

# YEMEN

5 April 2019

## Key figures:

 **24 M**  
people in need

 **3.65 M**  
displaced since  
March 2015<sup>1</sup>

**81%** of Internally  
Displaced Persons  
(IDPs) displaced for  
more than one year

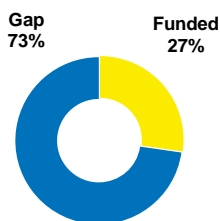
 **1.28 M** IDP  
returnees

**1.2 M** IDPs given in-  
kind or cash assistance  
in 2018

 **273,939**  
refugees and  
asylum-seekers

## Funding

USD **198.6 M**  
required for 2019  
operations



USD **53.7 M** received  
as of 2 April 2019

## IDP Response

**UNHCR continues to deliver emergency response to internally displaced persons (IDPs) fleeing recent hostilities across the country.** In the **South**, a total of 776 emergency shelter kits (ESKs) were distributed during the week by UNHCR partners ADRA and NMO for IDPs in Dhamar city, Lahj as well as Aden governorate. A further 1,000 core relief items (CRIs) were prepositioned in Ibb and Taizz city from UNHCR's Sana'a warehouse. To the **West**, people continue fleeing Al Hudaydah governorate; 243 IDP families were newly identified in Amanat Al Asimah, and 94 IDP families temporarily settled in Sana'a. In Yemen's **North**, 653 IDP families have fled Kushar district in Hajjah governorate in the last three months, across to Al-Qaflah, Al Ashah, Shaharah and Amran districts in Amran governorate, with 362 families receiving CRIs. Transportation and distribution of CRIs and ESKs remain a crucial component of meeting those needs.

**UNHCR's cash and shelter assistance to IDPs is on-going.** On 2 April, the distribution of the second round of cash assistance for 2019 to Yemen's northern governorates was finalized, targeting 15,888 households for multi-purpose protection (10,662) and shelter needs (5,226). As of 31 March 2019, 87 per cent of targeted families had collected their assistance. Needs assessments for UNHCR-led Shelter and Site Management coordination continue. Partner NCR assessed 500 families in Houth hosting site in Amran governorate. Houth is one of the 88 sites the cluster has assessed and verified as being critical this year. In Bani Hushaysh district in Sana'a governorate, cluster partner YGUSSWP carried out an assessment of 591 IDP families and those from the extremely vulnerable host community. Emergency items will be released on 7 April to person in this group.



Two displaced girls stand on the staircase of their rented house in Amran. The family fled from Hajjah after the recent escalation of fighting. UNHCR assisted them with CRIs. ©UNHCR/YRC.

## Refugee Response

**UNHCR continues addressing the needs of refugees and asylum-seekers through capacity building**, in particular with emergency evacuation and shelter, first aid, and psychosocial support. On 26 March, at the UNHCR-funded family centre in Sana'a (run by partner Sustainable Development Foundation), group mental health, psychosocial support and family guidance sessions were provided to 25 asylum-seeker and refugee parents of children with disabilities, foster families of unaccompanied children. The activity is part of regular psychosocial support provided to UNHCR's persons of concern throughout the year, as one of the operation's main protection priorities. From 24 to 27 March, UNHCR trained 20 refugee and asylum-seeker youth volunteer groups (aged 10 to 18). These volunteers represent two out of ten schools supported by UNHCR in coordination with the Yemen Red Crescent Society. The students are expected to use their acquired training towards raising awareness on health issues within their own school communities.

**On 28 March, 130 Somali refugees departed the port of Aden for Berbera, Somalia.** This is the thirtieth boat for the Assisted Spontaneous Return (ASR) programme since 2017, and the fourth this year. This year alone, a total of 548 Somalis have left Yemen. The Return Help Desk in Basateen and Mukalla registration centres have also been approached by 45 Somali refugees for counselling and advice on voluntary return.

<sup>1</sup> IOM-DTM March 2019