





KEY FIGURES

 **22.2M**
People in need

 **2M** IDPs
89% of IDPs displaced for more than a year

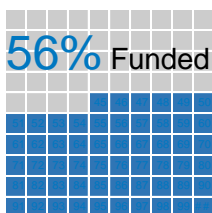
 **956k**
IDP returnees

CRIs 1M
recipients of CRIs since March 2015

 **279k**
refugees and asylum seekers

 **\$198.7M**
requested in 2018

\$111M received as of 17 July 2018



OPERATIONAL UPDATE

The United Nations Secretary General's Special Envoy to Yemen, Martin Griffiths, has continued with his diplomatic efforts to find a solution to the conflict in Yemen, with the hope of restoring peace and stability in Al Hudaydah. During the reporting period, the situation in Hudaydah city was relatively calm owing to a pause in military operations. However, clashes intensified in At Tuhayat and Zabid districts of Hudaydah city in the second week of July and intermittent airstrikes and shelling continued in Sa'ada and Taizz.

The protection of civilians continues to be threatened in Al Hudaydah by indiscriminate attacks, as fighting has spilled over into urban areas. According to the latest UN Refugee Agency-led (UNHCR) Civilian Impact Monitoring Project (CIMP) report, the number of civilian impact incidents in Al Hudaydah rose by 78 per cent (16 incidents) from 5-11 July, as the fighting entered more populated areas. Some 88 per cent of these incidents were recorded in the At Tuhayat and Zabid districts of the governorate, which resulted in 59 civilian casualties, double than that of the previous week. The incident with the largest potential protection implication occurred in At Tuhayat, where the main water tanks supplying the city were reportedly damaged, affecting as many as 14,424 households. The CIMP report also indicated that 50 per cent of the incidents were caused by airstrikes, followed by shelling.

The Head of UNHCR's Aden sub-office visited Kharaz Camp with the Governor of Lahj, Chief Security Lahj and Chief of the Security Belt on 5 July. UNHCR, in partnership with the Governor, inaugurated a water project in the village adjacent to the camp, to benefit host community members. In relation to the registration and documentation of all refugees residing in Lahj Governorate, the Governor expressed his support for the issuance of identification documents for refugees.



A displaced family receives cash assistance in Aden. Photo: UNHCR

IDP Response

UNHCR continues to work closely with humanitarian partners to respond to the displacement from Al Hudaydah and surrounding areas. The Agency is delivering life-saving shelter and protection/referral services to displaced families at the Humanitarian Service Points (HSPs), Transit Sites and Collective Centres in Al Hudaydah city and other governorates.

As of 13 July, humanitarian partners have verified 35,000 displaced households from Al Hudaydah governorate since the offensive officially began on 13 June. Humanitarian partners have also supported some 20,000 of these displaced families with rapid response assistance.

UNHCR, through partner Jeel Al Bena distributed CRIs to 2,274 displaced families and Enhanced Emergency Shelter Kits (EESK) to 1,146 families in Hudaydah city, Al Marawi'ah and Ad Durayhimi. In Ibb, UNHCR through the Yemen Women's Union (YWU), distributed CRIs to 94 families and to 86 families in At Ta'iziyah in Taizz. Further to this, UNHCR distributed kits consisting of solar lamps, sleeping mats, water buckets, and plastic sheets through Nahda Makers Organization (NMO) to 1,000 families displaced in the Al Khawkhah and Hays districts of Al Hudaydah as well as to 250 families in Aden. UNHCR through INTERSOS provided cash for rental subsidies to over 100 displaced families in Aden, Lahj and south Taizz. The CRIs and shelter support have offered the families critical household items and temporary shelter, until a longer-term solution can be found. With a large number of civilians fleeing Al Hudaydah to Sana'a, UNHCR through its partners distributed CRIs to 761 families and EESKs to 135 families in Dhamar, Amran and Amanat Al Asimah, targeting the most vulnerable newly displaced families. On 11 July, UNHCR's partner ADRA in Sana'a commenced distribution of rapid response packages to over 5,000 displaced families from Al Hudaydah who are now sheltering with host families or renting accommodation.

To cope with the recent influx of displaced persons to Sana'a, UNHCR and its partner ADRA are taking the lead in managing the Abu Bakr Transit Site, and are managing a total of

nine schools/shelters where 270 displaced families from Al Hudaydah are residing. Mobile teams have been created to facilitate registration and delivery of assistance. The service points provide registration, protection referral services, Immediate Rapid Response packages of dry food, CRIs, and have a complaint desk in place.

UNHCR, through its partners, also provides protection/referral services, verification, protection assessment, legal consultations and psychosocial support to displaced families at the transit sites, schools and in community centres in Al Hudaydah city, Sana'a, Sa'ada and Aden.

To reaffirm the importance of Protection principles, on 9 July, UNHCR's Protection team organized a training session for partners in Sa'ada and Al Jawf. The training focused on concepts of protection, importance of IDP protection, protection rights of IDPs, community-based protection networks and the code of conduct for its members.

Refugee Response

On 3 July, the Migration and Refugee Studies Centre (MRSC), a research institute affiliated to Sana'a University and established by UNHCR, celebrated World Refugee Day in collaboration with officials and dignitaries from various ministries and authorities in Yemen.

Unfortunately, the number of cholera cases reported in urban areas around Aden has rapidly increased since mid-June. UNHCR continues to carry out active case finding, hygiene promotion and cholera awareness campaigns through community health workers as well as in close cooperation with the local health authorities. In addition, from 29 June to 13 July, UNHCR provided 6,440 refugees, asylum-seekers and Yemenis in Kharaz camp and in Basateen with health services and health awareness sessions.

As part of the ongoing verification exercise for refugees in Kharaz camp, some 932 households have been verified so far; representing 3,089 individuals. UNHCR has trained Immigration, Passport and Naturalisation Authority (IPNA) staff to carry out the verification exercise, which has been ongoing for some months now.