

DJIBOUTI

INTER-AGENCY UPDATE FOR THE RESPONSE TO THE YEMENI SITUATION #32

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HIGHLIGHTS

- According to the latest available statistics from IOM and the Djibouti government, 30,606 persons of mixed nationalities have arrived in Djibouti as of 09 December (since 26 March). Of those, 16,691 persons (55 per cent) are Yemeni nationals, 11,996 (39 per cent) are transiting migrants and 1,919 persons (6 per cent) are Djiboutian returnees.
- As of 15 December, UNHCR and ONARS registered 6,179 refugees of which 5,963 are Yemeni nationals; the majority was registered in Obock. There are a total of 2,829 refugees sheltered in Markazi refugee camp. The remaining refugees live in Obock and Djibouti city.

Population of concern

A total of **6,179** 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	302	321	455	444	382	344	2159	1258	132	166	5,963
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	4	9	12	11	5	11	29	62	3	9	155
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	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	5
Sudan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Total	310	332	471	457	392	360	2211	1335	135	176	6,179

All figures are provisional and still subject to change.

KEY FIGURES

6,179

Refugees registered since the outbreak of the crisis

2,660

Registered females.

2,322

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.

UPDATE ON ACHIEVEMENTS

Operational Context and Migration

As the year 2015 ends and further to the nine months of conflict in Yemen, which pushed thousands of nationals and refugees to flee and seek asylum in Djibouti, UNHCR, in close collaboration with the Djiboutian authorities, continues to perform its border monitoring activities on a daily basis. The current trends reveal an increase in boats arriving from Aden during the last weeks, being the only accessible port to Djibouti. Some smaller boats also arrive on the coastal areas of Moulhoule and Khor-Angar where UNHCR and ONARS are also present to assist new arrivals.

UNHCR in Obock also advocates with immigration officials and local authorities on a case-by-case basis for Yemenis who are transiting in Djibouti on their way to other countries. Few such cases are amongst the new arrivals from Aden and do not wish to register as refugees since they do not intend to remain in the country.

During the reporting week, UNHCR received visits from the European Commission (ECHO) and the Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration (BPRM) in addition to the first secretary of the Embassy of Sweden accompanied by NRC. These missions were aimed to monitor the current situation of refugees in Markazi camp as well as in other camps hosting Somali, Ethiopian and Eritrean refugees.

Since 26 March, IOM Djibouti has assisted 4,658 migrants with emergency shelter and food, non-food items, medical assistance and Onward Transportation Assistance (OTA). This number includes 2,257 persons evacuated on IOM chartered boat from Yemen and 95 persons evacuated on IOM chartered flight from Yemen to Mogadishu via Djibouti.

From 03 December to 09 December, IOM received 40 migrants requesting assisted voluntary return to Ethiopia including 10 unaccompanied children and two persons requiring medical assistance. Together with eight migrants already hosted at the Migrant Response Centre (MRC) in Obock, they were transported to the Ethiopian Embassy in Djibouti for documentation on 09 December and transferred to the Galafi border post on 10 December.

A total of 3,938 migrants have been assisted with onward transportation to date.

IOM Djibouti continues to raise awareness on the dangers related to irregular migration and on the current situation in Yemen. During the reporting week, a total of 186 migrants including 42 women and 26 unaccompanied children were sensitized on the dangers of irregular migration and around 75 members of the host community were sensitized on human trafficking.

The MRC in Obock received an in-kind donation from DFID composed of hygiene, dignity and shelter kits for 1,000 individuals to assist vulnerable migrants and for contingency planning in case of any rescue at sea operations.

Protection

Achievements and Impact

- From 08 to 15 December, UNHCR and ONARS in Obock registered 28 individuals (19 families). The total number of refugees at Markazi camp has now reached 2,829 individuals (884 families). Furthermore, as at 15 December, a total of 1006 urban refugees were registered in Djibouti city.
- During the reporting week, some 60 refugees benefitted from the Djibouti Red Crescent's (CRD) phone call services at the port of Djibouti to restore and maintain family links.

 Health

Achievements and Impact

- Some 321 refugees were treated at the AHA clinic in Markazi from 08 to 14 December. They included 29 girls and 43 boys under five years of age; 14 girls and 20 boys aged 5-14 years; and 88 female and 127 male adults.
- Some 16 women in Markazi camp benefitted from gynecologic consultations in collaboration with UNFPA during the reporting period.
- After ophthalmological consultations, AHA distributed eye glasses to 146 refugees in Markazi camp on 13 and 14 December.

 Education


Achievements and Impact

- Primary classes for grades 1-7 organized by LWF continue to take place at the Al Rahma orphanage on a daily basis. In total, 328 students attend the classes. They are transported from Markazi camp to Al Rahma by UNHCR.
- The informal secondary school for students of grades 10 and 11 taught by voluntary refugee parents continues within the camp of Markazi through the support of UNHCR. In total, 40 students attend these classes.

 Food Security and Nutrition

Achievements and Impact

- The forthcoming dry food distribution by WFP is scheduled to take place on 20 December. The distribution will target the refugees in Markazi camp and in Obock town.
- The Nutrition Unit in Markazi camp is currently caring for 30 children with severe acute malnutrition (17 girls and 13 boys) and 38 children with moderate acute malnutrition (20 girls and 18 boys). The management of cases of malnutrition is being provided according to the National Nutrition Programme with the support of the *Centre Medical Hospitalier* (CMH) in Obock, UNICEF and WFP.
- The SENS nutrition survey which took place in Markazi camp during the reporting period was completed on 14 December. The results which showed the following rates are cause for concern: the global acute malnutrition rate (GAM) is at 25.5%, the severe acute malnutrition rate is at 5.6% and the chronic malnutrition (stunting) rate is at 50%.

 Water and Sanitation

Achievements and Impact

- The Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) constructed 3 platforms for water reservoirs to facilitate the water distribution to the community.
- All 60 latrines have been completed in Sector Four in addition to four supplementary latrines, latrines for partners in the camp and two additional latrines at the port of Obock.
- On 09 December, CRD distributed hygiene kits to 21 persons at the port of Djibouti. These included nine kits for men, eight for women and four baby kits.
- The Danish Refugee Council continues to lead the weekly camp cleaning campaigns at Markazi camp. The plan from now on is to hold the campaigns every two weeks.

Identified needs and remaining Gaps

- Since the decommissioning of the full latrines of Sector One were not efficient, 10 latrines have been marked for downgrading. They will be replaced by new latrines.



Different stages of latrine construction at Markazi Camp. ©NRC/December, 2015.

Shelter and NFIs

Achievements and Impact

- UNHCR and ONARS began the distribution of Refugee Housing Units (RHUs) in Markazi camp on 15 December. Some 33 RHUs have been distributed so far with priority to refugees who were present in the camp from the beginning of the crisis and residing in Sectors One and Two. RHUs were also distributed to new arrivals who had been temporarily hosted by refugees from their place of origin.
- An additional 21 vulnerable refugees (four families) with medical cases who were residing in Arta under the care of the NGO Yomna, were transferred to Markazi camp by ONARS and were accommodated in four RHUs. Upon arrival to Markazi camp, these families received water, energy biscuits and NFI kits. They were given medical check-ups and provided with an exceptional food distribution by WFP to cover the few days before the mass distribution of rations.
- Some 33 kitchens have been completed and four are still under construction.
- The prototype for a shower is expected to be constructed during the forthcoming reporting week.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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The new 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.

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