

# YEMEN

28 July - 3 August 2017

## KEY FIGURES

**20.7 million**  
people in need

**1,980,510**  
Internally Displaced Persons  
(IDPs)

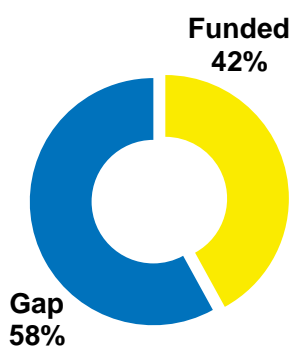
**84** percentage of IDPs  
displaced for more than a  
year

**946, 044** IDP returnees

**865,121** recipients of NFIs  
since March 2015

**280,096** refugees and  
asylum seekers

**Funding**  
USD **114.6 M**  
requested in 2017



## Operational Update

The latest UN figures indicate that the cholera epidemic continues unabated with 430,000 suspected cases and 1,900 confirmed deaths across Yemen since April of this year. The UN-wide integrated response is continuing, including a scaled up UNHCR response in areas with large refugee populations. In addition, the UNHCR-led Protection Cluster has mobilized the Community Based Protection Network in order to reach communities with prevention materials across Yemen. Training for volunteers took place this week, including the issuance of printed materials on prevention, which will be distributed across 25 districts, in public places including mosques, schools, hospitals and markets. The prevention and awareness activities are carried out in close coordination with WHO, UNICEF and the authorities who are leading the cholera response.

## IDP Response

UNHCR efforts to reach 9,200 IDP and IDP returnee families with rental subsidies are ongoing. Following disbursement of subsidies, post-distribution monitoring (PDM) is a priority for UNHCR, to ensure those most vulnerable are receiving prioritized, appropriate assistance. Across the country, UNHCR teams are carrying out home visits and assessments for 10 per cent of recipients. The information gathered during the home visits, allows for UNHCR to make direct comparisons and identify trends to better inform future programming. Early indications in Dhamar, Ibb, Amran and Sana'a Governorates suggest that the rental subsidy, which covers three month's rent, is being spent on its intended purpose, along with covering debts accumulated. The vast majority of IDPs tell UNHCR that they have been unable to pay/afford their rents for many months and risk eviction.

UNHCR has expanded its response to address the initial needs of IDP returnees in southern governorates, including boosting protection services and improving shelter conditions. The latest figures from the Task Force on Population Movement (TFPM) indicate that half of conflict returnees are located in Aden, Taizz and Lahj Governorates. With 88 per cent of returnees residing in their original homes, UNHCR's housing repair project, implemented by partner Society for Humanitarian Solidarity (SHS), aims to help families repair their war-damaged homes. So far, 880 families have received cash grants for repairs. Home assessments and recommendations have also been conducted for an additional 188 households in Aden, Lahj and Al Dhale Governorates.

## Refugee Response

UNHCR has conducted several training activities and workshops during 2017 to enhance the skills of authorities and relevant stakeholders to uphold UNHCR's mandate. The latest two-day training on the 1951 Refugee Convention and its 1967 Protocol, took place this week with UNHCR partner, the Migration and Refugee Studies Center of the University of Sana'a. The training was attended by 40 individuals

enrolled in the Diplomatic Institute in the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, along with Foreign Affairs staff. Yemen has traditionally been generous in accepting those in need of international protection and is the only country in the Arabian Peninsula signatory to the Refugee Convention and the Protocol.

**UNHCR carried out repair works on the Civil Statues and Civil Registration offices in Aden.** The rehabilitation of the office, along with offices in Lahj Governorate, has enabled the resumption of ID card issuances, halted in May 2017, which is a critical need for the Yemeni population and persons of concern to UNHCR. Authorities have welcomed the rehabilitation, allowing for the speedy issuance of important civil documentation such as birth certificates, thus ensuring protection and access to important services.

**A 90-day amnesty has been granted to refugees to regularize marriage and divorce certificates, following a UNHCR intervention with the Notary Court in Aden.** UNHCR was alerted that refugee communities were facing difficulties in obtaining such official documentation in southern governorates, and welcomes the outcome of discussions with the Notary Court. The 90-day amnesty will enable refugees to regularize their marital status, which affects the entire family, including the birth registration of children. An awareness campaign has been launched in Basateen, with distribution of posters and leaflets in four languages.

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