

## **UNHCR OPERATIONAL UPDATE**

COVERING THE PERIOD 23 - 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

# **YEMEN**

30 September 2021

#### **Key Figures:**

**20.7 million** people in need

Over **4 million** internally displaced

Up to **1.2 million** displaced Yemenis living across 1,800 hosting sites

**67,116** individuals (11,186 families) newly displaced in 2021<sup>1</sup>

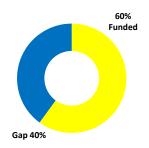
Children and women represent up to **76 per cent** of the total IDP population

**129,337** refugees

11,971 asylum-seekers

### **Funding:**

USD **271 M** required for 2021 operations



USD 162.8 M received as of 28 September 2021

<sup>1</sup> IOM-RDT 28 September 2021

## **IDP** Response

UNHCR is pleased to announce that a Yemeni organization, Jeel Albena Association for Humanitarian Development (JAAHD), has been announced as the winner for the 2021 UNHCR Nansen Refugee Award by the High Commissioner for Refugees, Filippo Grandi, after being selected from a pool

of 205 nominations worldwide. Each year, the Nansen Refugee Award recognizes a person or group that goes above and beyond the call of duty to help those displaced. Jeel Albena has been recognized for its assistance in providing shelters that rely on the participation of both displaced and host communities and which use locally, naturallysourced materials (notably Khazaf - palm build sustainable leaves) to environmentally-friendly shelters. UNHCR hopes the award will shed light on the plight of forcibly displaced families, those who host them, and the overall impact of the conflict on the humanitarian situation in Yemen, as well as the commendable work of our partners in responding to those forcibly displaced by conflict. More detailed information about JAAHD can be found on the following YouTube video as well as on UNHCR - From Yemenis, for Yemenis JAAHD explainer and المفوضية السامية للأمم المتحدة لشؤون اللاجئين- من اليمنيين لليمنيين عن جمعية جيل البناء للتنمية الإنسانية





Ameen Jubran (top, centre), the co-founder and head of JAAHD, speaks with a displaced Yemeni man at a site in Al-Hudaydah. (Below) A prototype of the locally produced shelters that JAAHD has provided to over 18,000 families in Yemen © UNHCR

**UNHCR** continues to expand its cash assistance programme and position the agency as the main cash actor assisting displaced populations in Yemen. So far in 2021, the Operation has distributed USD 58.2 M in cash assistance, reaching over 166,000 extremely vulnerable families (more than a million individuals).

**UNHCR continues efforts to halt evictions and support long-term and sustainable shelter solutions for displaced populations.** With the support of UNHCR, the Executive Unit of the Government of Yemen in the south, signed agreements with landlords of five IDP sites in Abyan and Taizz during last week, extending their period of accommodation on the sites from two to ten years, while allowing over 400 families (some 1,800 individuals) to remain in their current shelters.

As intensified clashes generate new displacement in Marib governorate, UNHCR continues to provide core relief items (CRIs) and shelter support to those who need it most urgently. Since the beginning of the year, UNHCR has distributed CRIs to over 10,600 families (60,000+ individuals) and emergency shelter kits to more than 3,000 households (some 25,000 individuals).

## Refugee Response

**Support to refugee education activities continue across several governorates in Yemen.** During the reporting period, UNHCR and partners distributed school supplies and provided help to teachers in Kharaz refugee camp in Lahj governorate to support learning during the first semester of the 2021-2022 school year.

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