

DJIBOUTI

INTER-AGENCY UPDATE FOR THE RESPONSE TO THE YEMEN SITUATION #16

15 August 2015

KEY FIGURES

2,551

Refugees registered since the outbreak of the Yemen crisis

1,063

Registered females.

860

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 statistics from IOM and the Djiboutian government, 22,555 persons of mixed nationalities have arrived in Djibouti as of 11 August (since 26 March). Of those 10,402 persons (46%) are Yemeni nationals, 10,314 (46%) are transiting Third Country Nationals (TCNs) and 1,839 persons (8%) are Djiboutian returnees. Yemenis applying for asylum in Djibouti are hosted in the Markazi camp in Obock.
- As of 15 August, UNHCR and ONARS (the government refugee entity) registered 2,551 refugees, thereof 2,410 Yemeni nationals (since 31 March). According to the provisional statistics, 1,887 refugees are registered in Obock and are mainly hosted at the Markazi camp (1,838 of those are Yemenis).

Population of concern

A total of **2,551** 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	104	107	150	161	150	140	968	509	52	69	2,410
Syria	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	3
Iraq	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Palestine	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	5
Somalia	1	3	7	9	4	3	18	35	3	6	91
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	109	111	160	172	159	149	1005	555	55	76	2,551

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 1,617,205 persons have been affected. Some 1,267,590 people have been displaced inside Yemen since 27 March. As of 29 July, some 99,615 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 6 to 11 August, 2 boats arrived at Obock port with 104 passengers aboard. Of these 104 individuals: 53 are Yemenis and 51 are TCNs. None sought asylum.
- From 6 to 11 August, 13 refugee attestations and 16 individual refugee cards were distributed to Yemeni refugees.
- Through collaboration between IOM and the Danish Refugee Council (DRC), focus group discussions were conducted in Obock with Ethiopian migrants evacuated from Yemen to understand how the conflict in Yemen is affecting migrants and their needs.
- From 4 to 10 August, the Djiboutian Red Crescent received 767 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.

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 is a need to find an alternative or refer these cases to Djibouti city.

Education

Achievements and Impact

- Thirty young adults from Markazi continue to attend their weekly English language classes at the Obock Community Centre. The classes are given by the American Military Humanitarian branch and UNHCR provides transportation.
- The Summer Programme for children aged 5-11 continues to take place at the CARITAS school in Obock as well as the informal playtime sessions held on Sundays in Markazi.

Health

Achievements and Impact

- Basic healthcare is being provided at Markazi camp by partner African Humanitarian Action (AHA). Cases in need of specific treatment are being referred to the Centre Médical Hospitalier (CMH) Obock where care is provided by the Ministry of Health with UNICEF support.

- From 6 to 11 August, AHA performed 78 consultations to patients in the camp clinic. Six patients complained of diarrhea.
- A refrigerator has been installed in the vaccination department of CMH Obock with WHO support. A second refrigerator and hospital bed have been installed in the health centre at Markazi refugee camp.
- On 06 August, a small team from UNFPA visited CMH Obock and the health centre at Markazi camp. UNFPA sensitized the midwives and one doctor on how to use the Reproductive Health Kit (also known as the post-rape kit). There are several kits in store at the CMH in case of need.
- UNFPA also assessed the operating theatre at the CMH and is in the process of recruiting additional staff to provide the equipment for an emergency obstetric care unit which will be available for the refugees and the host population in Obock.
- The Djiboutian Red Crescent (CRD) continues to sensitize refugees on hygiene promotion in Markazi camp. These include sensitization on hand washing, use of latrines and environment management. In July 2015, some 1,033 persons were sensitized on hygiene promotion at the port of Djibouti and 1,292 at Markazi camp.



Food Security and Nutrition

Achievements and Impact

- Johanniter continues to ensure malnutrition screening for all under-5 refugee children, pregnant women and lactating mothers. Children suffering from acute malnutrition or at risk of malnutrition are being referred to the CMH Obock where they are provided with the necessary treatment and care by the Ministry of Health with UNICEF support.
- Seven community actors from Johanniter have been trained by UNICEF on the screening and prevention of malnutrition, and on simple family practices which are essential to promote mother and child health (handwashing, exclusive breastfeeding up to 6 months, etc.). Communication materials, both in Arabic and French, have been shared by UNICEF and will be used to raise awareness both in Markazi camp and Obock city.

Water and Sanitation

Achievements and Impact

- The WASH Working Group along with the Health Working Group are joining the bi-monthly meetings organised by the Nutrition Sub-Working Group in Obock. This platform allows an exchange of information on issues which are strongly related and seeks to improve the effectiveness and impact of the actions undertaken by these groups.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- As concerns regarding the quality of the water in the camp persist, the WASH Working Group has conducted a joint mission to Markazi camp to assess the situation and identify immediate actions. These include: the development of a communication plan to sensitise Yemeni refugees on the utilisation of water treatment products and of a protocol for cleaning-up the water truck and bladders.



Shelter and NFIs

Achievements and Impact

- UNHCR is working with the Al Rahma Association to expand the child friendly area in Markazi camp.
- The refugee population is currently concentrated in sectors 1, 2 and 3 of Markazi camp with individuals mainly originating from Aden and Sana'a. Refugees from Bab Al Mandab are progressively returning to Markazi.

Working in partnership

- On 9 August a delegation from the Qatari Red Crescent visited Markazi Camp. On 10 August a delegation from the World Bank visited Markazi Camp. Both delegations visited the camp in order to understand the current situation of Yemeni refugees in Obock.
- UNHCR Senior Disabilities Advisor has arrived to Djibouti She is on mission for three weeks (9 to 27 August) to meet with persons with specific needs and conduct workshops with staff and community workers in Djibouti-ville, the two camps in Ali Sabieh and in Markazi.
- UNHCR Regional Refugee Coordinator is co-organising with IOM a regional workshop in Djibouti from 18-20 August to formulate strategies, objectives and indicators in order to define a coordinated refugee and migrant regional response plan for the Yemen situation for the period October 2015-March 2016.
- Emergency Relief Coordinator, USG Mr. Stephen O'Brien, gave a debriefing session on his four day visit to Yemen. UNDP Djibouti hosted a press conference on 13 August where local and international media were provided with the opportunity to understand the gravity of the crisis in Yemen, and the funding needs to reach the population in need, in addition to the role of the UN and humanitarians on the ground in Yemen.

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.



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