

# SITE MANAGEMENT FOR IDPS IN YEMEN

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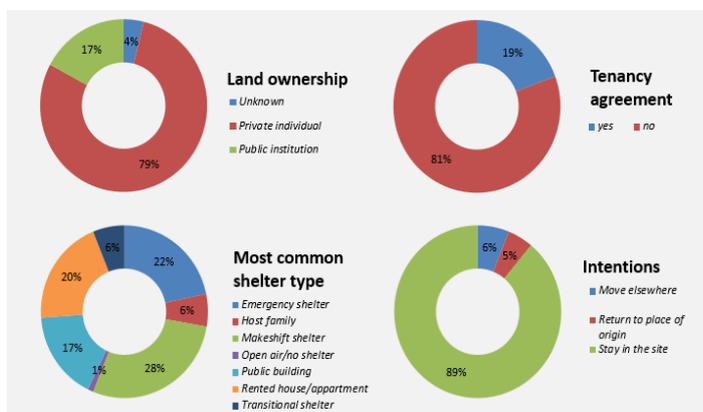
UNHCR through partners provided an emergency shelter to a family who lost their home during the heavy rains and floods in one of the IDP hosting sites in Amran. The site is regularly visited by protection, WASH, food and health partners. © UNHCR

## Site management in Yemen

Close to **one million IDPs** are currently living in more than **1,600 IDP hosting sites in deplorable conditions**. Camp Coordination and Camp Management (site management in Yemen) Cluster led by UNHCR have access to 660 sites lived by 525,000 IDPs, and UNHCR as the Cluster Lead supervises 353 sites housing 270,000 IDPs.

IDP hosting sites range from relatively organized structures where basic services are available, to buildings used as

temporary living accommodations, such as health facilities, schools and so on (referred to as collective centres). However, most sites in Yemen are spontaneous settlements where displaced individuals set up temporary shelters on private land.



Landowners' and eviction threats include:

- **physical and verbal threats** including use of armed groups to threaten/evict IDPs
- **intimidation and harassment** to IDPs and humanitarian staff
- **destruction** of IDPs' and humanitarian partners' property
- **restrictions** on humanitarian access to IDP sites
- **blockage** of critical shelter, WASH and health infrastructure development
- **forcing the displaced to live in sub-standard conditions** despite available resources

Associated risks include:

- **Loss of personal property** due to eviction
- **Relocation** of IDPs to unsafe areas (UXO, landmines) induced involuntary and premature **returns**

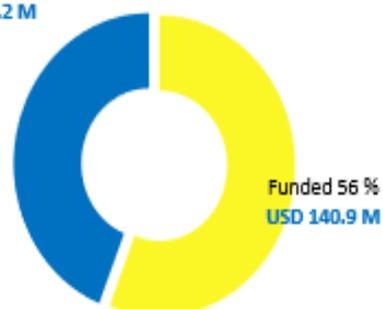
In 2020, **800,000 IDPs** living in sites and surroundings will have their living conditions improved through **CCCM activities**

Recent data covering 606,000 individuals in 658 IDP hosting sites revealed that most (86%) live on private land, 12% in public buildings and 2% on land or in property of unknown ownership. A majority (87%) live in property without any tenancy agreement, and **one out of three sites in Yemen faces eviction threats**. As a response, the tri-Cluster (Protection, Shelter and CCCM) developed a specific technical guidance to track and address

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**USD 252.1 M\*** required for the Yemen operation, including the additional response for COVID-19.

Unfunded 44 %  
USD 111.2 M



evictions in consultation with IDPs, hosting communities and local authorities.

While alternative site locations are explored to host evicted IDPs, the availability of suitable land remains limited. Local authorities have limited capacity and power to provide public land for settlement or influence the financial motivations of private landowners.

Particularly this year, extreme weather of heavy rain and flooding affected more than 62,500 families since the beginning of 2020, including thousands of families in IDP hosting sites. The overflow or collapse of dams in Marib and Amran governorates also damaged nearby IDP assets. Cluster's partners relocated families in immediate danger, conducted rapid impact assessments and coordinated the delivery of services, such as distribution of shelter and basic household items kits, protection and health services, and provision of food.

## HOW DO WE ASSIST?

The CCCM activities includes:

 **Strengthen safe, equal, quality and coordinated access** of IDPs and those living in surrounding communities to multi-sectorial services (protection, food, WASH, health, education, livelihoods).

 **Improve living conditions** through site care and maintenance, and upgrade of services. IDPs directly participate through **cash-for-work schemes** in the local production of shelters, repairs of communal facilities such as latrines, class-rooms, water tanks and pipes, and drainage in the IDP sites.

 **Strengthen individual and community resilience** through active participation to decisions that affect their lives and two-way communication that promote social cohesion between IDPs and the nearby impoverished hosting communities. **Considering potential COVID-19 outbreaks in these sites**, community committees have been trained to be among the first key responders by referring in a safe and humane manner suspected cases to the Rapid Response Teams and if need be, isolate patients. Disinfection and cleaning items as well as awareness-raising material on physical distancing and handwashing were distributed.

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