



# YEMEN CRISIS REGIONAL RESPONSE

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## Highlights

IOM's physician examining migrants in Al Basateen, Aden governorate. © IOM 2015 (Photo: IOM Yemen)

■ As of 28 October, IOM has assisted 2,060 migrants with air evacuation, including 90 resettlement cases to Sweden (68) and France (22).

■ To date, over 21,000 individuals in Abyan, Aden, Al Dhale'e, and Ibb governorates have received shelter assistance.

■ Since the beginning of the crisis, IOM has provided 12,140 individuals with onward transportation assistance from Djibouti and Somalia to their areas of origin.

## Situation Overview

In Taiz city, there are reports of shelling of civilian areas during the reporting period. Houthi forces have established checkpoints around the city, which has led to a de facto blockade (source: OHCHR, 23 October 2015). On 24 October, the Yemen Humanitarian Coordinator released a statement on the dire humanitarian situation in Taiz city highlighting that its population is in critical need of food, water, medical aid and other life-saving services.

IOM is active in a number of clusters in Yemen including shelter, WASH, protection, health, and the multisector response for migrants and refugees, which it co-coordinates with UNHCR and other humanitarian partners. At present, the Humanitarian Country Team in Yemen is compiling the Humanitarian Needs Overview and Humanitarian Response Plan, which will provide the strategic framework for humanitarian interventions in the country for the coming year. IOM has been working to ensure that vulnerable migrant and IDP populations are adequately represented in these plans. Figures for displacement included in the Humanitarian Needs Overview were drawn from the 5th report of the Task Force for Population Movement (TFPM), which was established on 20 April 2015 by the Protection Cluster and is co-led by UNHCR and IOM. IOM covers 11 governorates of Yemen for the TFPM.

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## IOM RESPONSE

### HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITIES IN YEMEN

#### Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)



Since the start of the conflict, 172,846 IDPs (72,595 women, 77,781 men, 12,099 girls and 10,371 boys) have benefitted from IOM's WASH activities.

#### Aden

From 22 to 28 October, IOM distributed 7,000 liters of water on a daily basis to four water sites in Khur Maksar, for the benefit of 467 individuals.

IOM is currently rehabilitating the water network of Al Jumhooria Hospital and Aden Faculty of Medicine. This will improve access to water for about 3,000 individuals. The water network rehabilitation of these two facilities includes the replacement of old pipes, faucets, latrines, and the installation of 18 new water tanks (8 tanks of 3,000 liter capacity, 5 tanks of 5,000 liter capacity, and 5 tanks of 500 liters capacity). IOM is also rehabilitating a small portion of the sewage network of the Faculty of Medicine building (mainly extending new sewage pipes to the general network). Furthermore, the rehabilitation works of 26 submersible water pumps are ongoing, with 70% of the work completed to date.

#### Abyan

In the past week, IOM trucked a total of 115,000 liters of water to 17 water sites in Khanfir, including six new water sites, reaching 7,666 individuals.

In Zinjubar district, IOM has expanded its water trucking services to 13 new water sites. As a result, a total of 11,888 individuals in 35 sites have improved access to safe water. A total of 172,000 liters of water are trucked to these sites daily.

Moreover, IOM trucked 3,200 liters of water to Lawder Hospital in Lawder district, benefitting 160 individuals, and trucked 70,600 liters of water to 15 water sites, reaching 4,706 individuals.

#### Al Dhale'e

IOM continued providing 13,000 liters of water to Al Nasr Hospital reaching approximately 400 individuals. IOM also provided 64,800 liters of water to the 18 water sites in Al Dhale'e city, and 64,000 liters of water to six water sites in Al Hussein district.

#### Lahj

During the reporting period, IOM continued to provide 64,000 liters of water to four water sites in Al Hawtah district, benefitting 4,267 individuals.

#### Shelter and Non-Food Items (NFI)

To date, 21,731 individuals (9,127 women, 9,779 men, 1,521 girls and 1,304 boys) have received shelter assistance in Abyan, Aden, Al Dhale'e, and Ibb governorates.



Fighting between armed groups near villages on the border of the Mukayras and Lawder district earlier this month displaced hundreds of families from the area, pushing them further south into Lawder district. In response to the sudden influx of IDPs in Lawder, IOM has successfully distributed 470 kits to 3,290 individuals, and will distribute an additional 280 kits in the coming days.

In the past week, construction of five refrigeration boxes for fishing communities, as well as five sun shades to protect the refrigeration boxes resumed as the activity was suspended when the clashes started in March. The boxes are used to store



fish before transportation into the market. The five refrigeration boxes have been constructed, and works on the sun shades construction have reached 90%; 1,200 fishermen are expected to benefit from the refrigeration boxes.

## Health

To date, 2015, 39,625 IDPs and conflict affected populations in Abyan, Aden, Al Dhale'e, Hajjah, Al Hudaydah, Sana'a, and Shabwah have been provided with the most needed health assistance including emergency health care and primary health care.

### *Abyan, Al Dhale'e and Shabwah*

Between 22 and 28 October, through IOM's Community-Based Management of Acute Malnutrition program, 146 Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM) cases (79 females and 67 males) and 44 Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) cases (30 females and 14 males) were treated. Additionally, reproductive health care services were provided to 46 pregnant and 162 lactating women.

Through Integrated Management of Childhood Illness (IMCI), 587 children (265 girls and 322 boys) were provided with essential primary health care, and 112 children (67 girls and 45 boys) were vaccinated.

In the past week, IOM began conducting awareness-raising campaigns in Zinjubar and Khanfir districts (Abyan) for students and local communities about dengue fever, malaria and diarrheal diseases. A total of 1,597 people (452 women, 440 men, 363 girls and 342 boys) attended the awareness sessions.



IOM's health promotion team distributed mosquito nets after hygiene awareness sessions, Abyan. © IOM 2015 (Photo: IOM Yemen)

### *Al Hudaydah*

IOM is providing primary health care to IDPs and host communities through two mobile clinics. During the reporting period, healthcare was provided to 494 IDPs (127 women, 121 men, 113 girls and 133 boys).

## Assistance to Migrants in Yemen

In the past week, six individuals of Palestinian (4), Eritrean (1) and Ethiopian (1) nationalities were evacuated by air from Sana'a to Stockholm for their further resettlement to Sweden. Since April 2015, IOM has assisted 2,060 migrants, including 90 resettlement cases to Sweden (68) and France (22) to leave Yemen through 14 flight rotations. Eleven of those flights were organized from Sana'a to Khartoum (Sudan), one flight left Sana'a for Addis Ababa (Ethiopia) and two flights left for Mogadishu (Somalia). IOM has also organized 12 boat rotations evacuating a total of 2,257 migrants by sea from Al Hudaydah port in Yemen to Obock Port in Djibouti.

In Al Hudaydah, IOM is hosting 17 Nigerian migrants at the newly established Migrant Response Point (MRP) who have expressed interest to return to Nigeria. IOM is considering arranging further evacuation rotations, although financial constraints make this difficult at the present time.

During this period, 61 migrants (11 women, 25 men, 15 girls and 10 boys) in Al Hudaydah were provided with emergency health care.

In response to the increasing numbers of migrants in Al Hudaydah, IOM is establishing new premises in the area. Prefabricated offices and supplies have been brought down from Sana'a, and IOM is in the process of bringing the new premises up to the necessary security standards.

The rehabilitation of water and sanitation facilities at the mosque was completed during the reporting period. IOM rehabilitated eight toilets and 20 water taps, and installed a water cooler outside of the mosque to improve access to drinking water, and two water tanks on the roof of the mosque for storage.

IOM is also providing life-saving health care to migrants in Aden. During the reporting period, 69 medical cases (61 men and 8 boys) were provided with health care assistance.

IOM is in the process of re-establishing permanent premises to respond to the increasing numbers of migrants in Aden. IOM's MRP and clinic facilities in Basateen have suffered considerable damage; renovation of both premises is now underway.

Since the beginning of the crisis, 7,676 vulnerable migrants in Aden, Al Hudaydah and Sana'a have been provided with health assistance.

## ARRIVALS FROM YEMEN TO THE HORN OF AFRICA

Since the beginning of the crisis, 65,435 people have arrived in Djibouti, Somalia, Sudan and Ethiopia from Yemen.

### Arrivals in Djibouti

Since 26 March, 29,621 people (6% Djiboutian returnees, 40% migrants and 54% Yemenis) fleeing the conflict in Yemen, have arrived in Djibouti. To date, IOM has assisted 4,428 migrants including 2,257 individuals evacuated on IOM-chartered boats from Al Hudaydah and 95 people evacuated on IOM-chartered flights from Sana'a to Mogadishu via Djibouti.

In the past week, a Kenyan migrant who fled the violence in Yemen was provided with Onward Transportation Assistance (OTA) to return to Kenya. Additionally, 45 Ethiopian migrants including 17 unaccompanied children are requesting assistance from IOM to return to Ethiopia. The migrants are currently hosted at the Migrant Response Center (MRC) in Obock and will be documented by Embassy officials and receive OTA to the Galafi border in the coming days.

IOM continues to raise awareness on the dangers related to the irregular migration and on the current situation in Yemen. Last week, IOM carried-out awareness raising activities for the benefit of 127 migrants including 21 unaccompanied children.



IOM staff sensitizing migrants in Obock on the dangers of irregular migration, Djibouti. © IOM 2015 (Photo: IOM Djibouti)

### Arrivals in Somalia

Since the beginning of the crisis, 29,643 individuals (89% Somali returnees, 1% migrants and 10% Yemenis) have arrived in Somalia from Yemen. To date, IOM has provided 8,361 people with OTA from Bosaso and Berbera to their areas of origin.

**Puntland:** On 26 October, one boat arrived in Bosaso from Al Mukalla port in Yemen carrying 130 individuals (92 adults and 38 children) including Somali returnees (86), and Yemeni (41),

Ethiopian (1), Djiboutian (1) and Turkish (1) nationals. Among the 130 arrivals, 74 Somali returnees expressed their interest to return to their areas of origin and were provided with OTA to Mogadishu (50), Kismayo (12), Jowhar (4), Hargeisa (3), Qoryoley (2), Baidoa (1), Burco (1) and Erigavo (1).

**Somaliland:** On 22 October, one boat carrying nine Yemeni men arrived in Berbera from Al Hayma port. All arrivals were self-funded and departed for Hargeisa upon arrival, and were referred to UNHCR for assistance in Hargeisa.

On 28 October, another boat arrived from Al Hayma carrying five Yemeni nationals (1 woman and 4 children). IOM's medical team, screened the woman who was pregnant, and no referrals were needed. This caseload did not require OTA, and was referred to UNHCR for further assistance.

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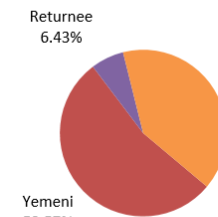


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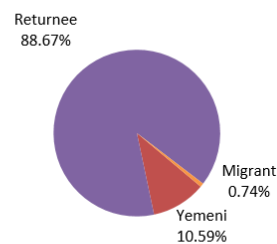
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### ARRIVALS

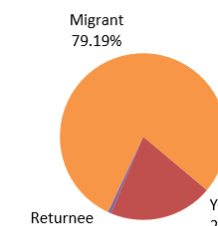
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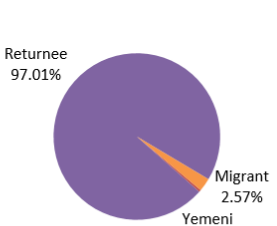
In Somalia - 29,643 individuals



In Sudan - 1,454 individuals



In Ethiopia - 4,717 individuals



### IOM ASSISTED MOVEMENT

**14 Flights (Air Evacuation)** **\*2,054** †  
01 Charter Flights to Ethiopia 144 Individuals  
11 Charter Flights to Sudan 1,454 Individuals  
02 Charter Flights to Somalia 367 Individuals

\* including 62 resettlement cases to Sweden and 22 cases to France, and 5 pax on a commercial flight to Ireland

**12 Boats (Sea Evacuation)** **2,257** †  
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**165 Flights (Air Onward Transport)** **1,948** †  
62 Routes to 40 Countries

**445 Trips (Land Onward Transport)** **17,335** †  
in Somalia, Ethiopia, and Djibouti

### IOM POST-ARRIVAL ASSISTANCE

**DJIBOUTI** **\*4,472** individuals  
assisted arrived  
\* This figure does not include the daily provision of drinking water in port of Djibouti

**SOMALIA** **\*14,417** individuals  
assisted arrived  
\* This figure does not include the provision of arrival refreshment to most of arrivals in Puntland and South Central region

**SUDAN** **1,454** individuals  
assisted arrived

**ETHIOPIA** **\*2,493** individuals  
assisted arrived  
\* This figure does not include the assistance to arrivals through onward transportation from Djibouti, Sudan and Somalia to prevent double counting. In total IOM Ethiopia has assisted 5,104 individuals

Post-arrival assistance includes provision of Shelter, WASH, NFIs, Food, Health Assistance, Transportation, Registration, Facilitating Documentation, and Reinsertion Grant.

**TOTAL ASSISTED** **22,836** individuals  
assisted arrived

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