

DJIBOUTI

OPERATIONAL UPDATE

26 August 2015

HIGHLIGHTS

- As of 23 August, UNHCR Obock registered 1,026 families / 1917 refugees. A total of 1,868 refugees registered in Obock come from Yemen.
- On 21 August, UNHCR Representative in Somalia, Ms. Bushra Halepota visited Markazi camp to get an overview of the current situation of Yemeni refugees in Obock.

KEY FIGURES

2,590

Refugees registered since the outbreak of the crisis

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.

Population of concern

A total of 2,590 people of concern

Nationality	0-4 yrs		5-11 yrs		12-17 yrs		18-59 yrs		60 yrs+		TOTAL
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
Yemen	105	109	154	162	150	140	986	514	52	69	2441
Syria							3				3
Iraq							3				3
Palestine			1			1	1	2			5
Somalia	2	3	9	10	4	5	18	37	3	6	97
Eritrea	4		2	2	5	3	13	7		1	37
Pakistan		1					1	2			4
Grand Total	111	113	166	174	159	149	1025	562	55	76	2590

All figures are provisional and still subject to change.

UPDATE ON ACHIEVEMENTS

Border monitoring

- According to statistics from IOM and the Djiboutian government as of 23 August, 23,459 persons of mixed nationalities have arrived in Djibouti since 26 March. Of those, 10,754 persons (46%) are Yemeni nationals, 10,864 (46%) are transiting Third Country Nationals and 1,841 persons (8%) are Djiboutian returnees.
- From 19 to 24 August, 5 boats arrived at Obock port with 354 passengers aboard. Of these 354 individuals, 250 are Yemenis, while 104 are TCNs. Three individuals sought asylum.

Achievements and Impact

- Notwithstanding UNHCR's counselling at all stages and in the absence of other alternatives to be offered either by IOM or the local authorities, UNHCR will continue to provide assistance on a humanitarian basis to Yemenis sheltered in Markazi but no registered with the organization.
- IOM assisted 132 Ethiopian migrants to return voluntarily to their country by providing them transport to the Djibouti/Ethiopian border.
- IOM began documenting the 250 migrants that it evacuated by boat from Al Hudeidah on August 18. Overall 259 travel documents are ready for migrants at the centre, and IOM will transport them to Galafi on 26 and 27 August.
- The Ethiopian embassy transported 65 migrants to Djibouti city to interview and document them, and on 23 August Ethiopian consular officials arrived at the MRC to interview and document all migrants there.
- A delegation from UNAIDS visited the MRC.

Achievements

Protection

Achievements and Impact

- From 19 to 24 August, the UNHCR/ONARS team registered seven families of 16 individuals.
- UNHCR Obock is in close contact with the local authorities to ensure birth registration procedures are followed.
- UNHCR will begin the distribution of asylum brochures at Obock Port to outline key messages on asylum modalities.
- In partnership with the Danish Refugee Council, IOM organized a two-day workshop on mixed-migration, covering issues related to protection, the smuggling of migrants, trafficking in human beings, rescue at sea operations and first aid.

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, given the high cost of the rent UNHCR Obock have been paying so far, there is a strong need to find an alternative or refer these cases to Djibouti.

Education

Achievements and Impact

- LWF proceeded with the registration of refugee children who will attend primary school and college at the Al-Rahma Orphanage. As of 22 August, 107 children had been registered.
- Catch up classes led by LWF began on 24 August at the Al- Al-Rahma Orphanage.
- With schools set to reopen in September after recess, the "summer" programme with Caritas will end on 30 August in order to avoid any duplication.



Food Security and Nutrition

Achievements and Impact

- From 17 to 19 August Johanniter, in collaboration with the National Nutrition Programme, carried out the monthly nutrition screening for children aged 6 to 59 months. Altogether 40 children, 24 girls and 16 boys were screened. While the results showed neither malnutrition nor edema, seven children are at risk of malnutrition. Five pregnant women and lactating mothers were screened, with none of them presenting signs of malnutrition.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- The Al-Rahma Association has stopped providing dinner to refugees in Markazi, however Yemeni refugees in the camp continue to receive two hot meals on a daily basis. Refugees continue to request additional support, notably in the form of cash assistance to complement the meals.
- Following numerous complaints from refugees that they were no longer receiving WFP food rations, UNHCR requested WFP to undertake sensitization campaigns in Markazi camp to explain its mandate and the fact that WFP cannot distribute rations while refugees receive hot meals.



WFP, UNHCR and ONARS staff conduct awareness campaigns in Markazi to explain WFP mandate and food-related issues, August 2015. ©UNHCR/J. Gahire

Water and Sanitation

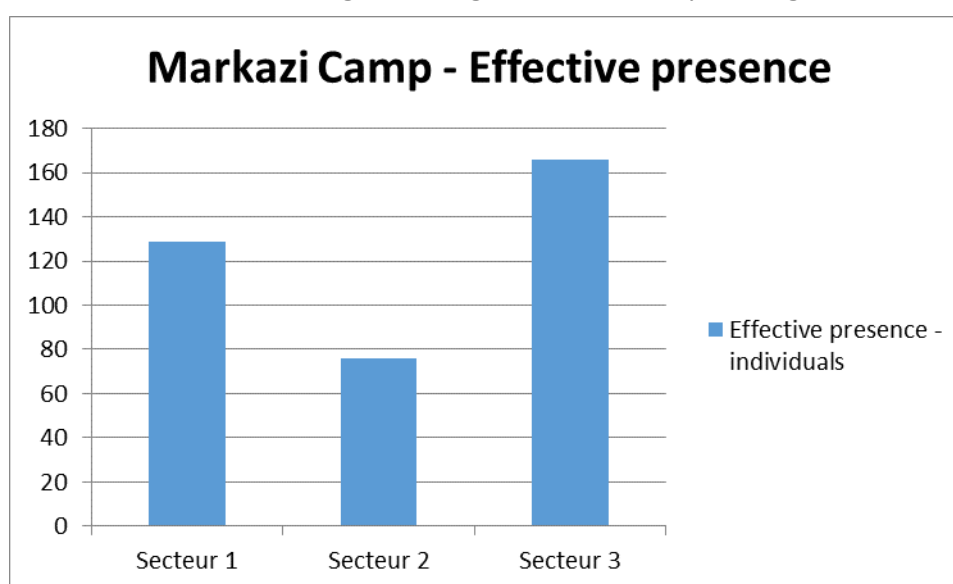
Achievements and Impact

- JOHANNITER in collaboration with UNICEF integrated with nutrition screening a small survey on WASH practices and hand washing sensitization from tent to tent, which reached 26 families. 18 out of 26 families (69.2%) declared that they treated their drinking water by using aquatabs. However the remaining 8 families have not yet received aquatabs since they are new comers. All of the 26 surveyed refugee households said that they are using shared latrines.
- The construction of incinerators for waste management is making progress since JOHANNITER launched it again on 16 August.
- JOHANNITER in collaboration with Direction Hydraulique Rurale organized training on "Water Improvement in Markazi Refugee camp" for Johanniter community workers and as well as those from other NGOs. The training was held in Obock Community Development Centre on Tuesday 25 August. This theoretical part will be followed by the cleaning and maintenance of the three bladders from 25 to 30 August.
- IOM has begun upgrading the MRC and building the base for two water tanks with cooling system to provide cold water for migrants. An asylum seeker waiting for registration has been receiving assistance in the MRC for three weeks.

Shelter and NFIs

Achievements and Impact

- In preparation for the arrival of the Refugee Housing Units (RHU), on 19 August, UNHCR Obock undertook an initial mapping exercise to establish concrete camp population figures. While results will be verified in the coming week, initial findings show that, at the time of writing, 371 refugees are effectively residing in Markazi Camp.



- As demonstrated in the above graph, Sector 2, whose residents originate in Bab-El-Mandeb, remains the least populated. Nevertheless it is also important to highlight that refugees from Bab-El-Mandeb have expressed an interest in returning to Markazi, therefore camp population figures may change in the coming weeks.

Prior to the arrival of the 300 Refugee Housing Units, UNHCR will conduct a training session from 1 to 3 September in Obock for refugees and labourers who will be involved in the construction of the RHUs.