

Armenia

April – June 2021

UNHCR continues its response to meet the needs of persons displaced from **Nagorno-Karabakh**, in coordination with UN Resident Coordinator's Office and the Government of Armenia.

UNHCR kicked off **peaceful coexistence** projects throughout Armenia with community-based protection and age, gender and diversity approaches for the displaced and host communities.

COVID-19 vaccinations have launched in Armenia, free-of-charge. UNHCR monitors the national roll-out to ensure that persons of concern have access to vaccination.

KEY INDICATORS

24,340 individuals

from displaced and host communities were reached through **awareness-raising campaigns** on COVID-19 and general protection issues

Over 70 individuals

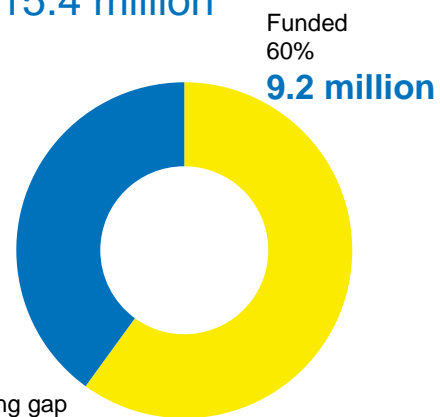
including refugees, asylum-seekers and persons in a refugee-like situation participated in the annual **participatory assessment exercise**

A Memorandum of Understanding

on **cash assistance** was signed between the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs of Armenia, Armenian Red Cross Society and UNHCR

FUNDING (AS OF 2 JULY 2021)

Financial requirements
USD 15.4 million

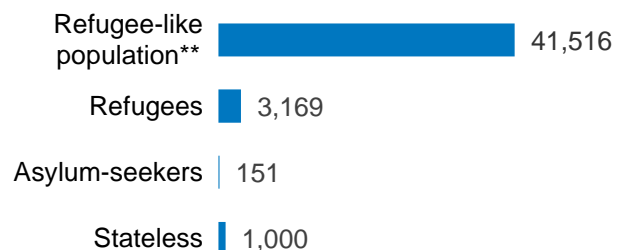


Funding gap
40%
6.1 million



A group photo of the Youth Coalition. Yerevan, Armenia, June 2021 © UNHCR

POPULATION OF CONCERN* AS OF JUNE 2021



* Source: Migration Service

** Including 36,989 persons in a refugee-like situation as a result of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict and 4,527 Syrian-Armenian persons in a refugee-like situation living in Armenia, assisted by UNHCR

Update on Achievements

Operational Context

On 27 September 2020, clashes broke out along the line of contact and expanded to other areas in and around Nagorno-Karabakh, until a ceasefire statement was signed on 9 November. The conflict resulted in civilian casualties, destroyed infrastructure and some **90,000 people** displaced from Nagorno-Karabakh and adjacent districts to Armenia. According to the Government of Armenia, **36,989** persons were in a refugee-like situation in Armenia as of 25 May 2021.

Documentation, housing, decent employment and livelihood opportunities remain the most pressing needs of asylum-seekers and refugees. The COVID-19 pandemic, combined with the escalation of the conflict, aggravated the challenges associated with their difficult socioeconomic situation in Armenia.

UNHCR and partners work toward enhancing the protection environment while providing assistance to those most at risk. UNHCR advocates for inclusion of persons of concern in national response plans, including COVID-19 recovery and vaccination plans, and other legislative and administrative reforms.



Protection monitoring with displaced persons from Nagorno-Karabakh, Goris town, Syunik Province 1-3 March 2021. © UNHCR / Areg Balayan

Achievements from April – June 2021



736 persons of concern received cash assistance to cover their basic needs in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic. **71 persons of concern** received multipurpose cash grants.



2,610 persons of concern benefitted from social services provided by UNHCR's partner Mission Armenia.



871 persons of concern received health care services from UNHCR's partner Mission Armenia.



174 persons of concern received legal counselling and assistance from UNHCR's partner Mission Armenia.



1,285 persons of concern received in-kind assistance for basic needs: 699 non-food items, including gas stoves, kitchen sets, jerrycans and other items.



PROTECTION

- **113 children of concern** were provided specialized case management by UNHCR's partners the Armenian Red Cross Society and World Vision Armenia.
- **14 elderly individuals and individuals with special needs** were provided specialized case management by UNHCR's partner World Vision Armenia.
- **8,216 individuals** were reached through 1,816 protection monitoring interviews, and some **1,550 individuals** were identified for referrals for additional assistance and access to services.
- UNHCR provided technical assistance to **two municipalities** and **five community-based organizations** in implementing **peaceful coexistence projects** and **community support initiatives** using community-based protection (CBP), age, gender and diversity (AGD) and communication with communities (CwC) approaches.”



SHELTER AND NFI

- The needs assessment of **243 households**, covering 900 persons of concern, revealed their most pressing needs to be financial assistance, food, household items and hygiene items.
- **10 collective accommodation centres** hosting persons displaced from Nagorno-Karabakh were selected for renovations. The renovations, funded by the United States of America, Japan, European Union Humanitarian Aid (ECHO) and the UN's Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF), are expected to be finalized in the next quarter.

Working in Partnership

- UNHCR Armenia, operating within the UN Country Team, cooperates with State and non-State stakeholders. UNHCR is a member of UN inter-agency coordination platforms and mechanisms. Jointly with the UN Country Team, it promotes the implementation of the Sustainable Development Agenda 2030 in Armenia.
- The UN Country Team in Armenia has established a flexible coordination structure under the co-leadership of UNHCR and the UN Resident Coordinator's Office. The coordination structure is centred around four humanitarian Working Groups (WGs), as well as a fifth WG on Early Recovery to strengthen the resilience capacity of both the refugee-like population and host communities. UNHCR leads the Protection WG and the Shelter and Non-Food Items (NFI) WG and co-leads the Sub-WG on Cash Assistance.

Financial Information

In 2021, UNHCR Armenia is seeking **USD 15.4 million** to respond to the needs of people in a refugee-like situation and to cover the regular annual programme. The **Inter-Agency Response Plan's** financial requirements are **USD 62.1 million**.

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