

Armenia

December 2020 – January 2021

The Armenian Government, through the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, has initiated a one-off **cash assistance to vulnerable families displaced from Nagorno-Karabakh** to mitigate the economic challenges. UNHCR may further contribute to this program.

UN agencies continue coordination of activities in response to the situation relating to Nagorno-Karabakh, in close cooperation with state agencies. **Coordination Steering Group** is chaired by UN RC Office and UNHCR.

UNHCR, in cooperation with other UN agencies and stakeholders, has developed an **Inter-agency response plan** to comprehensively address challenges related to displacement in the context of Nagorno-Karabakh situation in Armenia.

More than 93,000 persons displaced as of 30 December*

* Information received from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Armenia

Around 48,840 persons returned as of 12 January

* Information from the [Ministry of Defense, Russian Federation](#)

USD 1.1 million

Raised by UNHCR for immediate humanitarian support



PROTECTION

Around **121** structured telephone interviews were conducted with persons who returned back to Nagorno-Karabakh, as of 21 December 2020.

Key findings:

56% of persons noted they returned to NK permanently;
69% were in need of food assistance.

Key priorities: **(i) security; (ii) cash; (iii) clothing items.**



© A displaced family hosted in Shirak province, Armenia. 15 December 2020. Photo by Anahit Hayrapetyan, UNHCR Armenia.



SHELTER AND NON-FOOD ITEMS

As of 31 December 2020, the following assistance has been delivered:

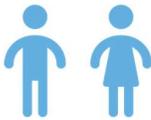
- ✓ **12,244 persons** received hygiene items;
- ✓ **1,683 persons** received folding beds;
- ✓ **8,000 persons** received bedding supplies;
- ✓ **2,200 households** received electric heaters.

Procurement of kitchen sets is in progress; distribution will be organized through partners in **early January**.

Key Highlights of UNHCR Activities



Hygiene items, bedding supplies and electric heaters were distributed by **Armenian Red Cross Society** and **Mission Armenia NGO** in around 10 municipal locations identified by the Government of Armenia.



Around 350 children and adolescents benefited from a cultural project promoting peaceful coexistence conducted by **KASA Swiss Humanitarian Foundation**, and the **Children's Support Center Foundation** of the **Fund for Armenia Relief** provided psychosocial support to **140 children** residing in collective centres.



More than 200 persons were provided with legal counselling and assistance by **Mission Armenia NGO**. The assistance was mostly related to documentation issues and access to services.



The **Armenian Red Cross Society** provided psychological assistance to **5,000** persons residing in Yerevan and provinces.



Daily protection monitoring of departures to Stepanakert is conducted by UNHCR team.

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