

YEMEN

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KEY FIGURES

24.3 million
people in need

4 million displaced
since March 2015

Over **80 per cent** have
been displaced for more
than a year

171,954 individuals
(28,659 families) were
newly displaced in 2020²

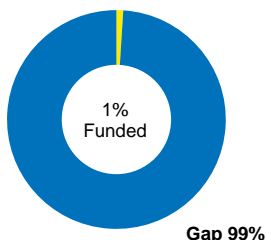
Children and women
represent up to **79 per
cent** of the total IDP
population

166,914 refugees

10,714 asylum-seekers

FUNDING

USD **271 M** required for
2021 operations



USD **3.9 M** received as of
12 January 2021

¹ IOM/DTM 28 December 2020
² IOM/DTM 21 December 2019

IDP Response

During the last week, UNHCR community-based protection networks (CBPN) provided assistance to more than 1,250 internally displaced Yemenis in Dhamar, Al-Bayda, and Al-Jawf governorates, including psychosocial support and identification and referral of individuals in need of specialized protection services. UNHCR further conducted protection assessments and awareness-raising sessions on different topics such as legal counselling, prevention of COVID-19, and gender-based violence, among others, reaching over 3,000 individuals.

With the support of UNHCR, as part of camp maintenance activities, partner YARD provided educational tents equipped with chairs and blackboards to provide a safe and suitable learning environment for more than 600 displaced Yemeni children and members of the host community. As per assessments results, one of the main results for children to drop out of schools is due to the lack of a safe educational environment. Following the launch of the new education facilities, students quickly resumed their courses at a significantly higher rate than previously reported.



With the support of UNHCR and partners, IDP children were able to resume learning in designated educational tents in Al-Haifah IDPs hosting site, Al-Jawf Governorate. © UNHCR / YARD

On 11 January UNHCR and partner Qatar Red Crescent inaugurated one of Sana'a's largest fully equipped Intensive Care Units (ICU) at Al-Gomhori hospital. The facility will treat 4,000 emergency cases annually, serving both refugees and the host community. During the pandemic and with only 50% of the health facilities functional in Yemen, this ICU will strengthen the existing capacity of the hospital to receive and treat more medical cases that were otherwise turned away due to lack of capacity.

Refugee response

Through the last round of UNHCR's COVID-19 cash support, close to 14,700 refugees and asylum-seekers in the south of Yemen received assistance to help them cope with challenges presented by the pandemic. Refugees and asylum-seekers remain among those most affected by the outbreak of COVID-19 in Yemen, as most depend on informal work as daily laborers. Moreover, many continue to report difficulties in returning to work as they are perceived by employers and society at large as carriers and spreaders of the COVID-19 virus. In this regard, UNHCR and partners continue awareness and outreach activities on COVID-19, including physically distanced sessions with small groups, door-to-door visits and counsel at service points and health facilities. Between December 2020 and January 2021, UNHCR reached close to 29,000 refugees and Yemenis with awareness-raising activities on COVID-19, informing on preventative measures and working to reduce inter-community tensions and and stigmatization.

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