

# YEMEN CRISIS REGIONAL RESPONSE

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- In July, IOM evacuated a total of 600 Ethiopian migrants from Al Hudaydah port to Djibouti. Since the beginning of the conflict, IOM has evacuated over 6,000 individuals from Yemen by air and sea.
- To date, 79,960 people have arrived in Djibouti, Somalia, Ethiopia and Sudan from Yemen. Of this, 27,142 individuals have received post-arrival assistance from IOM.
- Since the beginning of the crisis, over 21,000 individuals have benefitted from health and psychosocial support activities provided at IOM's Child-Friendly Spaces in Aden and Sana'a.

## **Situation Overview**

In July, heavy ground clashes, airstrikes and missile strikes increased, around Al Jawf, Hajjah, Taizz, Marib and Nihm district of Sana'a. As of the end of July, the situation in and around Taizz remained fluid. Due to difficulties in reaching the area, humanitarian needs cannot be verified although reports indicate that the population is in dire need of basic services and commodities (source: OCHA, 31 July 2016). On 26 July, the Humanitarian Coordinator (HC) called on all parties to agree to a humanitarian pause in Taizz governorate in order to protect civilians, facilitate the treatment and evacuation of those wounded, and the delivery of urgently needed medicines and life-saving assistance.

The UN Special Envoy for Yemen suspended the peace talks for one month on 6 August. The deferring of the talks came after Houthi fighters and the party of Ali Abdullah Saleh, the former president, rejected a UN peace plan and announced the appointment of a 10-member governing body.

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#### **IOM RESPONSE**

#### **HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITIES IN YEMEN**

#### Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

IOM trucked a total of 62,000 liters of clean, safe water on a daily basis to three health facilities (Ataq Hospital, Azzan Hospital and their kidney dialysis centers and Rudhum Hospital) reaching 12,400 individuals in Shabwah governorate. Additionally, IOM distributed 204,000 liters of water daily to Mayfa, Mukalla, and Adh Dhlia'ah districts in Hadhramaut governorate, benefitting 29,206 individuals.

Furthermore, during the reporting period, IOM completed the rehabilitation of seven water networks in Al Dhale'e city, Qa'atabah, Al Husha, Al Shaeeb, Al Azarik, Jahaf districts in Al Dhale'e governorate. This included the rehabilitation of water tanks, installation of water pumps, and replacement of old pipes and connectors. This project will benefit 21,100 conflict-affected individuals in Al Dhale'e district. Similarly, IOM completed rehabilitation works of 17 water sites in Lahj governorate to support 61,600 individuals. Activities in both governorates were implemented in close coordination with the local authority for water and sanitation.

Additionally, during the reporting period, IOM distributed water purification filters, jerry cans, and water tanks to 1,892 IDP and conflict-affected households (11,425 individuals) in Al Dhale'e, Abyan, Aden and Al Jawf governorates. To complement this distribution, hygiene awareness promotion sessions were also provided to the beneficiaries to promote safe and effective use of the materials and improve hygiene practices within the community.

Governorate	District	Items Distributed	Households	Individuals
Al Dhale'e	Al Dhale'e city	Water purification filters	307	1,987
	Jahaf	20L Jerry Cans	300	1,306
	Al Hussein	500L Water tanks	201	1,220
Abyan	Modyah	Water purification filters	212	996
	Khanfir	20L Jerry Cans	100	512
Aden	Khor Maksar	500L Water tanks	172	1,204
Al Jawf	Rajuza and Barat Al Anan	500L Water tanks	600	4,200
TOTAL:			1,892	11,425

Since the beginning of the crisis, 810,540 (340,427 women, 364,743 men, 56,738 girls and 48,632 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.

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

During the reporting period, IOM distributed 800 NFI/Shelter kits to 5,600 IDPs (2,352 women, 2,520 men, 392 girls and 336 boys) in Al Barh and At Taizzyah districts in Taizz governorate, 400 NFI/Shelter kits to 2,800 IDPs (1,176 women, 1,260 men, 196 girls and 168 boys) in Rajuza and Bart Al Anan districts in Al Jawf governorate, and 100 NFI/Shelter kits to 700 IDPs (294, women, 315 men, 49 girls and 42 boys) in Al Buraiqa district, Aden governorate. The

NFI/Shelter kits contained sleeping mats, blankets, mosquito nets, water buckets, IOM carrying bags, jerry cans, kitchen sets, plastic sheets and ropes.



IDPs in Rajuza and Bart Al Anan districts received non-food items during an IOM distribution in Al Jawf governorate. © IOM 2016 (Photo: IOM Yemen)

To date, IOM has assisted 82,716 IDPs in Abyan, Aden, Al Dhale'e, Hadhramaut, Hajjah, Lahj, Al Mahrah, Sa'adah, Shabwah, Socotra and Taizz governorates with shelter and NFI support.

#### Health

IOM's mobile health clinics continued providing health assistance including primary health care, immunization, health promotion, and mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) to IDPs and conflict-affected populations in Abyan, Aden, Al Dhale'e, Hajjah, Al Hudaydah, Sa'adah, Sana'a, and Shabwah governorates. During the reporting period, a total of 16,979 individuals (5,733 women, 3,276 men and 7,970 children) received primary health care assistance, 12,545 individuals (4,950 women, 2,707 men and 4,888 children) participated in health promotion sessions, and 124 individuals (52 women, 20 men and 52 children) benefited from IOM's MHPSS services. Additionally, 658 women and 938 children were immunized.

Additionally, IOM supported health facilities in Abyan (Al Razi Hospital) and Aden ('22 May' Hospital) by providing health assistance to 3,944 IDPs and other conflict-affected persons (892 women, 983 men and 2,069 children).

Furthermore, through the Outpatient Therapeutic Program (OTP) for acute malnourished children under 5 years and Pregnant and Lactating Women, IOM treated a total of 582 pregnant and lactating women and 490 children in Abyan, Al Dhale'e and Shabwah. In addition, through the OTP, 438 women and children were vaccinated, and another 1,700 children were treated as per Integrated Management of Childhood Illnesses (IMCI) guidelines.



Since the beginning of the crisis, 347,347 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.

#### **Protection**

In Aden and Sana'a, 4,327 children (1,631 girls and 2,696 boys) participated in health and psychosocial activities such as drawing; puppet theatre; awareness sessions about personal hygiene; information sessions on the risks of irregular migration; psychosocial sessions in IOM's Child Friendly Spaces (CFSs). Since the beginning of the crisis, 21,546 individuals have benefitted from activities provided at the CFSs.

#### **Assistance to Migrants in Yemen**

In July, IOM evacuated 600 Ethiopian migrants (90 women, 339 men, 171 children) by boat from Al Hudaydah, Yemen to Obock, Djibouti. All migrants were provided with NFIs and were also medically screened before their departure. As of 31 July, IOM has evacuated a total of 6,053 migrants by air (1,967) and sea (4,086) from Yemen.

During the reporting period, 832 migrants (92 women, 407 men, 15 girls and 318 boys) were identified and registered by IOM teams in Aden, Al Hudaydah, and Sana'a. Additionally, during the reporting period, IOM distributed NFI and dignity kits that addressed the specific needs of men and women to 2,254 migrants (108 women, 1,630 men and 516 children) in Aden, Al Hudaydah, and Sana'a. The men received kits containing futahs (Yemeni traditional sarong), towels, t-shirts, underwear, sandals, bars of soap, washing powder, soap dishes, petroleum jelly, and toothpaste, and the women were provided with jalabias (women's dress), abayas, scarves, towels, underwear, sandals and sanitary pads, bars of soap, washing powder, toothpaste, and hair oil.

As of 31 July, there are currently 383 migrants (84 woman, 125 men and 174 children) living with foster families or hosted at IOM's Migrant Response Points (MRPs) in Aden, Al Hudaydah, and Sana'a. During the reporting period, 1,597 migrants (117 women, 975 men and 505 children) received daily food assistance (hot meals and snacks) from IOM. Since the beginning of the crisis, IOM has provided 9,525 migrants in Aden, Al Hudaydah, and Sana'a with daily food assistance.

In July, IOM conducted five awareness-raising sessions covering topics such as the risks of irregular migration, the situation in Yemen, and services provided by IOM at MRPs, human trafficking, and personal hygiene. A total of 2,038 individuals (329 women, 1,411 men and 298 children) including migrants, host community members and other stakeholders in Aden, and Al Hudaydah attended the sessions.

IOM continues to provide health assistance included primary health care, MHPSS, and health promotion services to migrants in Aden, Al Hudaydah, Lahj, Sana'a, and Shabwah governorates. Between 1 and 31 July, IOM reached a total of 540 migrants (69 women, 326

men, 7 girls and 138 boys) at the MRPs in Aden and Al Hudaydah through primary health care assistance, and 288 migrants (29 women, 61 men, 7 girls and 191 boys) through mental health and psychosocial support.

Furthermore, IOM's mobile health team in Al Hudaydah continued patrolling the coastal areas on a daily basis and reached 17 newly arrived migrants (14 men and 3 boys) with primary health care assistance. IOM's mobile health team in Lahj reached 161 newly arrived migrants (82 men and 79 boys) with primary healthcare. On 18 July, IOM launched a new patrolling mobile health clinic in Shabwah reaching out to newly arrived vulnerable migrants along the coastal area crossing three districts: Mayfa'a, Habban, and Radhum. During the reporting period, the patrolling team reached 73 newly arrived vulnerable migrants (66 men and 7 boys) with primary health care assistance.

In Sana'a, through the clinic, primary health care assistance was provided to 31 vulnerable migrants (5 women, 20 men, 1 girl and 5 boys), and 10 vulnerable migrants (1 woman, 8 men and 1 boy) benefitted from MHPSS services.



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

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#### Arrivals in Djibouti

To date, 36,162 people (6% Djiboutian returnees, 40% migrants and 54% Yemenis) fleeing the conflict in Yemen have arrived in Djibouti. Since the beginning of the crisis, IOM has provided 6,849 migrants of 29 nationalities with emergency shelter, food, NFIs, documentation facilitation, medical care, and onward transportation assistance (OTA).

Between 1 and 31 July, IOM received 600 Ethiopian nationals evacuated from Al Hudaydah on IOM-chartered boats, and provided them with accommodation at the Migrant Reception Center (MRC) in Obock. Upon arrival, the newly evacuated migrants were provided with food, NFIs, and medical assistance at the MRC in Obock. On 22 and 27 July, IOM provided 364 migrants with OTA to the Galafi border post to return to Ethiopia. To date, IOM has provided 5,926 migrants with OTA to their countries of origin.



In addition, IOM's MRC in Obock continues to receive walk-in cases requesting OTA to return to their home countries. During the reporting period, IOM registered 94 stranded Ethiopian migrants including 13 unaccompanied children requesting assistance to return to their country of origin. Currently, there are 76 migrants hosted at IOM's MRC.



#### Arrivals in Somalia

Since March 2015, 32,684 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 9,908 people with OTA from Bosaso (Puntland) and Berbera (Somaliland) to their areas of origin, and has medically screened and treated 3,073 individuals, including 77 referrals.

During the month of July, 227 persons (52 females and 175 males) including 59 children fleeing the conflict in Yemen arrived at 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. During the reporting period, IOM provided 133 individuals (65 females and 68 males) with OTA to Afgoye, Galkayo, Garowe, Hargeisa, Jowhar, Kismayo, and Mogadishu.

#### Arrivals in Ethiopia

During the reporting period, IOM provided transportation and post-arrival assistance to 439 Ethiopians (90 females and 349 males) including 150 unaccompanied children returning to Ethiopia from Obock, Djibouti. After crossing the Galafi border, the returnees were provided with transportation assistance from the border crossing point to IOM's transit center in Addis Ababa, where they were provided with temporary accommodation, food, water, NFIs, and medical assistance; the unaccompanied children were provided with family tracing and reunification assistance in collaboration with UNICEF and the Ministry of Women and Children Affairs. Additionally, 289 returnees (83 females and 206 males) were provided OTA to return to their areas of origin, majority travelling to Amhara, Tigray and Oromia regions.

As of 31 July, 1,659 Ethiopians (249 females and 1,410 males) including 329 unaccompanied children have returned from Yemen having transited through Djibouti. All returnees have been provided with accommodation and other post-arrival assistance including emergency medical care, transportation assistance and family tracing and reunification.

IOM staff assisting returnees to offload their luggage upon arrival to their final destination. © IOM 2016 (Photo: IOM Ethiopia)



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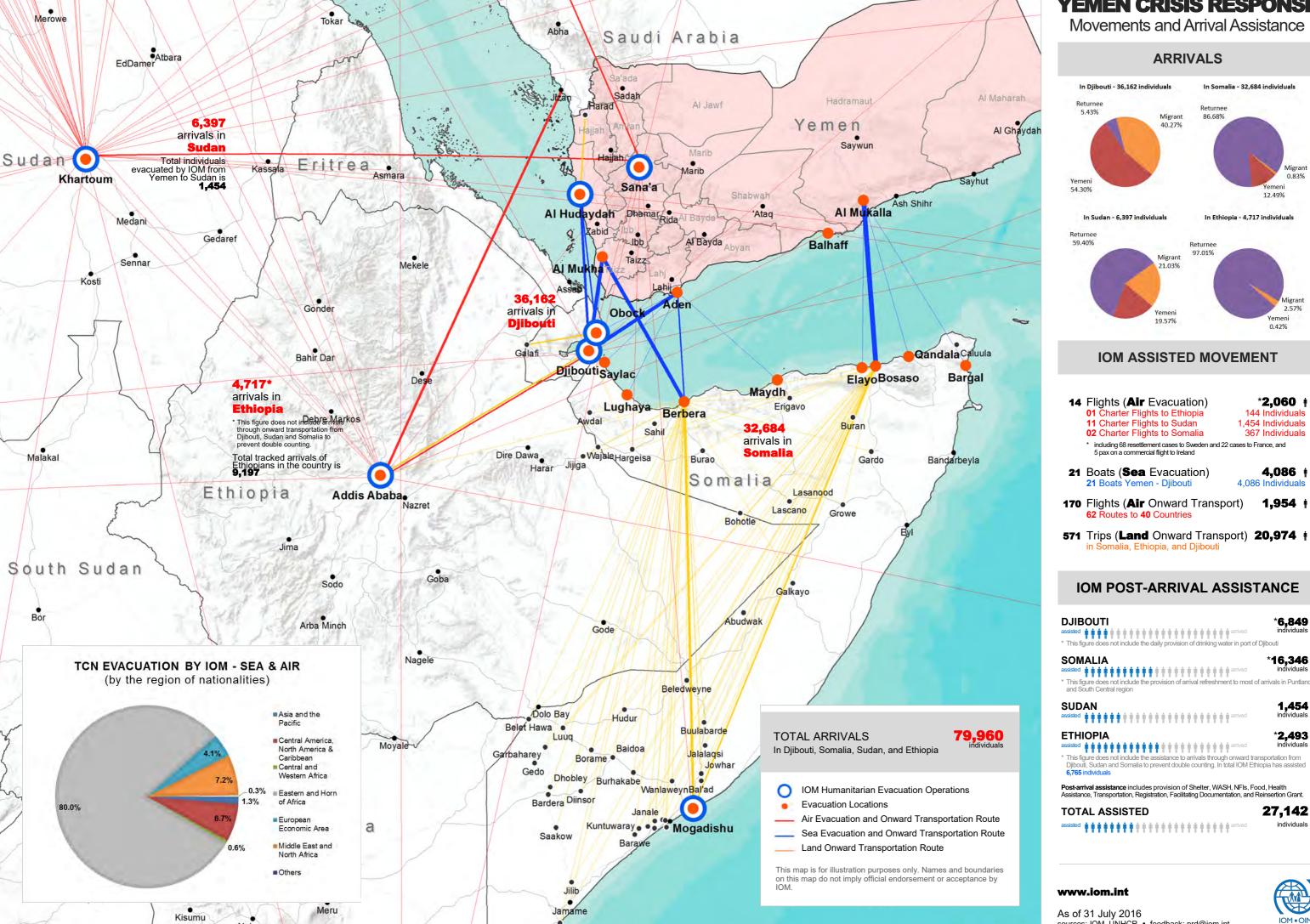




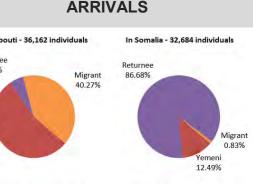


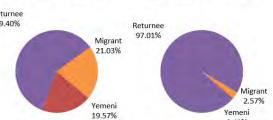






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