



DJIBOUTI

INTER-AGENCY UPDATE FOR THE RESPONSE TO THE YEMEN SITUATION #36

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HIGHLIGHTS

- According to the latest available statistics from IOM and the Djibouti government, 33,243 persons of mixed nationalities have arrived in Djibouti as of 02 March 2016 (since 26 March 2015). Of those, 18,866 persons (57 per cent) are Yemeni nationals, 12,416 (37 per cent) are transiting migrants and 1,961 persons (6 per cent) are Djiboutian returnees.
- As of 29 February 2016, UNHCR and ONARS registered 6,784 refugees of which 6,559 are Yemeni nationals; the majority was registered in Obock. There are a total of 3,287 refugees sheltered in Markazi refugee camp. The remaining refugees live in Obock and Djibouti city.

KEY FIGURES

6,784

Refugees registered since the outbreak of the crisis

2,865

Registered females.

2,545

Registered children and adolescents.

PRIORITIES

- Ensure protection of refugees and asylum seekers and provide assistance.
- Provide documents to refugees.
- Work with the government to ensure access to territory and freedom of movement.
- Continue to develop the infrastructure at Markazi camp.
- Continue border monitoring activities.

Population of concern

A total of **6,784** persons 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	341	357	489	480	430	370	2420	1350	146	176	6,559
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	1	0	1	1	2	0	0	5
Somalia	4	9	12	12	5	11	30	65	3	9	160
Eritrea	4	1	2	2	5	3	14	8	0	1	40
Pakistan	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	4
Ethiopia	1	1	2	0	0	1	2	2	0	0	9
Sudan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Total	350	369	506	494	440	386	2474	1430	149	186	6,784

All figures are provisional and still subject to change.

UPDATE ON ACHIEVEMENTS

Operational Context and Migration

ONARS, the government agency responsible for refugees, celebrated its 38th anniversary on 21 February. A delegation of Yemeni refugee community leaders and representatives took part in the celebration that was held in Ali Addeh, the Somali refugee camp south west of Djibouti. This was a fruitful opportunity to represent their community and to meet with refugees from other camps in Djibouti.

A delegation of 15 donors hosted by IOM visited Markazi camp on 21 February as part of a three-day mission to Djibouti. The delegation consisted mostly of representatives of European and Scandinavian countries in addition to the USA and Japan. The delegation met with community representatives and discussed education and youth opportunities in addition to the needs of Yemeni refugees and challenges they face especially in light of the upcoming hot weather conditions.

UNHCR Representative met with refugees and community leaders of Markazi Camp in Obock on 23 February. They discussed the concerns and needs of the refugee population. Many were concerned about the forthcoming Khamaseen season and were calling for new leadership elections. The concerns have been taken into consideration and an inter-agency meeting involving all partners is planned to be held with the refugees towards the end of March.

Protection

Achievements and Impact

- From 16-29 February, UNHCR and ONARS registered 87 individuals (45 families) in Obock and Djibouti city. The total number of refugees at Markazi camp has now reached 3,287 individuals (1,157 families). Furthermore, as at 29 February, a total of 1,153 urban refugees were registered in Djibouti city.
- During the reporting period, UNHCR distributed 22 refugee identity cards and 16 family attestations to refugees in Obock; additionally, 40 refugee identity cards and 47 family attestations were distributed to refugees in Djibouti City.
- As part of its activities to maintain family links, the Djibouti Red Crescent (CRD) offers phone call services to new arrivals and refugees so that they can call and reassure their families abroad. From 15-26 February, 170 refugees in Markazi camp (100 females, 70 males) benefitted from the service.

Health

Achievements and Impact

- From 15-29 February, 634 refugees were treated at the Africa Humanitarian Action (AHA) clinic in Markazi Camp mostly suffering from communicable diseases such as the common cold and diarrhea.
- From 14-18 February, AHA organized a door-to-door sensitization campaign on HIV and reproductive health. Around 290 households were sensitized.
- The Mother and Child Health Unit continues to provide family planning services for refugees through the support of UNFPA. During the reporting period, 27 women received family planning and prenatal consultations.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- The presence of an ambulance in Markazi camp continues to be a need. The ambulance available at the regional hospital in Obock is not always available and takes a long time to reach the patients.

Education

Achievements and Impact

- Primary classes for grades 1-7 continue to take place at Al Rahma school on a daily basis. During the last week of February, 303 students out of the total 328 enrolled students attended classes. The attendance figures differ every week; however they have lately gone up after several awareness campaigns conducted by Lutheran World Federation (LWF) on the importance of schooling.
- During the last week of February, LWF enrolled 46 pupils out of 91 students who were out of school. The 46 pupils were enrolled in grades 3-7.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- Grades one and two of Al Rahma school have reached their full capacity. Discussions with Al Rahma are taking place to divide the two grades into two classes each in order to accommodate more numbers especially from the remaining out-of-school children.

Food Security and Nutrition

Achievements and Impact

- WFP conducted its monthly food ration distribution on 21 and 22 February. A total of 2,695 refugees in Markazi camp and Obock town benefitted from the distribution.
- AHA sensitized 414 households on community malnutrition management from 21-25 February. A total of 293 children were also screened for malnutrition in the community and as a result two children were admitted to the moderate acute malnutrition programme.
- The Charitable Society for Social Welfare (CSSW) distributed 620 food baskets to refugees in Markazi camp on 17-18 February.

Water and Sanitation

Achievements and Impact

- The Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) has finalized the construction of 202 latrines in Markazi camp, including seven for partners operating in the camp. An additional two latrines were constructed at the port of Obock.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- Water shortages in Obock remain a concern. Though there were no shortages during the week of 21 February, precautions for the summer and for possible water cuts will need to be taken. At present NRC trucks water from the nearby village of Oulma when it is not available in Obock in order to provide the refugee population with 20 litres per day per person.
- Mobilizing the refugee community for garbage disposal continues to be a challenge. Two camp-cleaning campaigns, organized by NRC, take place every week.

Shelter and NFIs

Achievements and Impact

- NRC is currently finalizing the construction of 37 showers in Markazi camp. The showers contain a filtering area so that drained water can be used for gardening. The design has been approved by the Danish Refugee Council and FAO. Furthermore, NRC has finalized the construction of 90 kitchens, each serving two families.

Camp Coordination and Camp Management

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- The provision of electricity and ventilation in the camp in preparation for the upcoming hot season continue to be a challenge in Markazi camp. UNHCR and ONARS continue to appeal to partners and donors after the previous provider of kerosene cut short the donation for financial reasons. In the meantime, ONARS provides three hours of electricity during the evening for the illumination of the camp.

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.

The web portal for the Yemen Crisis is available on <http://data.unhcr.org/yemen>. This portal, co-lead by IOM and UNHCR, provides a regional overview as well as specific information on conditions and activities regarding the Yemen situation at the country level. Countries include Ethiopia, Djibouti, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Somalia and Sudan. The site enables sharing of data on population and movements, maps, recent assessments, agency/NGO specific reports, the latest funding information and quick links to a variety of partner websites.



Making and flying kites is the children's favourite pastime in Markazi camp. They make beautiful kites out of left over bags and pieces of string. ©UNHCR/A.Abdelkhalek, Feb 2016.

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