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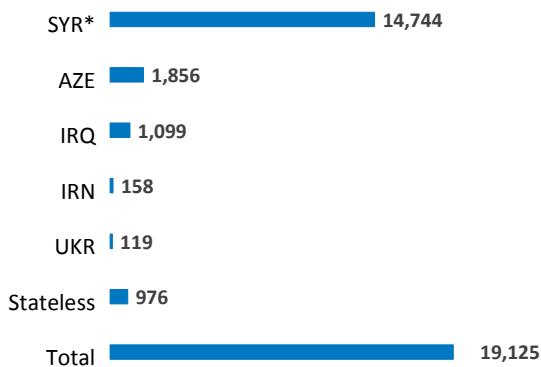
UNHCR provided **one-time cash assistance worth USD 70,000 to 247 displaced families** from Syria to complement State's efforts in mitigating the economic impact of the pandemic through the funding by the **UN COVID-19 Response and Recovery Multi-Partner Trust Fund**,

Yerevan Municipality launched a new set of reforms in the field of social protection by **allocating USD 65,000 for pilot projects of social assistance and integration** targeting 150 vulnerable refugees, asylum-seekers, other displaced population and stateless persons during 2020.

New partners and donors are stepping up supporting inclusion of the most vulnerable refugees in online education by donating digital devices during the COVID-19 pandemic, in line with **Global Compact on Refugees and Cities #WithRefugees campaign**.

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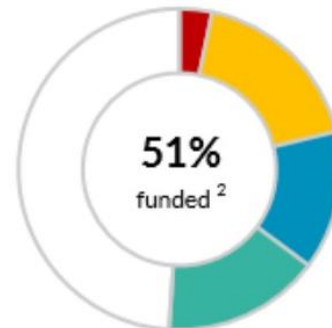
Refugees, asylum-seekers (by countries of origin) and stateless persons



* Refugees, asylum-seekers and persons in refugee-like situation (Source: Government, 1 June 2020)

FUNDING (AS OF SEPTEMBER 2020)

USD 3.7 M



The percentage funded (51%) and total funding amount (\$1,867,659) are indicative. This leaves an indicative funding gap of \$1,791,702 representing 49% of the financial requirements.

UNHCR PRESENCE

Staff:

- 14 Local Staff
- 2 International Staff
- 4 Affiliate Workforce

Offices:

- 1 Country Office in Yerevan



An Iraqi refugee schoolgirl starting online education owing to a digital device she received from a private donor. Photo by UNHCR.

Working with Partners

UNHCR Armenia, operating within the UN Country Team, cooperates with state and non-state stakeholders, including Migration Service, Human Rights Defender's Office, Public Defender's Office, line ministries, the judiciary, the Parliament, the Police, and municipalities, as well as diaspora-based, financial and faith-based organizations, Civil Society, media and academia. UNHCR is a member of UN inter-agency coordination platforms and mechanisms. In a joint effort with UN Country Team, it continues to promote nationalization and implementation of sustainable development goals and its 2030 Agenda in Armenia.

Project Partners:



Armenian Red Cross
Society



Mission Armenia
NGO



KASA Foundation



FAR Children's Support
Center Foundation

Main Activities

- **Mitigation of COVID-19 emergency impact on persons of concern:** UNHCR is working with partners, including line ministries, Yerevan Municipality and the local authorities to ensure that displaced persons are duly included in the national social, economic, health and education schemes and development projects.
- **Protection-Sensitive Entry Systems:** UNHCR, in cooperation with Armenian Red Cross Society, systematically monitors ports of entry to ensure that asylum-seekers can access the territory and national asylum procedure; supports the building of national capacities in the area of asylum and migration through technical assistance, and supports institutionalization of refugee law courses for border guards and entry officials.
- **Reception conditions:** UNHCR, in collaboration with its partners, supports the Government to enhance reception conditions and address the basic needs of the most vulnerable persons of concern; monitors reception facilities for asylum-seekers and refugees and provides individual legal, psychological, medical, and social assistance to persons with specific needs.
- **Quality of asylum procedures:** UNHCR, in partnership with Mission Armenia NGO, monitors the administrative and judicial asylum procedures; assists the Government to enhance the quality and efficiency of asylum procedures; provides legal counselling, and ensures representation and interventions in strategic litigation cases. In addition, UNHCR provides training for the Migration Service staff, judiciary and lawyers, supports the enhancement of the judicial system through specialization of judges in asylum-related issues.

- **Statelessness:** In the frame of the **#IBELONG** campaign, UNHCR advocates for the improvement of statelessness-related legislation and practice and promotes systematic data collection on the stateless population. UNHCR also supports the Government with development of a fair, effective and efficient Statelessness Determination Procedure; advocates for universally accessible and simplified documentation procedures and facilitation of naturalization of stateless persons. In addition, UNHCR promotes introduction of the 1954 Convention travel documents for stateless persons compatible with the International Civil Aviation Organization standards.
- **Advocacy:** UNHCR has strengthened its advocacy with national authorities to find durable solutions for refugees and their effective integration in national schemes, particularly related to health, education, legal status and livelihoods. This has become increasingly important in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic. UNHCR supports the Government in the improvement of asylum and migration-related legislation and practice to ensure its compliance with international standards.
- **Integration and Self-reliance:** In support of the local authorities, UNHCR provides targeted assistance to persons of concern to facilitate their integration in Armenia. Parallel to psychosocial, legal and medical assistance, refugees benefit from UNHCR-sponsored vocational and language courses, business trainings, income generation tools and livelihood projects aimed to promote their self-reliance and help them rebuild their lives in the new environment.
- **Community mobilization and women empowerment:** Through the well-established Refugee and Youth Coalitions, UNHCR promotes women and youth empowerment and decent education for children, as well as meaningful participation of persons of concern in national processes and community-based activities to ensure their smooth inclusion in the host communities.

External / Donors Relations

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