

# YEMEN CRISIS **REGIONAL RESPONSE**

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# **Highlights**

NFI and Shelter materials were distributed to IDPs in Tor Al Baha district, Lahj. © IOM 2016 (Photo: IOM Yemen)

- Since the beginning of the crisis, over 685,000 IDPs and conflict-affected persons have benefitted from IOM's WASH activities in Yemen.
- Since the beginning of the crisis, nearly 11,000 individuals have benefitted from health and psychosocial support activities provided at Child-Friendly Spaces in Aden and Sana'a.
- To date, over 79,000 people have arrived in Djibouti, Somalia, Ethiopia and Sudan from Yemen. Of this, over 26,000 individuals have received post-arrival assistance from IOM.

# Situation Overview

Peace talks that began on 21 April 2016 in Kuwait resumed on 22 May 2016; they have been suspended three times, in part due to ceasefire violations, and the failure to agree on principles and frameworks for the talks.

Airstrikes continue in Aden, Amran, Lahi, Hajjah, Marib, Sana'a and Taizz governorates, and fighting is reported in Abyan, Hadhramaut, Al Jawf, Lahj, Marib, Sana'a, Shabwah and Taizz. The ongoing clashes, electricity blackouts (in Aden and several southern governorates), and road access challenges (in Hajjah, Al Jawf, Marib, Sa'adah, Sana'a and Taizz governorates) are hampering the delivery of humanitarian assistance by both road and sea.

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#### **IOM RESPONSE**

# **HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITIES IN YEMEN**

#### **Shelter and Non-Food Items (NFI)**

During the reporting period, IOM distributed 115 NFI/Shelter kits containing sleeping mats, blankets, jerry cans, kitchen sets, plastic sheets and ropes to 805 IDPs (338 women, 362 men, 56 girls and 49 boys) in Tor Al Baha and Tuban districts, Lahj governorate.

Furthermore, in coordination with Yemen Red Crescent IOM dispatched 60 tents from its warehouse in Sana'a to Hajjah governorate to respond to the needs of flood-affected communities. A total of 60 families (420 individuals) are expected to benefit from these tents.

Since March 2015, IOM has assisted 64,934 IDPs in Abyan, Aden, Al Dhale'e, Hadhramaut, Hajjah, Lahj, Al Mahrah, Sa'adah, Shabwah, Socotra and Taizz governorates with shelter and NFI support.



## Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

Between 1 and 31 May, IOM supported health facilities in Shabwah (Ataq Hospital, Azzan Hospital and their kidney dialysis centers and Rudhum Hospital) and Taizz (Al Thawra Hospital and its kidney dialysis center) through daily water trucking services; distributing a total of 94,000 liters of water reaching 28,268 individuals (11,873 women, 12,720 men and 3,675 children). Moreover, IOM trucked a total of 204,500 liters of water to community sites in Ataq (Shabwah), Salah Mudhaffar and Al Qahira (Taizz) districts, benefitting 18,800 individuals (7,896 women, 8,460 men and 2,444 children).

Additionally, IOM rehabilitated five water sites in Ash Shamayatain district and installed six water pumps in Maqbanah, Mokha, Jabal Habashi, and Al Mawasit districts (Taizz), benefitting a total of 50,000 IDPs. Rehabilitation of water sites included the replacement of pipes and installation of water meters.

Furthermore, during the reporting period, IOM distributed hygiene kits to 300 IDP households (1,176 individuals) in Madarebah Wa Ras Elarah district (Lahj). The hygiene kits included brooms,

detergents, plastic basins, water jugs, trash bins, and cleaning cloths.

Since the beginning of the crisis, 685,772 IDPs and conflict-affected persons (288,024 women, 308,597 men, 48,005 girls and 41,146 boys) have benefitted from IOM's WASH activities in Abyan, Aden, Al Dhale'e, Al Jawf, Hadhramaut, Ibb, Taizz Lahj, Sana'a and Shabwah governorates.



#### Health

From 14 to 25 May, IOM conducted three training workshops in Sana'a on "Techniques of Behavioral & Cognitive Therapy and the Principles for Psychological First Aid Crises", "Health Information and Reporting Skills", and "Psychological and Behavioral Disorders among Children and Adolescents" for 18 IOM psychosocial support providers.

From 1 to 31 May, IOM's mobile health clinics provided health assistance to 21,118 IDPs and other conflict-affected people (7,376 women, 3,965 men and 9,777 children) in Abyan, Aden, Hajjah, Al Hudaydah, Sa'adah and Shabwah governorates. Additionally, IOM supported health facilities in Abyan (Al Razi Hospital) and Aden ('22 May' Hospital) by providing health assistance to 3,511 IDPs and other conflict-affected persons (829 women, 955 men and 1,727 children).

Furthermore, IOM through the Outpatient Therapeutic Program (OTP) for acute malnourished children under 5 years and Pregnant and Lactating Women, IOM treated a total of 323 women and 273 children in Abyan and Shabwah. In addition, through the OTP, 463 children were vaccinated and another 1,517 children were treated as per Integrated Management of Childhood Illnesses (IMCI) guidelines.

Since the beginning of the crisis, 271,580 IDPs and other conflict-affected populations in Abyan, Aden, Al Dhale'e, Hajjah, Al Hudaydah, Ibb, Sa'adah, Sana'a and Shabwah have been provided with emergency and primary health care, reproductive health services, mental health and psychosocial support, health promotion, and management of acute malnutrition. Following Cyclones Chapala and Megh that made landfall in November 2015,



IOM deployed a medical team to Socotra Island where 1,507 people were provided with health assistance including 533 medical consultations.

#### **Protection**

IOM continues to provide health and psychosocial support to conflict-affected communities (mainly children) within Child-Friendly Spaces (CFS) in Aden and Sana'a. Different activities such as drawing; puppet theatre; awareness sessions about personal hygiene; information sessions on the risks of irregular migration; psychosocial sessions; and hand crafts are implemented on a daily basis by the volunteers who were trained by IOM.

Between 1 and 31 May, 1,204 individuals including 1,182 children participated in activities in the CFSs. Since the beginning of the crisis, 10,794 individuals have benefitted from activities provided at the CFSs.



## **Assistance to Migrants in Yemen**

Between 1 and 31 May, IOM identified and registered 1,379 migrants (86 women, 993 men and 230 children) in Aden, Al Hudaydah and Sana'a. In addition, IOM provided 881 migrants (95 women, 684 men and 102 children) in Aden, Al Hudaydah and Sana'a with clothing kits (containing futahs-Yemeni traditional sarong, towels, t-shirts, underwear, sandals) and hygiene kits (containing washing powder, bars of soap, soap dishes, toothpaste and petroleum jelly); the women's kits also included jalabias (women's dress), abayas, scarves and sanitary pads and hair oil. To date, IOM has provided 8,531 migrants with hygiene and clothing kits.

During the reporting period, IOM provided snacks and hot meals to 558 migrants (3 women, 425 men, and 130 children) hosted in IOM's Migrant Response Point (MRP) and with foster families in Aden, Al Hudaydah and Sana'a. Since the beginning of the crisis, 7,155 migrants have received daily food assistance from IOM.

In May, IOM conducted awareness-raising sessions on the risk of irregular migration, the situation in Yemen and the importance of education. A total of 981 individuals (119 women, 550 men and

312 children) in Aden, Al Hudaydah and Sana'a attended the sessions.

On 26 May, IOM conducted two awareness-raising campaigns on "Infectious Diseases and Preventive Measures" for migrants and host community members in IOM's MRP and a detention center in Al Hudaydah. A total of 1,147 people (91 women, 1,031 men and 25 children) participated in the campaigns

Furthermore, between 1 and 31 May, IOM provided emergency healthcare assistance and mental health and psychosocial support to 2,222 migrants (43 women, 1,632 men and 547 children) hosted in MRPs and health clinics in Aden, Al Hudaydah, Lahj and Sana'a, as well as those newly arrived in Aden's coastal areas. To date 16,816 migrants have received medical assistance from IOM.

#### ARRIVALS FROM YEMEN TO THE HORN OF AFRICA

Since March 2015, 79,024 people have arrived in Djibouti, Somalia, Sudan and Ethiopia from Yemen.

#### Arrivals in Somalia

As of 31 May 2016, 32,457 individuals (86% Somali returnees, 1% migrants and 13% Yemenis) fleeing the conflict in Yemen have arrived in Somalia. Since the beginning of the crisis, IOM has provided 9,775 people with onward transportation assistance (OTA) from Bosaso (Puntland) and Berbera (Somaliland) to their areas of origin, and has medically screened and treated 3,073 individuals, including 77 referrals.

The arrival of Somali returnees, Yemenis and migrants continues at a steady pace. An average of 250 – 300 persons arrive per month in the ports of Berbera and Bosaso. Arrivals are usually in need of assistance, including overnight accommodation, access to medical care and facilities, food and non-food items, and OTA to their final destinations. The vast majority of arrivals elect to move on to southern and central federal states, with the main destination continuously being Mogadishu. Returnees and refugees arrive in a context of limited resources and require reintegration assistance/subsistence allowance to make ends meet and to support their successful integration into their return/host communities.

Between 1 and 31 May, 354 individuals including Somali returnees (235), and Yemeni (117), and Kenyan (2) nationals arrived from Yemen to Berbera and Bosaso. IOM continues to provide emergency primary healthcare and referral services at the reception center in Berbera.

Since April 2015, IOM has provided OTA to those fleeing Yemen to travel onward to their areas of destination or origin. Assistance is provided once vulnerable arrivals, with limited resources or other protection needs, are registered and screened for fitness to travel at IOM's reception centers in Berbera and Bosaso. During the reporting period, a total of 135 individuals (38 women, 28 men and 69 children) were provided with OTA to Mogadishu (85), Kismayo (14), Baidoa (8), Marka (7), Beledweyne (6), Hargeisa (5), Luuq (5), Qoryoley (3), Dhusamareb (1) and Janale (1).

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