IDP Response

The UNHCR-led Shelter/NFI cluster is continuing country-wide winter assistance. As of January 2020, a total of 33,779 families were assisted with cash or in-kind items, including clothing for those living in remote areas with no access to markets, mainly in Taizz (6,636), Dhamar (4,812) and Sana’a (4,148 families).

Ongoing instability in the north-west district of Majzar in Marib governorate continues to drive displacement. During the reporting period, some 400 families fled to the south-west districts of Hazm and Al Khaalq in Al Jawf governorate. Sub-National clusters partners in Sa’ada Hub are ensuring distributions, of Rapid Response Mechanism kits which consist of food ration, hygiene products and dignity kits. Meanwhile, UNHCR Sub Office Aden, through partner SHS, continued to distribute basic household items to some 300 displaced families in Hadramaut, Shabwa and Al Bayda governorates.

During the reporting period, some 800 individuals benefited from social support services from three Community Centres in Amanat Al Asimah, Sana’a and Dhamar governorates. The most noted consultations related to issues involving family, displacement, health and finances. Some 140 persons who reported suffering from depression, fear, and mental health issues were provided with psychological services. Many were relying on basic household items due to a lack of a stable income to cover their daily needs. Some 129 individuals received legal support mainly related to documentation. In 2019, legal counselling benefited a total of 63,631 individuals, while 30,376 individuals received psychosocial support. UNHCR also facilitated the issuance of 11,375 national cards and 3,954 birth certificates.

Refugee Response

During the reporting period, some 36 Ethiopian unaccompanied children (UAC) approached UNHCR to seek asylum. The children were registered and counselled on available services for UACs; 12 children were referred to partner INTERSOS for further follow-up and care arrangements, while 24 expressed a desire to be registered with UNHCR for documentation purposes. There are a total of 279,193 refugees and asylum-seekers in Yemen, of whom over 15,000 are from Ethiopia.

UNHCR continued to conduct regular individual case management for refugee status determination and resettlement including screening, interviews and best interest procedures for children, reaching 15 refugees during the reporting period. UNHCR provided further follow-up on 14 cases planned for resettlement this year.

After final inspection, the handover took place for projects managed by partner SHS in Kharaz refugee camp. Construction of storage areas for the community night patrol motorcycles were completed, while new outlets were installed for generators that supply electricity to camp facilities such as the clinic, police station and to a network of streetlights, replacing the previous diesel pump system with a solar powered alternative. Maintenance works for the primary and secondary schools in the camp were also carried out, as well as improvements to a secure women’s storage area.

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