



KEY FIGURES

6,048

Refugees registered since the outbreak of the crisis

2,629

Registered females.

2,297

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.

DJIBOUTI

INTER-AGENCY UPDATE FOR THE RESPONSE TO THE YEMENI SITUATION #30

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HIGHLIGHTS

- According to the latest available statistics from IOM and the Djibouti government, 30,395 persons of mixed nationalities have arrived in Djibouti as of 27 November (since 26 March). Of those, 16,513 persons (54 per cent) are Yemeni nationals, 11,966 (39 per cent) are transiting migrants and 1,916 persons (6 per cent) are Djiboutian returnees.
- As of 26 November, UNHCR and ONARS registered 6,048 refugees of which 5,846 are Yemeni nationals; the majority was registered in Obock. There are a total of 2,753 refugees sheltered in Markazi refugee camp. The remaining refugees live in Obock and Djibouti city.

Population of concern

A total of **6,048** 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	298	317	450	442	374	342	2082	1246	131	164	5,846
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	24	53	3	9	141
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	1	0	0	5
Sudan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Total	306	328	466	455	384	358	2129	1314	134	174	6,048

All figures are provisional and still subject to change.

UPDATE ON ACHIEVEMENTS

Operational Context and Migration

The number of registered refugees since the beginning of the Yemen crisis has now reached 6,048 refugees; almost half of whom are sheltered in Markazi camp. A new layout of Markazi camp has been designed, dividing the camp into 610 family plots of 10x15 meters, thus increasing the capacity of the camp which can now accommodate 3,010 refugees.

UNHCR hosted and chaired the field inter-agency coordination meeting on 24 November. All partners working on the ground participated and provided valuable inputs to coordinate the response in Markazi camp and Obock city. The meetings will take place every two weeks.

Since 26 March, IOM Djibouti has assisted 4,584 migrants. This number includes 2,257 persons evacuated on IOM chartered boats from Yemen and 95 persons evacuated on an IOM chartered flight from Yemen to Mogadishu via Djibouti.

During the reporting week, IOM received 10 migrants requesting assisted voluntary return to Ethiopia. There are currently 31 migrants including nine unaccompanied children hosted at the Migrant Reponse 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. A total of 3,851 migrants have returned to their countries of origin, to date.



IOM discusses with migrants the dangers of illegal migration. ©IOM/Nov. 2015.

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 172 migrants including 28 women and 12 unaccompanied children were sensitized on dangers of irregular migration and around 90 members of the host communities were sensitized on human trafficking.

IOM provided 400 mosquito nets at the MRC as part of their ongoing health activities aimed at preventing malaria and other vector related illnesses.

Protection

Achievements and Impact

- From 23 to 29 November, UNHCR and ONARS registered 27 individuals (15 families). The total number of refugees at Markazi camp has now reached 2,754 individuals (827 families). It is worth noting that the pace of arrivals has decreased in the past weeks. The boats continue to come from Yemen carrying Yemenis and migrants in transit; however only a few register with ONARS and UNHCR as refugees.
- As at 26 November, 953 urban refugees have registered in Djibouti city. The number of Yemenis who register are decreasing every week, which has led UNHCR and ONARS to conduct further sensitization campaigns to reach more people who might be willing to register.

- A protection working group in Obock was formed following a coordination meeting that took place on 13 October. The protection working group will coordinate the overall protection response and activities carried out by UNHCR and partners in Markazi camp and Obock city.
- From 24 to 27 November, some 75 refugees (27 females and 48 males) benefitted from the Djibouti Red Crescent's (CRD) phone call services at the port of Djibouti to restore and maintain family links.

Education

Achievements and Impact

- An informal lower secondary education programme has been organized for over 35 Yemeni adolescents in grades eight and nine. Volunteer teachers, mostly parents, have been mobilized among the refugee population to teach the classes which have been set up in Markazi camp in temporary learning spaces.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- There have been some difficulties in recruiting additional teachers to match the increasing number of students enrolling in school. UNICEF is looking into ways to support the Lutheran World Federation (LWF) responsible for recruiting the teachers, to cover a portion of the additional cost for incentives.

Health

Achievements and Impact

- Some 300 refugees were treated at the AHA clinic in Markazi from 24 to 30 November. They included 17 girls and 20 boys under five years of age. Furthermore, from 24 to 26 November AHA conducted home visits to ensure all children in the camp were vaccinated.
- Leading up to a week-long commemoration of World AIDS Day which falls on 01 December, an HIV/AIDS sensitization campaign began in Markazi camp on 29 November.
- During the reporting period, a tripartite meeting between ONARS, AHA and the World Assembly of Muslim Youth (WAMY), a Yemeni NGO, which is keen on assisting Yemeni refugees in Djibouti in terms of healthcare. The outcome of this meeting will be tripartite agreement to be finalized during the forthcoming week based on a series of meetings that explore areas of cooperation between the three organisations.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- In order to overcome challenges of patient transportation in Obock, a second ambulance has been requested by UNICEF and is expected to arrive in Djibouti by the end of December 2015.

Food Security and Nutrition

Achievements and Impact

- The Nutrition Unit in Markazi camp has registered 21 children with severe malnutrition and 33 children with moderate malnutrition. All the children in the program are progressing well and there have been no dropouts.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- A kitchen for the nutrition unit is urgently needed. Hot meals are currently prepared in a makeshift kitchen that poses significant challenges. Partners of the unit are working on expediting the construction of a new kitchen.



Water and Sanitation

Achievements and Impact

- The Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) has conducted a cleaning of the water distribution point in Sector One and analysed the water. Based on the analysis, bladders and the water tanker are clean, however there is water contamination at the household level. A sensitization campaign conducted by NRC, the Danish Refugee Council (DRC) and partners will therefore be launched regarding the cleaning of jerrycans, use of aquatabs, cleanliness of household items and handwashing.
- A total of 58 latrines have been completed in Sector Four. Each latrine serves two families, thus in total, 116 families will benefit from these latrines. Furthermore, a monitoring of the latrines of Sector One has been done; nine have required maintenance and three have been dislodged.
- Six water tanks, requested by NRC, with a capacity of 10,000 litres each, have reached Markazi camp and UNHCR has identified the locations where the tanks will be installed. These are expected to replace the current bladders and provide more water to the growing population in the camp.



Shelter and NFIs

Achievements and Impact

- The construction of four communal kitchens by NRC has been completed and 24 kitchens are currently under construction. Each kitchen covers the need of two families so in effect, kitchens for eight families have been completed, and 48 families will benefit from those so far under construction.

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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