



HIGHLIGHTS

257,645

Registered refugees

334,093

Internally Displaced People

91,592

New arrivals in 2014

246

Deaths at sea in 2014

Population of concern

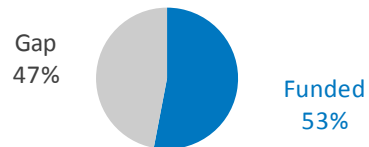
A total of **591,738** people of concern

By country of origin

Country	Total PoC
Somalia	244,204
Ethiopia	5,934
Iraq	3,391
Other	2,872
Yemen (IDPs)	334,093
Total	591,738

Funding

USD 55.9 million requested in 2014



USD 59.4 million requested for 2015

UNHCR Presence

Staff:

120 national staff | **31** international staff

Offices:

7 offices in: Sana'a; Aden; Haradh; Sa'ada; Kharaz refugee camp; reception centers in Mayfa'a, Ahwar and Bab al-Mandeb

Yemen: Operational map

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Yemen is the only country in the Arabian Peninsula that is a signatory to the 1951 Refugee Convention and its 1967 Protocol. It faces major challenges resulting from the presence of refugees, internally displaced persons (IDPs) and the management of mixed migratory flows. Somalis arriving in Yemen are granted *prima facie* refugee status by the Government; Syrians receive Temporary Protection; while UNHCR conducts Refugee Status Determination (RSD) for other nationalities.

WORKING WITH PARTNERS

- Despite the volatile security situation, UNHCR continued its reception and initial care for new arrivals, asylum seekers, Refugee Status Determination, detention monitoring and provision of legal, socio-economic assistance and psychosocial support for refugees and IDPs as well as access to health and education.
- UNHCR Yemen and the Government of Yemen representatives participated in the High Commissioner's Dialogue on protection at sea in Geneva in December. This meeting brought together countries around the world that face protection at sea challenges and was aimed at working on the necessary mechanisms to save the lives of migrants, refugees and asylum seekers at sea.
- During December UNHCR led the Protection and Shelter, NFI and CCCM Clusters, supporting partners' work in Al Baydah, Marib, Amran and Sana'a as well as the protracted internal displacement situation in northern governorates.
- In Aden, UNHCR's Representative and Deputy Representative met with the Governor of Lahjj Governorate to discuss further cooperation around the Kharaz refugee camp, notably in security and protection measures.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

Protection

- The global High Commissioner's Dialogue on protection at sea gave an opportunity to discuss the specific situation in Yemen. Issues discussed and recommendations made included: operationalizing the Sana'a Declaration; improving coordination at national, regional and international level; the need for technical and material support to authorities in Yemen, in particular the Coast Guard, to improve capacity for rescue-at-sea; the need for swift and safe disembarkation procedures and guidelines; and support for an initial reception and referral mechanism upon arrival.
- In December, the General Department for Refugee Affairs opened refurbished premises, generously funded by the Republic of Korea. These new joint premises are to be used for registering, interviewing and counseling refugees and asylum seekers.
- By the end of December 2,217 Syrians had registered for Temporary Protection with UNHCR in Sana'a and Aden since August.

Shelter, NFIs and Camp Coordination and Camp Management and Protection Clusters

- In response to the recent conflict in Al Bayda governorate, UNHCR provided technical and financial support to a joint inter-agency mission that conducted a rapid needs assessment in the affected areas. This resulted in a coordinated inter-agency delivery of assistance, including NFIs, to families displaced by the conflict. UNHCR also arranged for a separate Protection Cluster assessment.
- In its effort to assist vulnerable families whose houses were damaged following the conflict in Amran governorate, UNHCR and its implementing partner in the area carried out a detailed damage assessment of approximately 150 houses. As a result, and in coordination with the shelter cluster, these houses are currently being rehabilitated by cluster partners.

Health

- In December, UNHCR, WFP and the Government of Yemen conducted a three-yearly joint assessment to review the overall performance of nutrition activities for refugee populations. Assessment sites included government and refugee health facilities sites in Aden, Sana'a, Kharaz refugee camp and sites at Bab Al Mandab. Results will be shared shortly.

Community Empowerment and Education

- 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence came to an end in December and UNHCR Yemen marked the campaign with events in Sana'a and Aden. Both events reaffirmed UNHCR's commitment to tackling violence against women and supporting survivors.

New Arrivals and Mixed Migration

- UNHCR recorded 8,912 new arrivals to Yemen in December 2014, bringing 2014's total to 91,592. The increase at the end of 2014 is due to a drought in Somalia, lack of livelihood opportunities, ongoing violence affecting civilians in the Horn of Africa, and decreasing levels of cooperation between the countries in the region to better manage regular migratory movements.
- In December a further 25 people died while trying to reach Yemen via the Horn of Africa. This brought the 2014 total dead and missing at sea to 246, a record high over the past 5 years.

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