

DJIBOUTI

INTER-AGENCY UPDATE FOR THE RESPONSE TO THE YEMEN SITUATION #17

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KEY FIGURES

2,589

Refugees registered since the outbreak of the Yemen crisis

1,074

Registered females.

872

Registered children and adolescents.

PRIORITIES

- Ensure protection of refugees and provide assistance.
- Provide documents to refugees
- Work with the government to ensure registration of newly arrived refugees.
- Continue to develop the infrastructure at the Markazi camp.

HIGHLIGHTS

- According to the latest available statistics from IOM and the Djibouti government, 23,360 persons of mixed nationalities have arrived in Djibouti as of 18 August (since 26 March). Of those, 10,673 persons (46%) are Yemeni nationals, 10,847 (46%) are transiting Third Country Nationals and 1,840 persons (8%) are Djiboutian returnees.
- As of 20 August, UNHCR and ONARS (the government refugee agency) registered 2,589 refugees, thereof 2,440 Yemeni nationals (since 31 March). According to the provisional statistics, 1,916 refugees are registered in Obock and are mainly hosted at the Markazi camp (1,867 of those are Yemenis).

Population of concern

A total of **2,589** people of concern

Nationality	0-4 years		5-11 years		12-17 years		18-59 years		60 years+		TOTAL
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
Yemen	105	109	154	162	150	140	985	514	52	69	2,440
Syria	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	3
Iraq	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	3
Palestine	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	5
Somalia	2	3	9	10	4	5	18	37	3	6	97
Eritrea	4	0	2	2	5	3	13	7	0	1	37
Pakistan	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	4
Total	111	113	166	174	159	149	1024	562	55	76	2,589

All figures are provisional and still subject to change.

UPDATE ON ACHIEVEMENTS

Operational Context

Since the escalation of the Yemen conflict in March 2015, some 1,789,779 persons have been affected. Some 1,439,118 people have been displaced inside Yemen since 27 March. As of 05 August, some 100,661 individuals have left Yemen and sought refuge in Djibouti, Somalia, Ethiopia, Sudan, Oman and Saudi Arabia.

Yemenis applying for asylum in Djibouti are hosted in the Markazi camp in Obock, four kilometers away from Obock city, the capital of the region. All boats carrying people fleeing fighting in Yemen are rerouted to the Port of Obock. Yemeni nationals are requested to stay in Obock, except for persons with a valid visa for third countries, ongoing visa petitions, air tickets or resident permits in Djibouti or other countries.

Achievements

Protection

Achievements and Impact

- From 12 to 18 August, three boats arrived at Obock port with 309 passengers aboard. Of these 309 individuals, 266 are Yemenis, 41 are third country nationals. 15 individuals sought asylum.
- From 12 to 18 August, the UNHCR/ONARS team registered 56 individuals.
- Eight Best Interest Assessments were prepared for eight unaccompanied minors/separated children (UAM/SC). To date, there are 12 UAMs and seven separated children in Markazi camp.
- From 11 August to 17 August, the Djiboutian Red Crescent (CRD) received 515 requests for restoring and maintaining family links through its services undertaken by 16 volunteers at the ports of Obock and Djibouti and at the MRC in Obock.
- UNHCR continues to provide assistance on a humanitarian basis to all Yemenis sheltered in Markazi camp, even if they have not registered with UNHCR.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- Individuals identified with protection needs (not in a position to stay in the camp), are provided with special shelter in Obock city. Nevertheless, there continues to be a need to find an alternative or refer these cases to Djibouti city.

Education

Achievements and Impact

- Registration for catch-up classes started in Obock through UNHCR partners LWF and Al Rahma. Furthermore, eight teachers were recruited for the Education in Emergencies (EiE) programme in Obock covering nine years of primary schooling.
- The summer programme with Caritas for children aged 5-11 in Obock continues as well as the informal playtime sessions held on Sundays in Markazi camp.
- The English classes held at the Obock Community Centre, provided to 30 young adults from Markazi and conducted by the American Military Humanitarian branch continue to take place every week. UNHCR provides transportation from and to Markazi camp.

 Health

Achievements and Impact

- Ophthalmological consultations were organized by the Ministry of Health in Obock benefiting 47 refugees and 33 patients from host communities.
- From 11 to 17 August, Djibouti Red Crescent volunteers provided assistance to 60 individuals (33 female and 27 male) at the port of Djibouti. Eight first aid volunteers operate daily at the Port of Djibouti and Markazi camp.

 Food Security and Nutrition

Achievements and Impact

- Monthly nutrition screening was conducted from 17 to 19 August among refugees and host communities targeting children 6-59 months, pregnant women and lactating women. Analysis is ongoing and the results will be approved within a week.
- Al-Rahma Association continues to provide 3 meals a day to refugees in Markazi camp. UNHCR supports with in-kind donations, transport and distribution of meals.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- The National Nutrition Programme (PNN) continues to research cases of abandonment and referrals not admitted to hospital. There are a total of 90 children still missing, 12 children affected by Moderate Acute Malnutrition and 51 at-risk.

 Shelter and NFIs

Achievements and Impact

- UNHCR Obock elected a team formed of refugees who would be responsible for managing the camp environment, making sure it is clean and free of waste.
- UNHCR Obock began consultation and sensitization campaigns with refugees regarding the new shelters donated by the Qatari Red Crescent (Refugee Housing Units). These activities will continue on a regular basis in Markazi camp.
- On 18 August, the Djibouti Red Crescent distributed NFIs to 13 new households who arrived at the port of Obock.

Water and Sanitation

Achievements and Impact

- A household assessment was conducted to identify the correct and continuous use of the water treatment tablets known as Aquatabs. The results of the assessment revealed that 38% of households are correctly and continuously using Aquatabs; 22% of households are correctly but not continuously using the product; 9% of households are continuously but not correctly using Aquatabs; 25% of households are reluctant to use them because of what they believe to be a suspicious impact on health; and 6% of households were not aware of the product. Sensitization campaigns are ongoing with the involvement of refugee volunteers to ensure acceptance, and correct and continuous use of the product.
- The Djiboutian Red Crescent continues to sensitize refugees on hygiene promotion in Markazi camp. These include sensitization on hand washing, use of latrines and environment management.

Working in partnership

- On 16 August, Humanitarian Coordinator and UNHCR Representative in Yemen, Mr Johannes van der Klaauw visited Markazi camp to get an overview of the current situation of Yemeni refugees in Obock. Mr Van der Klaauw was able to spend some quality time in the camp, talking to refugees and learning about their concerns. He also visited the IOM Migrant Response Centre and talked to returning migrants who had just arrived from Yemen.
- Djibouti hosted a joint IOM/UNHCR Regional workshop on 18 and 19 August in preparation of the Regional Refugee and Migrant Response Plan which will be developed by the office of the Regional Refugee Coordinator for the Yemen situation to address the protection needs and assistance in receiving countries and will cover the period from October 2015 to December 2016. The workshop brought together government counterparts, UNHCR, UNICEF, WHO, WFP and IOM representatives from Yemen, Djibouti, Ethiopia, Somalia, Sudan and Saudi Arabia. UNHCR and IOM headquarters staff participated in the workshop in addition to partners, donors and representatives of embassies in Djibouti. Outcomes will be shared soon.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

- Agencies are very grateful for the financial support provided by donors who have contributed to their activities with non-earmarked and broadly earmarked funds as well as for those who have contributed directly to the operation.



Humanitarian Coordinator and UNHCR Representative in Yemen, Johannes Van Der Klaauw, visits the IOM Migration Response Center in Obock, Djibouti. ©UNHCR/S. Malaguti, August 2015.

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