



# YEMEN CRISIS REGIONAL RESPONSE

## INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION

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### Highlights

Hygiene kits donated by DFID were distributed to migrants at the MRC in Obock. © IOM 2015 (Photo: IOM Djibouti)

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■ As part of the 16 Days of Activism against Gender Based Violence campaign, IOM broadcasted messages in Aden, and conducted awareness-raising sessions in Al Hudaydah highlighting the campaign's theme (from peace in the home to peace in the world: make education safe for all).

■ On 9 December, IOM and UNHCR launched an inter-agency appeal to provide protection and humanitarian assistance to refugees, returnees and migrants fleeing the conflict in Yemen.

### Situation Overview

Airstrikes, shelling and armed clashes continue in the country particularly in Al Bayda, Dhamar, Ibb, Al Jawf Marib, Sana'a, Sadah, and Taizz.

On 8 December, Yemen's government said the country's warring sides are preparing to observe a week-long truce from 15 December while UN-mediated peace talks take place in Switzerland.

IOM and UNHCR launched an inter-agency appeal for USD 94,130,731 to provide protection and assistance, in 2016, to refugees, returnees and migrants fleeing the conflict in Yemen. The appeal was launched at a donors meeting in Nairobi on 9 December. Mr. Mohamed Abdulkarim A. Assad, Chargé d'affaires of the Embassy of Yemen in Kenya, was the guest of honor at the event that brought together ambassadors, donors and representatives from various organizations.

An estimated 80% of the population is in need of protection and assistance, including 2.3 million people internally displaced. Meanwhile around 170,000 Yemenis, refugees and migrants have fled to Djibouti, Ethiopia, Somalia, Sudan and some Gulf countries.

The interagency appeal aims to give nine participating agencies and 48 partners the capacity to continue delivering food, shelter, water, sanitation, protection, emergency education and other assistance to people arriving in the Horn of Africa from Yemen. It anticipates 164,000 arrivals by December 2016.

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## IOM RESPONSE

### HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITIES IN YEMEN

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

To date, 200,133 IDPs and conflict-affected persons (84,056 women, 90,060 men, 14,009 girls and 12,008 boys) have benefitted from IOM's WASH activities in Abyan, Aden, Al Dhale'e, Al Jawf, Hadhramaut, Ibb, Lahj, Sana'a and Shabwah governorates. On average, 15 liters of water per day are available per person from IOM's activities.



IOM's water trucking services supplied water to individuals in Al Hosen, Al Dhale'e governorate. © IOM 2015 (Photo: IOM Yemen)

Due to fuel shortages in the past week, IOM's water trucking services were suspended in most governorates including parts of Abyan (Khanfir and Zinjubar districts), Aden, Lahj and Taizz. However, IOM continued to provide water and implement other WASH activities in the below governorates:

#### Aden

IOM distributed 333 water tanks (500 liters) in Mualla, Dar Sa'ad and Ash Shaikh Outhman to 333 IDP households (approximately 2,331 individuals). Furthermore, sewage network rehabilitation works in Ash Shaikh Outhman, Attawahi, Al Mansoorah, Crater and Mualla districts were completed during the reporting period. The rehabilitation works included the clean-up of manholes and removal of blockages.

#### Abyan

Between 3 and 9 December, IOM trucked 3,200 liters of water on a daily basis to Lawder Hospital, reaching 160 individuals, and 48,400 liters to seven sites in the district, benefitting 3,227 individuals. In addition, IOM installed two water sites in Lawder and started to distribute 4,400 liters of water per site, benefitting a total of 586 individuals. Furthermore, IOM distributed 4,000 liters of water daily to Ahwar Hospital, Ahwar district.

#### Al Dhale'e

During the reporting period, IOM trucked 12,000 liters of water on a daily basis to Al Nasr Hospital in Al Dhale'e city, and provided a total of 85,500 liters of water to 24 sites in Al Dhale'e city and Al Hussein district, benefitting 5,700 individuals.

Moreover, IOM's hygiene promotion team conducted awareness sessions on handwashing and pollution in Jahaf and Al Dhale'e districts, reaching 2,986 individuals.

#### Shabwah

In the past week, IOM trucked 20,000 liters of water to Ataq Hospital and its kidney dialysis center, benefitting 750 individuals. Furthermore, IOM also trucked 53,000 liters of water on a daily basis to a community water tank in Ataq district, reaching 2,000 individuals.

In Mayfa'a district, IOM provided 25,000 liters of water to Azzan Hospital and its kidney dialysis center as well as a neighboring health facility, for the benefit of 530 individuals. In addition, IOM trucked 40,000 liter of water to three community water sites on a daily basis, reaching 2,266 individuals.

#### Health

As of 9 December, 55,127 IDPs and conflict-affected persons have benefitted from IOM's health assistance including emergency health care and primary health care in Abyan, Aden, Al Dhale'e, Hajjah, Al Hudaydah, Sana'a, Shabwah and Socotra Island. Additionally, 8,569 vulnerable migrants have been provided with health assistance in Aden, Al Hudaydah and Sana'a.



IOM health staff assist migrants in Al Basateen , Aden. © IOM 2015 (Photo: IOM Yemen)



*Sana'a*

IOM continues providing primary health care to IDPs hosted in schools, reaching 144 medical cases (39 women, 52 men, 28 girls and 25 boys) in the past week. Additionally, 30 individuals were provided with mental health and psychosocial support, and 23 individuals (1 woman, 6 men, 10 girls and 6 boys) attended health awareness sessions.

*Al Hudaydah*

IOM has continued providing primary health care to IDPs in Al Hudaydah. Through two IOM mobile clinics, health care was provided to 796 IDPs (224 women, 138 men, 216 girls and 218 boys) between 3 and 9 December.

**Assistance to Migrants in Yemen***Sana'a*

On 1 and 2 December, IOM facilitated a training with UNHCR on "Identification and Response for Children Survivors or at Risk of Trafficking and Smuggling". A total of 45 participants (24 women and 20 men) from the government and implementing partners attended the training.

During the reporting period, seven Ethiopian migrants (all male) hosted by a foster family, were provided with hygiene kits containing shampoo, body lotion, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes and laundry soap, and will be provided with winter clothes in the coming days. Furthermore, IOM's health team in Sana'a continues to conduct daily follow-up visits to five hospitalized medical cases as well as seven medical cases residing with foster families.

*Aden*

During the reporting period, 62 medical cases (43 men and 19 boys) were provided with health care assistance.

Additionally, as part of the 16 Days of Activism against Gender Based Violence campaign, IOM broadcasted messages through a private radio station four times a day in the past week. The three messages were: 1. Violence against women is a type of society terrorism that should be stopped; 2. Volunteering work represents a life to me and my society, and 3. All citizens, refugees, and migrants have equal rights as human beings.

*Al Hudaydah*

In the past week, 17 Ethiopian migrants (16 men and 1 boy) were identified and registered in the Migrant Response Point (MRP). The MRP in Al Basateen currently hosts 37 migrants (16 women, 13 men, 6 girls and 2 boys) from Nigeria (15) and Ethiopia (22), of which 12 are medical cases. During the reporting period, two medical cases were referred to a government hospital in the area for further treatment.

IOM is also providing life-saving health assistance to vulnerable migrants in Al Hudaydah. During the reporting period, 53 migrants (9 women, 38 men and 6 boys) were provided with emergency

health care, and 8 migrants were provided with mental health and psychosocial support.

In parallel to the activities conducted for the 16 Days of Activism against Gender Based Violence campaign in Aden, IOM staff conducted two awareness-raising sessions in Al Hudaydah. One session was facilitated in a prison targeting 400 migrants (136 women and 264 men) from Ethiopia (336), Eritrea (33) and Somalia (31). The second session was conducted in a private school, targeting 25 students (3 females and 22 males) and 10 female teachers. In both sessions, T-shirts and refreshments were distributed to participants, and short lectures and skits were presented highlighting the campaign's theme (from peace in the home to peace in the world: make education safe for all).

**ARRIVALS FROM YEMEN TO THE HORN OF AFRICA**

To date, 70,909 people have arrived in Djibouti, Somalia, Sudan and Ethiopia from Yemen.

*Arrivals in Djibouti*

Since the beginning of the crisis, 30,606 people (6% Djiboutian returnees, 39% migrants and 55% Yemenis) from Yemen have arrived to Djibouti. Since 26 March, IOM has assisted 4,658 migrants with emergency shelter, food, NFIs, medical assistance and Onward Transportation Assistance (OTA).

In the past week, eight Ethiopian migrants arrived at the Migrant Response Center (MRC) in Obock seeking assistance from IOM to return to their country of origin. There are currently 48 migrants hosted at the MRC who are receiving shelter, food, medical, and documentation assistance from IOM. On 4 December, IOM received in-kind donations from DFID in the form of hygiene, dignity, and shelter kits for 1,000 individuals for contingency planning in case of any rescue at sea operations, and also to assist vulnerable migrants. IOM has already distributed hygiene kits to 30 migrants in the MRC.

On 9 December, 40 Ethiopian migrants including 10 unaccompanied children were provided transportation assistance to the Ethiopian Embassy in Djibouti city to receive their documentation before receiving OTA to return to Ethiopia. A total

of 3,938 migrants have been assisted with onward transportation to date.

IOM continues to raise awareness on the dangers of irregular migration and on the current situation in Yemen. During the reporting period, a total of 186 migrants including 42 women and 26 unaccompanied children attended sessions on irregular migration, and approximately 75 host community members were reached through human trafficking sensitization sessions.

### *Arrivals in Somalia*

To date, 29,935 individuals (89% Somali returnees, 1% migrants, and 10% Yemenis) fleeing the conflict in Yemen have arrived in Somalia. As of 9 November, IOM has provided 8,533 people with OTA from Bosaso and Berbera to their areas of origin.

**Puntland:** In the past week, 11 Somali returnees (3 women and 8 children) who were hosted at UNHCR's reception center received OTA from IOM to return to Kismayo.

**Somaliland:** On 3 December, one boat carrying two Yemenis (1 woman and 1 man) arrived in Berbera from Dhubab (Taizz governorate), Yemen. Upon arrival, the arrivals were screened by IOM's medical team, and no referrals were needed. Both individuals received OTA to Hargeisa where they will be registered by UNHCR.

Additionally, on 7 December, a boat arrived from Al Haima port (Al Hudaydah governorate), carrying one Yemeni man. The arrival reported that his son and cousin were planning to follow in another boat. He did not require medical assistance and was provided OTA to Hargeisa for registration by UNHCR.

### *IOM Response to Cyclones Chapala and Megh:*

**Socotra:** As of 9 December, IOM has distributed 855 shelter and NFI kits in Hadibu and 627 kits in Qulensya Wa Abd Al Kur districts to a total of 1,482 cyclone-affected households (10,374 individuals). Distribution operations for the remaining 518 kits will continue in the coming days.

On 4 December, IOM initiated WASH assessments in Hadibu and Qulensya Wa Abd Al Kur districts to identify possible interventions in Socotra. Initial findings from the assessments have revealed damaged water networks in these areas. IOM is currently looking into providing maintenance for some of the damaged networks.

In the past week, IOM continued operating a mobile health team in Socotra Island providing emergency health services as well as primary health care for IDPs and cyclone-affected populations. A total of 866 individuals were reached by IOM's health team: 295 individuals (44 women, 69 men, 87 girls and 95 boys) were provided with essential primary health care; 15 pregnant and 18 lactating women were provided reproductive health services; 18 individuals were provided with mental health and psychosocial support; and 520 individuals were reached through health awareness sessions.

**Shabwah and Abyan:** In the past week, IOM continued to truck 37,000 liters of water on a daily basis to three sites in Mayfa'a district (Shabwah governorate) reaching 4,625 individuals. In Abyan, IOM trucked 4,000 liters of water daily basis to cyclone-affected communities in Zinjubar district, benefiting 533 individuals.

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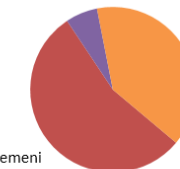
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## Movements and Arrival Assistance

### ARRIVALS

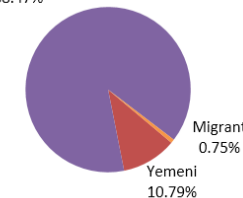
In Djibouti - 30,606 individuals

Returnee  
6.27%



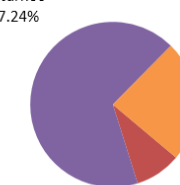
In Somalia - 29,935 individuals

Returnee  
88.47%



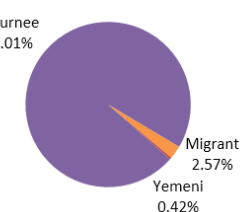
In Sudan - 5,651 individuals

Returnee  
67.24%



In Ethiopia - 4,717 individuals

Returnee  
97.01%



### IOM ASSISTED MOVEMENT

**14** Flights (**Air** Evacuation)

**01** Charter Flights to Ethiopia  
**11** Charter Flights to Sudan  
**02** Charter Flights to Somalia

**\*2,060** individuals

**144** Individuals  
**1,454** Individuals  
**367** Individuals

\* including 68 resettlement cases to Sweden and 22 cases to France, and 5 pax on a commercial flight to Ireland

**12** Boats (**Sea** Evacuation)

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**2,257** individuals

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**167** Flights (**Air** Onward Transport)

**62** Routes to **40** Countries

**1,950** individuals

**462** Trips (**Land** Onward Transport) **17,599** individuals

in Somalia, Ethiopia, and Djibouti

### IOM POST-ARRIVAL ASSISTANCE

**DJIBOUTI**

assisted arrived

**\*4,658** individuals

\* This figure does not include the daily provision of drinking water in port of Djibouti

**SOMALIA**

assisted arrived

**\*14,527** individuals

\* This figure does not include the provision of arrival refreshment to most of arrivals in Puntland and South Central region

**SUDAN**

assisted arrived

**1,454** individuals

**ETHIOPIA**

assisted arrived

**\*2,493** individuals

\* 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**

assisted arrived

**23,132** individuals

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