Situation Update

Over 100,000 people have arrived in Armenia in just over a week. This represent around 3 per cent of the country’s total population, and is in addition to some 35,000 refugees, asylum-seekers and stateless people already present in the country. Most refugees require urgent assistance, including shelter and essential items, as well as medical and psychosocial support. Government authorities are registering newly arrived refugees across the country, and providing temporary accommodation to those without relatives in Armenia. Both emergency and longer-term accommodation are urgently needed. The Government, together with the international and national community, is working to address the most urgent needs while already considering the longer-term response, i.e., housing, livelihoods and education.

UNHCR’s Emergency Response

Protection:

- Since the onset of the emergency, UNHCR teams have visited 30 government-run Humanitarian Coordination Centers in seven provinces hosting refugees. UNHCR’s is supporting the government to ensure the specific needs of refugees are addressed comprehensively.
- UNHCR has provided technical equipment such as laptops and tablets to facilitate government registration and needs assessments.

Shelter and Core Relief Items (CRIs):

- The fourth of a planned 30 trucks arrived to Armenia on 7 October, bringing items such as blankets, beds, and kitchen sets to support a total of 17,000 refugees. UNHCR is distributing these items in municipalities hosting refugees in areas in border provinces, as well as in and around Yerevan.

Coordination

An inter-agency Refugee Response Plan (RRP) was released on 7 October, bringing together 60 partners (including 43 national NGOs) to cover relief efforts from October 2023 to March 2024. UN and partners are appealing for USD 97 million to respond to the urgent needs of 196,000 people, including nearly 101,000 refugees. UNHCR’s financial requirements are USD 14.6 million to provide assistance to meet the urgent needs of refugees and host community members. A joint rapid needs assessment also began on 8 October, rolled out by the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, the UN and other humanitarian actors.

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