



HIGHLIGHTS

763,363

IDPs provided with NFIs since March 2015 to February 2017

134,149

Refugees and asylum seekers provided with health services since January 2016

163,712

IDPs provided with shelter assistance since January 2016

63,067

Refugee children enrolled in education since January 2016

Population of concern

279,221 refugees and asylum-seekers

By country of origin

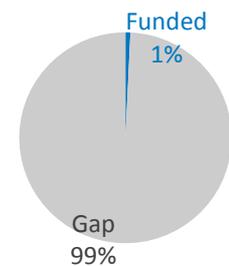
Country	Total PoC
Somalia	255,399
Ethiopia	13,470
Other nationalities	10,352
Total	279,221

2 million Yemeni internally displaced

1.02 million Yemeni returnees

Funding

USD 99.6 M requested



Total recorded contributions as of 14 February 2017

amount to some **USD 738,303**.

UNHCR Presence

Staff:

135 national staff

29 international staff

Offices:

8 offices located in:

Representation in Sana'a, Sub-Office in Aden, and Field offices in Sa'ada (Sa'ada), Hudaydah (Hudaydah), Ibb (Ibb), and Kharaz (Lahj). Reception center in Mayfa'a (Shabwah). Back-up Office in Amman (Jordan).



WORKING WITH PARTNERS

- The Office maintains a collaborative relationship with both the de facto authorities in the capital Sana'a and the Government of Yemen currently operating from Aden in the South to safeguard the protection space and improve access to basic services for people of concern across the country. Cooperation on the ground is challenged by the ongoing conflict and insecurity which impedes access to target populations and endangers humanitarian workers.
- UNHCR leads the **multi-sector response for refugees and asylum-seekers in Yemen**, in urban settings and in Kharaz refugee camp, maintaining regular interaction with national and local authorities, international and national NGOs and with refugee community leaders.
- As for the **IDP response throughout Yemen**, UNHCR leads the Protection and the Shelter/Camp Coordination and Camp Management and NFI Clusters. UNHCR also co-leads the Task Force on Population Movements (TFPM) with IOM to collect, analyse and disseminate data, trends and characteristics of internal displacement in Yemen. TFPM activities are essential to further understanding of internal displacement patterns, including the locations and specific needs of IDP families, to inform effective humanitarian response planning and resource mobilization.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

Protection

- Despite the volatile security environment, UNHCR continues to work towards expanding humanitarian presence beyond Sana'a, to Aden, Ibb, Hudaydah and Sa'ada, with mitigating measures based on security assessments. Humanitarian access and delivery remain affected by continuous insecurity. UNHCR continues to **advocate for unimpeded and sustained humanitarian access**.
- Yemen is the only country in the Arabian Peninsula that is signatory to the 1951 Refugee Convention and its 1967 Protocol. Refugee registration by UNHCR is currently suspended, which has created serious protection gaps regarding undocumented asylum seekers, which UNHCR is closely monitoring. UNHCR's overall objective in Yemen remains however to safeguard the current asylum space, within the broader context of refugee and mixed migratory movements. UNHCR leads protection and, through partners, assistance to refugees and asylum seekers; this includes protection monitoring, cash assistance, services for children and survivors of gender-based violence (GBV) and community-based protection. UNHCR also monitors the situation of refugees and asylum-seekers in detention facilities and advocates with relevant authorities for alternatives to detention and release when relevant.
- Conditions in Yemen are presently not conducive for asylum, owing notably to the on-going war which is severely affecting civilians. UNHCR has launched a **regional information campaign to raise awareness on the situation in Yemen and the risks of irregular migration to Yemen** from Ethiopia, Somalia and Djibouti; indeed refugees, asylum-seekers and migrants continue to reach Yemen from the East and Horn of Africa. UNHCR and partners screen new arrivals to identify refugees and asylum-seekers and to provide them with documentation and provide life-saving humanitarian assistance. UNHCR also transport persons with specific needs to Aden.
- Regarding **assistance to Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs)**, UNHCR leads the Protection Cluster and, together with partners, is making every attempt in view of challenging security conditions and access to expand outreach to IDPs and their host communities by conducting protection monitoring and providing psycho-social, legal and cash assistance.

Education

- UNHCR coordinates with the Ministry of Education to **enable refugee children to access public education**. UNHCR and partners also organize informal education for children, including literacy and numeracy classes and manage child friendly-spaces.

Health

- In cooperation with partners, UNHCR **provides refugees and asylum-seekers with primary health care services**, pharmacy and reproductive health services, and HIV/AIDS prevention and response. UNHCR provides mental health support and refers persons with chronic medical conditions and emergency cases to hospitals.
- UNHCR has also responded to **prevent and control the spread of cholera** among refugee populations through; a Cholera Treatment Centre in Kharaz refugee camp; oral rehydration stations in Aden and Shabwah; active case finding and referrals; capacity building of health staff; hygiene promotion and community awareness campaigns in addition to chlorination and infection control.

Shelter and Non-Food Items (NFIs)

- A core part of UNHCR'S protection mission is to guarantee access to adequate shelter in humanitarian emergencies. We provide tents, distribute plastic sheeting and develop emergency strategies, tools and guidelines. As lead of the Shelter/CCCM Cluster, UNHCR has distributed NFIs to 763,363 IDPs and shelter items to more than 163,712 IDPs since March 2015.

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