

Armenia

April - June 2022

UNHCR continued its **protection monitoring** during the reporting period. In total, 1,328 persons of concern to UNHCR were included in protection monitoring, of which, 1,078 were persons displaced as a result of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict.

In the framework of **World Refugee Day**, UNHCR Armenia organized a series of events, including "Football for Solidarity #WithRefugees" friendship match and a series of interactive events in Goris with participation of local and displaced children and their coaches.

UNHCR organized a **Media Breakfast** to launch the "Media and Migration" mini-project, envisaging a series of awareness-raising meetings with and training sessions for journalists in the course of 2022.

KEY INDICATORS

330 calls

From 167 individuals were received by UNHCR helpline, operated by **UNHCR partner, KASA Swiss Humanitarian Foundation**. Main subjects of concern were related to humanitarian assistance, access to social and administrative services, as well as access to the asylum procedure.

2,412 persons of concern

were provided with social services and counselling by **UNHCR partner Mission Armenia NGO**

379 persons of concern

participated in general information and economic integration sessions implemented by **UNHCR partner, Armenian Red Cross Society**.



#WorldRefugeeDay commemoration with cross-cultural festivities and handicraft by children ©UNHCR Armenia

FUNDING (AS OF 28 JUNE 2022)

Financial requirements

USD 13.8 million

Funded
15%

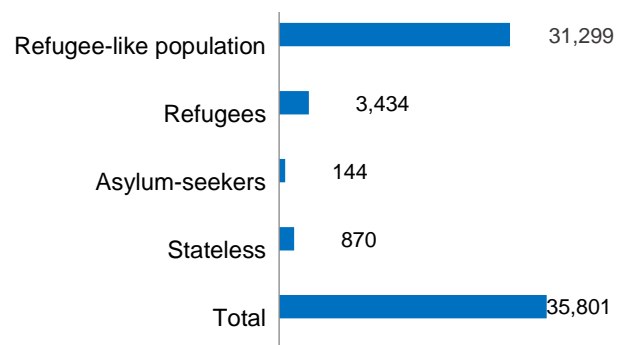
USD 2.1 million



Funding gap
85%

11.7 million

POPULATION OF CONCERN* AS OF FEBRUARY 2022



* Source: UNHCR annual statistical report, February 2022

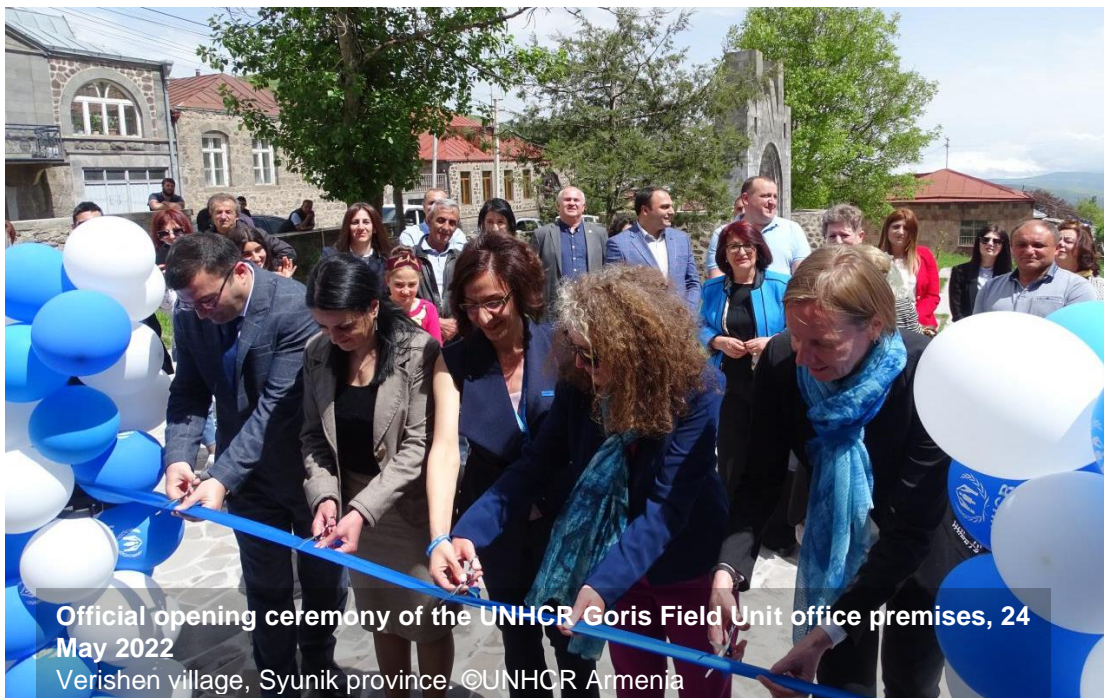
Operational Context

[UNHCR planned activities in 2022](#)

In 2022, UNHCR continues to contribute to the development of a comprehensive refugee legislation and advocating and capacitating the Migration Service, Border Guards, the judiciary, and lawyers of the Public Defender's Office working with persons of concern to UNHCR. Additionally, UNHCR is planning to provide technical support to the new Reception Centre for Asylum-Seekers to be constructed in Abovyan, as well as develop a remote training program for the Border Guard personnel, including provision of relevant IT equipment.

Jointly with its partners, UNHCR supports 12 Peaceful Coexistence Projects and 10 Community Based Organizations projects, to enhance measures and community mobilization for promoting economic integration and maintaining peaceful coexistence in the host communities free from stigmatization and isolation of displaced persons. Particular attention is paid to motivating and engaging the displaced persons in the life of the society so that with their own inputs they can invest in the host community.

To ensure well-being and basic needs of displaced persons, UNHCR continues providing case management and specialized services based on the outcomes of the protection monitoring activities and functioning Hotline. Together with facilitating the access to livelihoods projects, as well as vocational trainings and Armenian language classes, UNHCR continues providing cash-based assistance to the most vulnerable displaced persons. An important activity will also be the capacitation of partner organizations in early identification of child protection needs and victims of GBV and organization of appropriate response.



Official opening ceremony of the UNHCR Goris Field Unit office premises, 24 May 2022
Verishen village, Syunik province. ©UNHCR Armenia

Achievements from April – June 2022



253 persons of concern received vulnerability-based cash assistance (including rental subsidies and multipurpose cash grants) from UNHCR's partner Mission Armenia NGO



687 persons of concern received health care services from Mission Armenia NGO.



495 persons of concern received medical assistance from Mission Armenia NGO.



138 persons of concern received legal counselling and assistance from Mission Armenia NGO.



21 children of concern and 5 survivors of gender-based violence were provided specialized case management by Armenian Red Cross Society.



35 elderly persons of concern and persons with specific needs were assisted by Mission Armenia NGO.



84 persons of concern participated in psychological group events organized by the Armenian Red Cross Society.



79 persons of concern received income generation tools by the Armenian Red Cross Society



PROTECTION

- At the request of the Migration Service, UNHCR supports the implementation of the Conceptual Framework of the State Management of Migration adopted since May 2021. As part of this, most recently UNHCR **commissioned a comprehensive assessment of the capacity gaps and needs in the asylum system of Armenia**, which has further informed the development of the national programme on the management of migration flows.
- Capacity-building:** During the reporting period, 24 newly recruited border guards benefitted from a training on Refugee Law organized in cooperation with the BG Training Centre; 14 border guards from Zvartnots airport benefitted from a refresher training on Refugee Law.
- Government staff conducting refugee status determination benefitted from **expert support in 30 asylum cases**.

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NON-FOOD ITEMS

- Based on the needs assessment, UNHCR's partner Mission Armenia NGO provided non-food items (**household items and clothing**) to 170 persons of concern. Some 147 persons of concern received **hygiene kits**.
- 21 children of concern received **supplies upon school enrolment** from Armenian Red Cross Society.

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 through UN SD Cooperation Framework 2021-2025.
- UNHCR signed a multi-year partnership agreement with **the Chamber of Advocates** (CoA). Under the auspices of the project 'Strengthening Migration Management Capacities to Support the Government Reform Agenda in line with CEPA', co-funded by the European Union and UNHCR, the project with the CoA aims at strengthening the capacity of the Public Defenders and raising awareness among UNHCR persons of concern about conditions and procedures for seeking state legal aid and the role of free legal aid and representation.

Financial Information

In 2022, UNHCR Armenia is seeking **USD 13.8 million** to respond to the needs of people in a refugee-like situation and to cover the regular annual programme.

UNHCR is grateful to the European Union and the United States of America for supporting its programmes in Armenia in 2022.

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