

DJIBOUTI

INTER-AGENCY UPDATE FOR THE RESPONSE TO THE YEMENI SITUATION #31

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HIGHLIGHTS

- According to the latest available statistics from IOM and the Djibouti government, 30,578 persons of mixed nationalities have arrived in Djibouti as of 03 December (since 26 March). Of those, 16,667 persons (55 per cent) are Yemeni nationals, 11,994 (39 per cent) are transiting migrants and 1,917 persons (6 per cent) are Djiboutian returnees.
- As of 07 December, UNHCR and ONARS registered 6,136 refugees of which 5,923 are Yemeni nationals; the majority was registered in Obock. There are a total of 2,801 refugees sheltered in Markazi refugee camp. The remaining refugees live in Obock and Djibouti city.

Population of concern

A total of **6,136** 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	300	321	453	444	379	344	2135	1251	132	164	5,923
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	28	60	3	9	152
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	308	332	469	457	389	360	2186	1326	135	174	6,136

All figures are provisional and still subject to change.

KEY FIGURES

6,136

Refugees registered since the outbreak of the crisis

2,649

Registered females.

2,315

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

The United Nations Country Team (UNCT) in Djibouti visited Markazi camp on 06 December. The UNCT which consisted of the representatives of all the United Nations agencies in Djibouti headed by the Resident Coordinator were present. They were accompanied by partners working on the ground including ONARS, Africa Humanitarian Action (AHA), the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) and the Danish Refugee Council (DRC). The UNCT made a courtesy call to the Governor of Obock's office where they discussed means of cooperation, achievements and challenges. They then visited Markazi camp and with the community leaders of the four sectors and women health workers from the refugee community discussed the situation in Yemen and the concerns and priorities of the refugees. The UNCT saw the new developments in the camp such as the nutrition unit, the latrines of Sector Four, the newly built kitchens under construction and the Refugee Housing Units. After Markazi camp, the UNCT visited the IOM Migrant Response Centre (MRC) and were given a briefing of the situation of migrants passing through Djibouti whether on their way into or out of Yemen.



The Djibouti UN Country Team discuss the priorities and concerns of Yemeni refugee community leaders in Markazi Camp. ©UNHCR/A.Abdelkhalek. Dec. 2015

Since 26 March, IOM Djibouti has assisted 4,618 migrants with emergency shelter and food, non-food items, medical assistance and Onward Transportation Assistance (OTA).

From 26 November to 02 December, IOM received 14 Ethiopian migrants requesting assisted voluntary return to Ethiopia. There are currently 45 migrants including nine unaccompanied children hosted at the Migrant Response Centre (MRC) in Obock and waiting to be transported to the Ethiopian Embassy in Djibouti for documentation before travelling to Ethiopia. In the meantime, they receive shelter, food, documentation and medical assistance from IOM. Furthermore, on 01 December, 37 migrants were transported to the Ethiopian embassy in Djibouti City for documentation. They too will be provided with OTA to the Galafi border post where they will be able to continue their journey onwards to Ethiopia.

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 146 migrants including 34 unaccompanied children were sensitized on the dangers of irregular migration and around 60 members of the host community were sensitized on human trafficking.

Protection

Achievements and Impact

- From 01-07 December, UNHCR and ONARS in Obock registered 48 individuals (39 families). The total number of refugees at Markazi camp has now reached 2,801 individuals (865 families). Furthermore, as at 07 December, a total of 992 urban refugees were registered in Djibouti city.

- On 02 December, UNHCR in Obock conducted a one day protection induction training. In total, 18 members from UNHCR and partner NGOs participated in the training. The training gave a brief overview on protection issues, UNHCR's mandate and the people under that mandate, in addition to the rights and responsibilities of refugees.
- From 01 to 04 December, some 393 refugees benefitted from the Djibouti Red Crescent's (CRD) phone call services at Markazi camp and the ports of Obock and Djibouti to restore and maintain family links.
- On 30 November, the Charitable Society for Social Welfare (CSSW) conducted a two-day training on social and psychosocial support. UNHCR attended and monitored the training.



Health

Achievements and Impact

- Some 265 refugees were treated at the AHA clinic in Markazi from 01 to 07 December. They included 22 girls and 30 boys under five years of age.
- The HIV/AIDS awareness week was held from 29 November to 03 December in close collaboration with AHA. Soccer tournaments were held bringing together teams from the refugee community, the humanitarian workers, and youth from Obock city; advocacy, voluntary HIV/AIDS testing and HIV/AIDS sensitization sessions were organized with the involvement of community leaders.
- The first gynecologic consultations benefitting six women in Markazi camp took place on 02 December in collaboration with UNFPA. The gynecologist will hold weekly consultations in the camp for ease of access to reproductive health services in light of the distance between Markazi and Obock hospital.
- The CRD volunteers at Markazi camp and the port of Obock provided first aid services to 17 persons during the reporting period.



Food Security and Nutrition

Achievements and Impact

- The Nutrition Unit in Markazi camp is currently caring for 23 children with severe malnutrition and 34 children with moderate malnutrition. 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.
- On 5 December, UNHCR began the implementation of a Standardised Expanded Nutrition Survey (SENS). The SENS will be implemented in Markazi camp and Obock town through the guidance of a nutrition team from Geneva and Djibouti. It is worthy to note that a SENS nutrition survey is an essential process in describing the nutritional health of refugees in a standardized way and it allows UNHCR and partners to react swiftly to urgent problems. AHA was among the partners attending the training and conducting the survey.
- On 30 November, CSSW conducted a food basket distribution for refugees in Markazi camp and in Obock town. In total 4,000 individuals benefitted from the distribution.

Water and Sanitation

Achievements and Impact

- Further to the water testing and analysis conducted the previous reporting week by the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) where it was found that water contamination is at the household level, NRC, through its hygiene promoters conducted a sensitization campaign involving messages, common practices and solutions for better water hygiene.
- During the reporting week, NRC also cleaned the water distribution point of Sector Three and sensitized the community on environment management. Furthermore, NRC plotted the passage of water and levelled the drainage system to avoid water stagnation.
- A total of 60 latrines have been completed in Sector Four in addition to three supplementary latrines. An extra five latrines were constructed for partners working in the camp.
- On 04 December, CRD distributed hygiene kits to 36 persons at the port of Djibouti.



UNCT visit the water distribution points in Markazi camp and talk to the refugees. ©UNHCR/A. Abdelkhalek. Dec. 2015.

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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.



United Nations Country Team pose for a group photo at the IOM Migrant Response Centre after a fruitful visit to Obock. ©UNHCR/A. Abdelkhalek. 6 Dec.2015.

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