In the third quarter of 2021, Basic Needs sector partners cumulatively reached over 2 million persons of concern through cash-based interventions, shelter assistance, NFI distributions and food assistance. The sector partners reached approximately 1.9 million refugees through their country-wide monthly and one-time cashed-based assistance programmes. The Emergency Social Safety Net (ESSN) programme, combined with Complementary Emergency Social Safety Net (C-ESSN), supported nearly 1.85 million individuals in meeting their daily needs through multi-purpose and monthly cash assistance. The number of individuals receiving one-time complementary cash assistance increased by around 19% and reached 59,368.

The number of food assistance beneficiaries remained 94,877 (based on the highest of beneficiaries recorded in January 2021). The progress against the target of the number of individuals receiving in-kind or cash food assistance is still at 73% as in the previous quarters of 2021. Considering the high inflation rate in food prices and the increasing inability of vulnerable individuals and households to cover their food expenses as emphasized by the recent needs assessments, the current trend of slow progress against the food assistance target is concerning and requires a greater emphasis on the issue of food insecurity in the next quarter.

The number of beneficiaries receiving NFI items including gender-appropriate hygiene, dignity and sanitary items increased by 51% compared to the second quarter, reaching around 380,000 individuals. Basic Needs sector partners’ shelter activities reached 8,044 individuals during the third quarter of 2021, indicating an upward trend compared to the second quarter.