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Great things
are created by
a series of
small acts
brought together
as one.



AFGHANISTAN EMERGENCY: “Millions of lives are at stake”

“Millions of lives are at stake.” These few words expressed by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, Filippo Grandi, upon his visit to Afghanistan earlier in September, summarize the current situation faced by the Afghan people, and especially the 635,000 conflict-induced people who have been displaced since the start of this year.



UN High Commissioner for Refugees Filippo Grandi, during visit to Afghanistan.

Afghans have suffered more than **40 years of conflict**, natural disasters, chronic poverty, and food insecurity. The recent developments have only exacerbated an already dire situation, which has brought more suffering and internal displacement for thousands of Afghans.

3 Million 
Afghans displaced by the end of 2020

635,000 
Afghans displaced this year

80% 
Of Afghans forced to flee since May 2021 have been women and children



The latest crisis comes on top of recurrent natural disasters such as the ongoing devastating drought. The COVID-19 pandemic has also had far-reaching health impacts as well as socio-economic repercussions, with **less than 4 per cent** of the population currently being fully vaccinated.

To respond to the growing needs of Afghans, UNHCR, together with partners, is committed to **staying and delivering** aid amidst the deteriorating situation and growing displacement. We have activated an emergency response to protect the most vulnerable and assist newly displaced Afghans with life-saving **shelter, food, water, and core relief items**, both within Afghanistan and in neighboring countries.

UNHCR'S IMPACT IN AFGHANISTAN

340,000

Afghans assisted by UNHCR



HYGIENE KITS
to 120,000 persons



SANITARY KITS
to 20,000 women
and girls



FAMILY TENTS
to 12,000 persons



CASH ASSISTANCE
to 4,000 persons



FOOD RATIONS
to nearly
1,000 persons

• From 1 January 2021 to 18 September 2021, UNHCR has assisted some **340,000 internally displaced persons** in Afghanistan. This includes providing non-food items to some **181,000 persons**, hygiene kits to **120,000 persons**, sanitary kits to **20,000 women and girls**, family tents to **12,000 persons**, cash assistance to **4,000 persons** with specific needs (the elderly, children and women at risk, serious medical conditions, and persons with disabilities), food rations to nearly **1,000 persons** and emergency shelter kits to more than **300 persons**.

• During the same period, further UNHCR trucks carrying **2,400 tents** crossed the Torkham border from Pakistan to Afghanistan. Another shipment of **7,300 plastic sheets**, **11,520 blankets**, **5,700 kitchen sets** and **10,000 jerrycans** also crossed the following day. Distributions are ongoing across the country for those who need them most. Since January 2021, UNHCR has provided core relief items like these to over **180,000 people**, including over **6,500 people** in the last week of October.

Preventing the spread of COVID-19 remains a top priority for everyone at UNHCR. To help minimize the risk, **UNHCR is providing buckets and jerry cans in its relief kits** to displaced families. These supplies are especially important in areas where access to clean water is difficult. UNHCR has also established **hand-washing stations** and distributed **hygiene kits** including soap and face masks. While continuing to provide lifesaving aid, we're also scaling up efforts to provide unconditional cash assistance to IDPs, affected by conflict, to meet their immediate and basic needs.



Providing unconditional cash assistance to IDPs, affected by conflict, to meet their immediate and basic needs

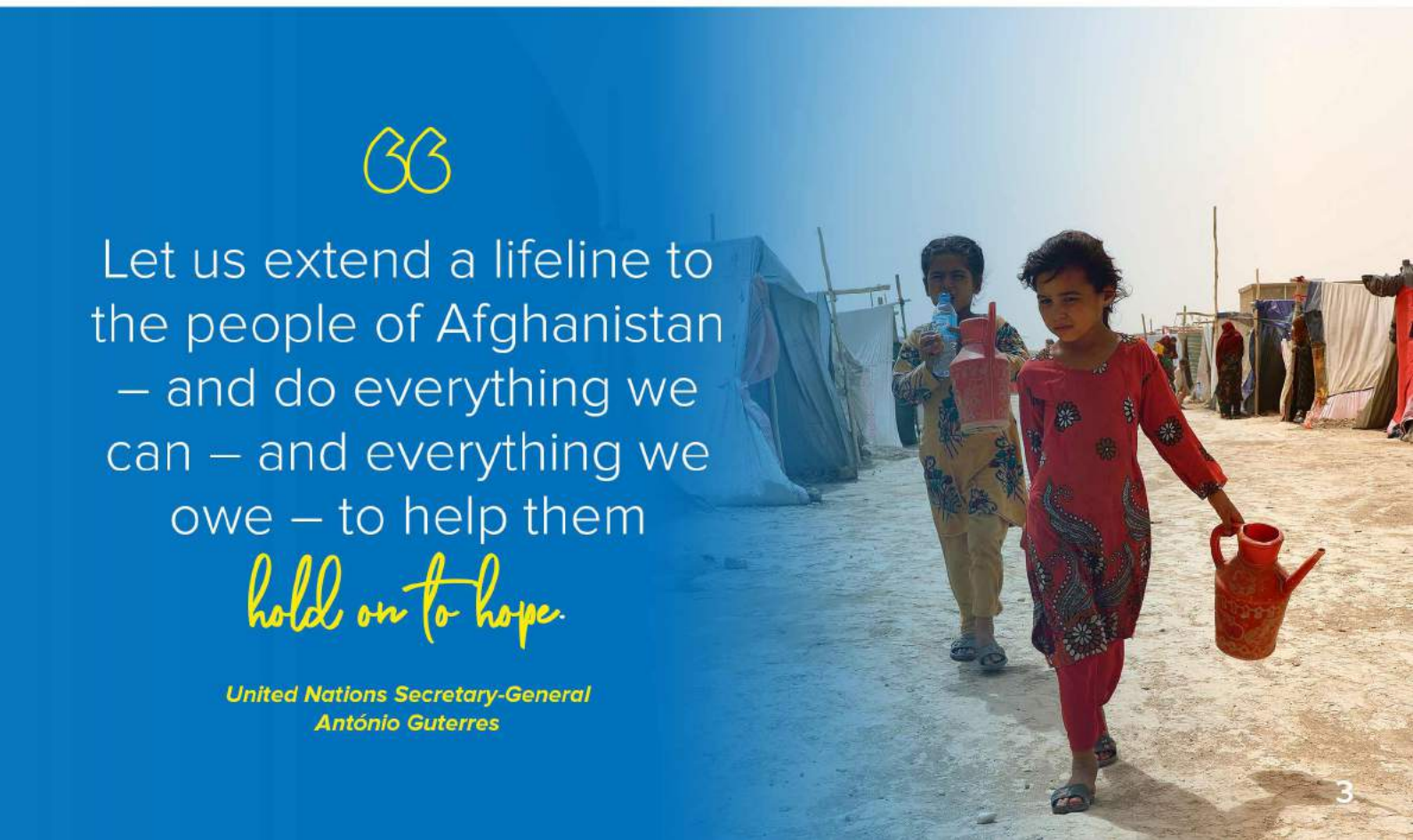
Much has been achieved in a short period of time; however, **we couldn't have done it without your generous contribution**, which allowed us to protect the most vulnerable families in Afghanistan.



Let us extend a lifeline to the people of Afghanistan – and do everything we can – and everything we owe – to help them

hold on to hope.

United Nations Secretary-General
António Guterres





YEMEN: One of the world's largest humanitarian crises

Key figures



20.7 million
Yemenis in need



12.1 million
Yemenis in
acute need



4 million internally
displaced Yemenis



140,974 refugees and
asylum-seekers (mainly
Somalis and Ethiopians)



76% of IDPs
are women and
children



2.6 million IDPs
are highly food
insecure



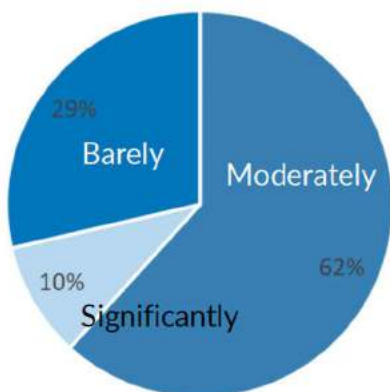
1 million IDPs
living across 1,700
informal sites



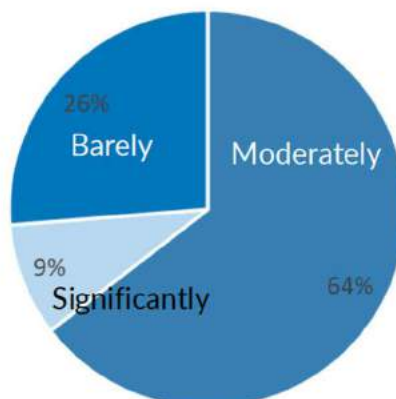
80% of Yemenis live
below the poverty line

While Yemen remains one of the largest humanitarian crises in the world, **your donations and support in the past few months has helped so many families to feed their children and keep them safe.** Following UNHCR's distribution of cash assistance in May that targeted more than 53,000 IDP families in 19 governorates, UNHCR conducted a second post distribution monitoring exercise and we are happy to share some key findings:

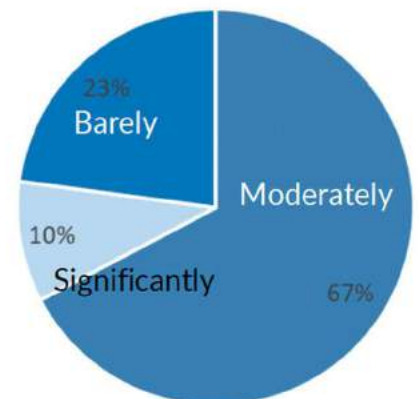
Did UNHCR's cash assistance...



*Improve your
living conditions?*



*Reduce the financial burden
of your household?*

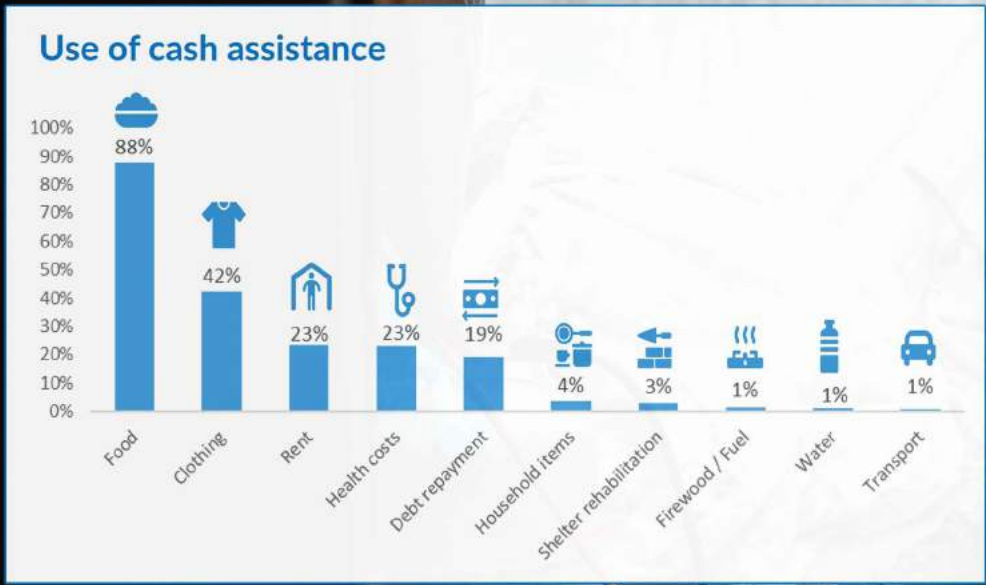


Reduce feelings of stress?

Although most respondents still struggle to make ends meet, **more than two thirds of respondents noted that cash assistance was making a difference in their lives** and in their capacity to cope with the stress and insecurity of displacement. A general average increase of 25% in the reduction of feelings of stress was recorded between April and May, confirming that, even though the cash may not entirely meet a family's basic household needs, it still alleviates household stress, financial burden and improves the living conditions of displaced families as they are able to afford food, clothing, rent and cover their health needs, among others.

HOW ARE FAMILIES SPENDING CASH ASSISTANCE?

When asked how they spent the cash they received through UNHCR (noting that families can choose all that applies to them from the list), **88%** of the respondent families continued to mention food as the primary good bought with cash aid, with **42%** reporting buying clothing and **23%** stating rent. Health and medicine were the answer for **23%** of the families interviewed and debt payment was the answer for **19%**.





STORY OF *Iman*

Iman fled Hudaydah with her parents and brother this past Eid (mid-May). They borrowed money from relatives to cover the costs of their journey. **“I borrowed 20,000 riyals from someone to pay for what we needed on the road.”** Her mother Salwa, 21, told UNHCR.

In Aden, the family settled in a site hosting displaced families. Iman’s father, Hamid, 30, works daily jobs. **“It’s not enough to eat. I owe money to the shop. Even the candies, the kids got it on credit.”** Salwa explained. A lollipop cost 20 riyals, 0.08 cents.

Food insecurity is prevalent in areas of conflict – where half of Yemen’s 4 million internally displaced people (IDPs) reside. The 16 districts worst affected by acute food shortages are in the governorates of Marib, Al Bayda, Abyan, Taizz, Hadhramaut and Al Jaw. In many of these areas, people are increasingly at risk of famine-like conditions. Nearly 40 per cent of the most vulnerable displaced families say they have no access to income and 37 per cent are eating less and less food. One in four displaced families are headed by a woman or a girl, of whom one in five are under the age of 18.

Because of donors like you, UNHCR’s cash assistance programme supported displaced Yemenis at risk of famine and high levels of malnutrition. According to UNHCR’s post distribution monitoring exercise, 88% of the families spent the cash they received through UNHCR on food.



FOUR YEARS ON: We are Hand in Hand with Rohingya Refugees

Since 2017, more than **740,000 Rohingya refugees** have arrived in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh, seeking safety. Entire families fled the violence and decades of persecution in Myanmar. Four years on, Rohingya refugees have endured incredible challenges; the COVID-19 pandemic being only one. Families have struggled through poverty, insecurity, overcrowding, and lack of opportunities. This year, devastating fires destroyed entire inhabited areas in the camps, just before the monsoon season started, bringing unprecedented rain and strong winds.

Throughout all this time, in the good and the bad, **UNHCR have stayed and delivered.** Below is some of the incredible work being done with Rohingya refugees, through our network of staff and partners, and thanks to your commitment to help.



During this year's monsoon season, **117,000 Rohingya refugees** from some 518 villages were affected by soil erosion, floods and landslides caused by heavy monsoon rains in Cox's Bazar. Bangladesh is one of the most flood prone countries in the world, and year after year, refugee families and members of the local community are badly affected.

UNHCR and our humanitarian partners remained onsite during the floods to **assess the damages** and **established a coordinated response** for immediate assistance to those in need.

UNHCR'S MONSOON RESPONSE

1. Shelter, Site Management and Non-Food Items



1,600 volunteer refugee

and host community emergency responders trained in flood and monsoon response were active throughout the camps assisting families and individuals.



982 households

were supported with shelter kits or materials depending on the level of damage to their shelters.



43 facilities

including 40 learning centers were used as temporary communal shelters for displaced families.



Prepositioned items

including tarpaulins, solar lamps and jerry cans were distributed to those affected.

2. Medical



More than 1400 Community Health Workers (CHW)

were identifying and referring refugees who require medical and psychosocial support to health facilities.



Disease surveillance

along with awareness raising on Acute Watery Diarrhea (AWD) which often increases during natural disasters like flooding were taking place, along with the distribution of oral rehydration solution (ORS) and zinc tablets to suspected AWD cases.

3. Water, Sanitation and Hygiene



Over 500 households

received chlorinated water (5,000L in total) and 64,541 aqua tabs were distributed to ensure the safety of drinking water.



Immediate repairs

were made, with ongoing work to hundreds of damaged latrines.

4. Protection



UNHCR trained protection volunteers

successfully reunited 52 lost children with their families.



Over 5,000 Refugee Protection Volunteers

throughout the camps including Community Outreach Members, have been assisting older persons and other refugees with specific needs and supporting families to rebuild their shelters where possible.

IN THE MIDST OF CHALLENGES:

There is always hope and resilience among Rohingya refugees.

Tamanna works in a health clinic inside the Rohingya refugee camps.

- 👩 They see up to 200 patients per day
- 👨 They are 5 female and 5 male health professionals
- 🏥 They have the largest lab in the camps
- 💉 They supported the vaccination against COVID
- ❤️ She loves helping others



Meet Sohel, he oversees 7 registration sites across the Rohingya refugee camps.

He's been working to help register over 880,000 people for the past 4 years.

With the Bangladesh government, he and his team make sure all people have an identification document.

#ThankYou Sohel



Rohingya children are so happy to return to the learning centres in the camps.

After 18 long months, the Bangladesh government gave the green light to restart learning.

Following strict protocols, 92% of children scheduled to attend classes were present!

#EducationForAll



🍲 Better health and nutrition

☀️ Less pollution

🌿 Greener Cox's Bazar

These are some benefits of distributing Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) and cooking stoves to #Rohingya refugees in camps in Bangladesh #ClimateAction



UNHCR IN
BANGLADESH
@UNHCR_BGD



GEARING UP FOR WINTER

With **winter season fast approaching**, the needs of refugees and internally displaced persons are ever increasing. UNHCR estimates that one in three Syrian and Iraqi internally displaced persons (IDPs) and refugees in Syria, Iraq, Lebanon, Jordan, and Egypt are in need of critical assistance to help them prepare and withstand the forthcoming winter. In numbers, that's an estimated **3.3 million people** out of 10 million refugees and displaced people in total. For many, it is now more than 10 years since they fled their homes and will spend winter in displacement, while the hardships are amplified due to the difficult economic situation in the region, especially in Lebanon, and the COVID-19 pandemic.

Last year, and **thanks to the generous contributions received from donors** to the winterization programme, we reached almost **USD 155 million**, enabling us to reach **2.5 million vulnerable people** with assistance including more than 2 million Syrians and 460,000 Iraqis and refugees of other nationalities.

This year, UNHCR's winterization strategy focuses on three broad areas of intervention:



- **Provision of seasonal cash assistance** for vulnerable families to meet their additional needs during the winter months.



- **Provision of core relief items** specific to winter such as high thermal blankets, plastic sheets, sleeping bags and winter clothes.



- **Winterization of shelter** including shelter weatherproofing and repairs, improvements to drainage systems and other infrastructure in camps and informal settlements.



Single mother prepares for winter at Bardarash refugee camp in Iraq.

Most of the planned interventions will be in the form of **cash assistance**, with a small component of winter items to be distributed inside Syria.

Through early planning, preparation, and procurement, we are working with our partners on reaching all **3.3 million people** in need with life-saving winterization assistance for the most vulnerable families before the onset of the harsh and challenging winter season.

To that end, UNHCR requires funding of **USD 193.4 million** to achieve its target. As of August 2021, and thanks to timely and generous contributions from donors, these requirements are 56 per cent funded, leaving a gap of **USD 84.2 million** (in Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon and for cross-border activities from Turkey to north-west Syria).

Once again, we are hoping to make sure every refugee family has safety, shelter and warmth this winter.

Thank You