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Key figures:

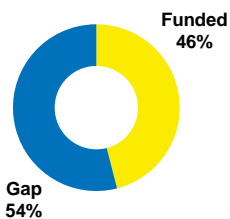


101,848
refugees
have arrived
in Armenia

UNHCR distribution of non-food items (NFIs):

-  6,059 Blankets
-  6,358 Bed linen
-  5,871 Pillows
-  1,942 Hygiene kits
-  1,399 Kitchen Sets
-  3,361 Mattresses

Funding:
USD 14.6 million
required in 2023-2024,
including to respond to
the emergency.



USD 6.7 million
received as of 31 October 2023

Situation Update

Some the 101,848 refugees from Karabakh [have been registered](#) by Armenian authorities since 24 September 2023. On 26 October 2023, the Government [adopted](#) a decision granting **temporary protection** to refugees from Karabakh for one year. As most refugees have arrived in Armenia with nearly no personal belongings, they require **urgent assistance** including cash, shelter, non-food and essential items, as well as medical and psychosocial support.



UNHCR's Emergency Response

Protection:

- Starting 1 November 2023, UNHCR will begin a six-week household protection monitoring exercise, which will target **2,500 refugees** from Karabakh. Based on information gathered, UNHCR will produce an analysis of trends, potential protection risks, vulnerabilities and needs among respondents.
- Since 1 October 2023, UNHCR's hotline received **over 1,500 calls** from refugees from Karabakh, including 200 calls from 20 – 26 October 2023. 48% of refugees highlighted the need for accommodation, while 27% required bedding items, 25% food items, 18% household items, 10% hygiene kits, 8% access to healthcare.
- So far, UNHCR has visited **56 communities** in various provinces and spoke with **+121 refugee households**, referring them to specialized services and ensuring that refugees with urgent needs had been included on the NFI distribution list.



Yerevan, 7 October 2023 - UNHCR unloads trucks with NFIs for further distribution to refugees across the country. © UNHCR/Varazdat Rafayelyan

Shelter and Non-Food Items (NFIs):

- Between 3 - 27 October 2023, UNHCR through partner Mission Armenia provided **24,235 NFIs** (pillows, hygiene kits, blankets, folding beds, solar lamps, bedding linen, mattresses, kitchen sets and other NFIs) to **2,087 refugee households** residing in various provinces across the country. In the coming days UNHCR will start distributing 1,700 winter gloves from a private sector partnership donation.
- Since 30 September 2023, **28 trucks** with NFIs have arrived in Armenia and **34,000 NFIs** have been distributed to refugees in various provinces.

Coordination

On 25 October 2023, the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs (MLSA) and UNHCR facilitated the first **Basic Needs Coordination meeting**, covering Food, Shelter and NFIs Sectors under the [Armenia Refugee response Plan](#) (RRP). Participants presented their plans for the response, aiming to harmonize the coordination of the NFI distribution, and supporting with an accommodation technical assessment. MLSA and UNHCR co-chaired the **Protection Sector** meeting on 27 October, which discussed support services to refugees. On 31 October, the **Resilience Sector** looked at employment policies, business support and financial access initiatives. For more information on the Inter-Agency response, see the Inter-Agency Update [#3](#).

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