



## HIGHLIGHTS

**803,393**

IDPs provided with NFIs since March 2015 to March 2017

**134,149**

Refugees and asylum seekers provided with health services since January 2016

**190,491**

IDPs provided with shelter assistance since January 2016

**63,067**

Refugee children enrolled in education since January 2016

### Population of concern

**279,480** refugees and asylum-seekers

By country of origin

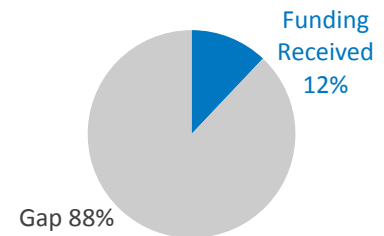
Country	Total PoC
Somalia	255,598
Ethiopia	13,540
Other nationalities	10,342
<b>Total</b>	<b>279,480</b>

**1.9 million** Yemeni internally displaced

**1 million** Yemeni returnees

### Funding

**USD 99.6 M** requested



Total recorded contributions as of 31 March 2017 amount to some **USD 12 M**

### 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), Hodaydah (Hodaydah), 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 the authorities in 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 war and insecurity which impedes access to people of concern and endangers humanitarian workers.
- UNHCR leads the **multi-sector response for refugees and asylum-seekers**, in urban settings and in Kharaz camp, maintaining regular interaction with national and local authorities, international and national NGOs and 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 together with IOM also co-leads the Task Force on Population Movements (TFPM) which collects, analyses and disseminates 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, and to inform effective humanitarian response planning.

## 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 and protection of civilians**.
- Yemen is the only country in the Arabian Peninsula that is signatory to the 1951 Refugee Convention and its 1967 Protocol. **Regarding assistance to refugees**, registration by UNHCR is currently suspended pending transfer to authorities in the North, which has created serious protection gaps regarding undocumented asylum seekers and which UNHCR is closely monitoring. UNHCR's overall objective in Yemen remains 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; including protection monitoring, cash assistance, services for children and survivors of sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) 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 armed conflict which is severely affecting civilians. UNHCR in February launched a regional information campaign to **raise awareness on the situation in Yemen and the risks of irregular migration to and through Yemen** from Ethiopia, Somalia and Djibouti; where individuals continue to arrive to Yemen from the East and Horn of Africa. Traffickers continue to inhumanely exploit migrants enroute to Yemen and through Yemen. 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 transports 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

- For **refugees**, 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

- For **refugees and asylum-seekers**, UNHCR in cooperation with partners, **provides primary health care services**, pharmacy and reproductive health services, and HIV/AIDS prevention and response support. UNHCR also 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 **refugees** through; a Cholera Treatment Centre in Kharaz refugee camp; oral rehydration stations in Aden and Shabwah; active case finding and referrals through community outreach; capacity building of health staff; hygiene promotion and community awareness campaigns in addition to chlorination and infection control.

### Shelter and Non-Food Items (NFIs)

- For **IDPs**, a core part of UNHCR'S protection mission is to guarantee access to adequate shelter in humanitarian emergencies. UNHCR provides tents, distributes plastic sheeting and develops emergency strategies, tools and guidelines. As lead of the Shelter/CCCM Cluster, UNHCR has distributed NFIs to 803,393 IDPs/returnees and shelter items to 190,491 IDPs since March 2015.

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