 December 2023

Situation Update

Following the announcement by the Government of Armenia in November 2023 to provide pensions and other social benefits to refugees from Karabakh, 10,629 pensions and other social benefits have already been distributed.

UNHCR Response

On 15 December, **25 older refugees and host community members** [participated](#) in a community event organised in Akhuryan, Shirak region, by UNHCR and partner People in Need (PIN). The event provided an opportunity for older persons to get to know each other better, enjoy playing board games and share a meal. The initiative aimed to strengthen social cohesion and was part of a targeted outreach to older refugees in Lori, Tavush, and Shirak regions.

UNHCR has carried out protection monitoring for **7,355 refugees (1,601 households)** in Yerevan and ten provinces.

UNHCR's hotline has received over 3,095 calls from refugees from Karabakh, inquiring about food, warm clothes, bedding, household, and hygiene items. The hotline offers a two-way communication between refugees and UNHCR.

As of 19 December 2023, UNHCR, directly and through its partners Mission Armenia and People in Need, provided **79,409 non-food items** to 17,130 refugees in 5,546 refugee households across the country.

With the objective to strengthen community infrastructure through repairs, the puppet theatre and the concert hall of the **Family and Community NGO** in Metsamor, Armavir region, were assessed by UNHCR. The assessment will help enhance the quality of services delivered to refugees, such as promoting social cohesion and providing mental health and psychosocial support.

On 12 December, UNHCR discussed the **refugee situation in the country** during a meeting with the Estonian Refugee Council and explored the possibility of joint programming.

Twelve journalists were awarded the 'Suitcase media award 2023' for their high quality reporting about refugees, asylum-seekers, displaced people and migrants in Armenia. The event was co-organised by UNHCR, PIN, the Migration and Citizenship Service, IOM, UN Armenia, and Caritas.

UNHCR published the [Inter-Agency Update #10](#), which highlights key developments in the emergency response between 6 – 12 December 2023. UNHCR continue to provide secretariat support to the refugee coordination forum. Sectors and inter-agency working group continues to meet.

Armenia at the second GRF

Armenia's Deputy Foreign Minister Vahan Kostanyan, the Head of the Migration and Citizenship Service Armen Ghazaryan and two refugees from Karabakh attended the Global Refugee Forum (GRF) between 13 to 15 December in Geneva. Armenia made 6 new pledges regarding refugee housing, education, women empowerment, social protection, economic integration, and health. Maral, a displaced woman from Syria, participated in the GRF and the MADE51 exhibition, presenting her handmade items.



The Armenian Delegation led by the Deputy Foreign Minister and Head of the Migration and Citizenship Service at the GRF. December 2023. Geneva

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