



YEMEN CRISIS REGIONAL RESPONSE

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Highlights

Stranded Ethiopian migrants waiting to board a boat in Al Hudaydah, Yemen for Obock, Djibouti.

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■ Following a six-month suspension, IOM resumed sea evacuations of migrants stranded in Al Hudaydah, evacuating 494 Ethiopians on 15 and 23 March.

■ As of 23 March, almost 200,000 IDPs and conflict-affected populations in nine governorates in Yemen have been provided with emergency and primary health care assistance.

■ Since the beginning of the crisis, over 34,400 people have arrived in Djibouti fleeing the conflict in Yemen. To date, over 5,000 migrants have been provided with emergency shelter, food, NFIs, medical care and onward transportation assistance through IOM.

Situation Overview

26 March 2016 will mark one year since the conflict escalated in Yemen, leading to the complete deterioration of the political, social, security and humanitarian situation. Hostilities, airstrikes, shelling and ground fighting continue in several cities. As a result humanitarian agencies continue to experience restricted access to affected populations particularly in Aden, Hajjah, Al Jawf, Sa'ada and Taizz governorates.

On 23 March, Mr. Ismail Ould Cheikh Ahmed, the Special Envoy of the UN Secretary-General for Yemen, announced that parties to the conflict have agreed to cease hostilities by 10 April and hold a round of peace talks on 18 April in Kuwait.

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HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITIES IN YEMEN

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

Since 26 March 2015, 594,956 IDPs and conflict-affected persons (249,882 women, 267,730 men, 41,647 girls and 35,697 boys) have benefitted from IOM's WASH activities in Abyan, Aden, Al Dhale'e, Al Jawf, Hadhramaut, Ibb, Lahj, Sana'a and Shabwah governorates.

Abyan

Between 10 and 23 March, IOM continued to truck 4,400 liters of water on a daily basis to Lawder Hospital in Lawder district reaching 160 individuals. Another 4,000 liters were trucked daily to Ahwar Hospital in Ahwar district, benefitting 121 individuals. Additionally, IOM started water trucking services to Rasad Hospital in Rasad district providing 12,000 liters of water three times a week, benefitting 2,400 individuals. Furthermore, IOM's hygiene teams conducted awareness-raising campaigns in Khanfir district reaching 1,802 IDPs, host community members and returnees (665 women, 311 men, 481 girls and 345 boys). Out of the 1,802 individuals, 654 individuals received hygiene kits containing toothbrushes, toothpastes, bars of soap, sanitary napkins (for women) and disinfectants. In addition, IOM installed five fiberglass refrigeration boxes for 1,200 fishermen in Abyan. These boxes will be used to store fish before transportation where they will then be sold in the market.

Aden

During the reporting period, IOM and UNICEF conducted a two-day workshop for Local Water and Sanitation Corporation employees on the Joint Dialogue and Planning for Ensuring Continuity of Water and Sanitation services in Aden. 230 participants from Local Corporation from Water and Sanitation, Civil Society Organizations, international NGOs, and UN agencies attended the workshop.

Al Dhale'e

Throughout the reporting period, IOM trucked 12,000 liters of water on a daily basis to Al Nasr Hospital in Al Dhale'e city, benefitting 400 individuals. In addition, IOM distributed 45,300 liters of water on a daily basis to nine water sites in Al Dhale'e city, reaching 3,020 individuals.

Lahj

During the reporting period, IOM continued to truck 3,000 liters of water on a daily basis to 280 IDPs in Al Qabbaitah district.

Shabwah

Between 10 and 23 March, IOM provided 30,000 liters of water on a daily basis to Ataq Hospital and its kidney dialysis center, assisting 750 individuals. In Mayfa'a district, 20,000 liters of water were trucked daily to Azzan Hospital and its kidney dialysis center, benefitting 480 individuals. In addition, IOM resumed water trucking services, distributing 53,000 liters of water on a daily basis

to a water site in Ataq benefiting 2,000 individuals. Moreover, IOM started trucking 5,000 liters water on a daily basis to Rudhum Hospital, to reach 1,000 individuals.

Taizz

IOM trucked 30,000 liters of water to nine water sites in Al Mudhaffar and Al Qahira districts on a daily basis, reaching 3,375 individuals. In addition, IOM continues supplying Al Thawra Hospital and its kidney dialysis center with 12,000 liters of water daily to support 800 individuals. Furthermore, IOM started trucking 24,000 liters of water on a daily basis to the emergency section of Al Thawra Hospital benefiting 3,428 individuals.

Shelter and Non-Food Items (NFI)

Since the beginning of the crisis, IOM has assisted 49,768 IDPs in Abyan, Aden, Al Dhale'e, Hadhramaut, Lahj, Sa'adah, Shabwah, Socotra and Taizz governorates through shelter and NFI support.

NFI Distribution in Madarebah Wa Ras Elarah district, Lahj.
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Lahj

During the reporting period, IOM distributed 320 NFI kits to 2,240 IDPs in Madarebah Wa Ras Elarah district. The kits included kitchen sets, blankets, and mattresses. Another 400 will be distributed in the coming days.

Health

As of 23 March, 196,231 IDPs and conflict-affected populations in Abyan, Aden, Al Dhale'e, Hajjah, Al Hudaydah, Ibb, Sa'adah, Sana'a and Shabwah have been provided with emergency and primary health care, reproductive health services, mental health and psychosocial support, health promotion, and management of acute malnutrition.

Abyan

During the reporting period, IOM provided health assistance to 1,399 IDPs (395 women, 238 men, 419 girls and 347 boys) in Al-

Razi Hospital. Furthermore, through its mobile health clinic in Lawder district, IOM provided primary health care to 1,878 IDPs and conflict-affected people, vaccinated 116 children under 5 years old, and 44 people benefited from psychosocial support services.

Aden

IOM continues to support the '22 May' Hospital by providing health assistance for IDPs and conflict affected people in Aden. During the reporting period, 1,490 medical cases (416 women, 265 men, 444 girls and 365 boys) were treated in the hospital. Additionally, 346 malnutrition cases (173 girls and 173 boys) were reached through IOM's Community-based Management of Acute Malnutrition (CMAM) program, and 650 individuals (223 women, 147 men, 142 girls and 138 boys) attended health awareness sessions. Furthermore, through its two mobile health clinics in Dar Sa'ad and Al-Boriaqa districts, IOM provided 600 IDPs (165 women, 94 men, 149 girls and 192 boys) with primary health care.

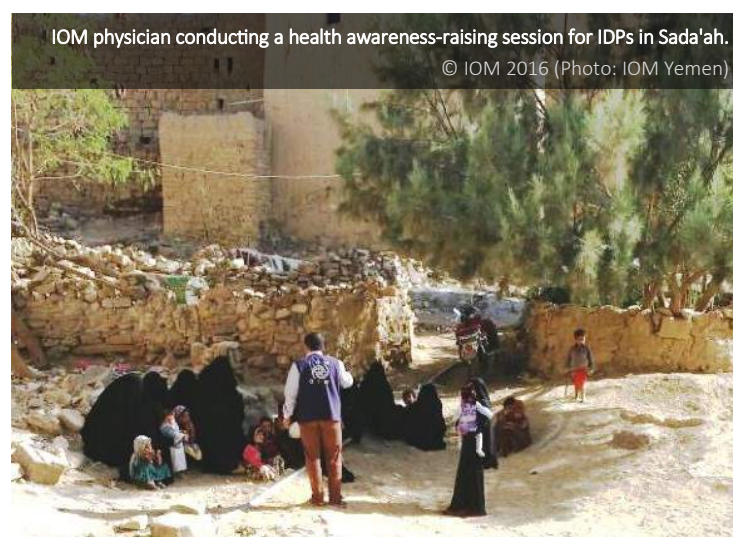
Al Dhale'e

Between 10 and 23 March, 6,895 medical cases were treated through IOM's mobile clinics in Al Dhale'e, Al Azariq, Al Hussein, Al Shu'ayb and Jahaf districts. IOM also conducted health awareness activities for 5,647 beneficiaries, treated 275 malnutrition cases through the CMAM program, vaccinated 566 children, and 98 individuals benefitted from psychosocial support services.

Al Hudaydah

Through IOM's mobile clinics in Az Zaydiyah and Al Qanawis districts, 1,252 medical cases (380 women, 246 men, 322 girls and 304 boys) were reached with essential health services, and health education was provided to 321 beneficiaries.

Sa'adah



IOM physician conducting a health awareness-raising session for IDPs in Sada'ah.

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Throughout the reporting period, 1,388 IDPs (437 women, 158 men, 470 girls and 323 boys) were provided with emergency health care through IOM's mobile clinic. Also, 525 individuals (310 women, 88 men, 49 girls and 78 boys) attended health awareness sessions, and 23 malnutrition cases (19 girls and 4 boys) were treated.

Shabwah

Through the Out-Patient Therapeutic Program (OTP) clinics, IOM treated seven malnutrition cases (5 girls and 2 boys) during the reporting period. Additionally, 24 children under five years were vaccinated, 42 children under 5 were treated through the Integrated Management of Childhood Illnesses (IMCI) guidelines, and 14 women were provided with reproductive health services.

Protection

Sana'a

On 14 March, IOM held an opening ceremony for two newly established Child Friendly Spaces (CFSs) in Sana'a. Government officials, NGOs, international NGOs, and community leaders attended the ceremony. Since 14 March, a total of 796 children have visited these spaces and have participated in awareness sessions on the risks of early marriage, and personal hygiene conducted by IOM-trained volunteers.

During the reporting period, six individual counselling sessions were conducted for children in the newly established CFSs in Sana'a, as well as group activities for 128 children, as part of IOM's mental health and psychosocial support program.

Assistance to Migrants in Yemen

Since April 2015, IOM has provided 2,060 migrants with air evacuation assistance, including 90 resettlement cases from Yemen to Sweden (68) and France (22). After a six month suspension due to lack of funding support, IOM through activation of its Migration Emergency Funding Mechanism (an internal fund established in 2011 with the aim of bridging the gap between the start-up of emergency operations and the receipt of donor funding) resumed its boat evacuations following numerous requests from the Government of Ethiopia and migrants for evacuation assistance. Since the beginning of the conflict, IOM has organized 14 boat rotations evacuating a total of 2,751 migrants by sea. Moreover, 12,845 vulnerable migrants have been provided with health assistance in Aden, Sana'a and Al Hudaydah.

Aden

Between 10 and 23 March, 154 Ethiopian migrants (3 women, 99 men, 1 girl and 51 boys) were identified and registered in Al Basateen area, of which 132 migrants (3 women, 104 men and 25 boys) received hygiene kits from IOM containing shampoo, bars of soap, toothpaste, and petroleum jelly; the women's kits also included sanitary napkins.

During the reporting period, 60 medical cases (50 men and 10 boys) were provided with healthcare assistance, and 66 migrants participated in awareness sessions.

Al Hudaydah

In March, IOM organized two boat rotations from Al Hudaydah to Djibouti evacuating Ethiopian migrants stranded in Yemen. The first evacuation took place on 15 March in which 245 migrants (121 women, 26 men, 10 girls and 88 boys) were evacuated. There were

249 migrants (244 men and 5 boys) in the second group who were evacuated on 23 March. Before the evacuation both groups were provided with NFIs and attended awareness raising sessions on the risks of irregular migration and IOM's voluntary return assistance.

During the reporting period, IOM identified and registered 113 Ethiopian migrants (3 women, 88 men and 22 boys) at the Migrants Response Point (MRP). As of 23 March, there are 79 Ethiopian migrants (1 woman, 61 men and 17 children) hosted at the MRP. Additionally, IOM organized, six awareness-raising sessions on the dangers of irregular migration. A total of 1,018 migrants (117 women, 804 men, 11 girls and 86 boys) attended these sessions.

Furthermore, from 10 and 23 March, 524 migrants (4 women, 438 men, 5 girls and 77 boys) were provided with emergency health care, and 12 individuals were provided with psychosocial support through individual counselling sessions.

Sana'a

During the reporting period, IOM identified and registered three Ethiopian men, and one Ethiopian woman with her child who were seeking assistance from IOM's health clinic, and two Jordanians (father and son) living with a foster family. IOM provided the Jordanian family with clothing kits as well as hygiene kits containing cups, laundry detergent, shampoo, petroleum jelly, toothpaste and toothbrushes.

Throughout the reporting period, 16 migrants (1 woman, 10 men and 5 boys) received medical assistance through the health clinic. Additionally, IOM's mental health and psychosocial team conducted individual counselling sessions for 26 migrants.

ARRIVALS FROM YEMEN TO THE HORN OF AFRICA

Since the beginning of the crisis, 77,077 people have arrived in Djibouti, Somalia, Sudan and Ethiopia from Yemen.

Arrivals in Djibouti

Since the beginning of the crisis, 34,464 people (6% Djiboutian returnees, 37% migrants and 57% Yemenis) have arrived in Djibouti fleeing the conflict in Yemen. Since 26 March 2015, IOM has provided 5,190 migrants of 29 nationalities with emergency shelter, food, NFIs, medical care and onward transportation assistance (OTA).

On 16 March, the first group of 245 migrants including 98 unaccompanied children evacuated from Yemen arrived in Obock, Djibouti. On 17 March, this group was interviewed and provided with travel documents by the Ethiopian Embassy in Djibouti, and IOM provided them with OTA to the Galafi border post to return to Ethiopia on 19 and 20 March.

Between 10 and 23 March, IOM's Migrant Response Center (MRC) in Obock received three migrants including one medical case requesting assistance to return to their country of origin. All three

migrants are receiving shelter, food, water, medical assistance, and documentation assistance from IOM. On 13 March, IOM provided 32 migrants who were hosted at the MRC with OTA to Galafi border post. Additionally, on 20 March, another four migrants from Obock were provided with OTA to return to their final points of origin. Since the beginning of the crisis, IOM has provided 4,439 migrants with onward transportation assistance to return to their areas of origin.

Additionally, IOM continues to raise awareness on the dangers of irregular migration and on the current situation in Yemen. Throughout the reporting period, 250 migrants including 78 women and 37 unaccompanied children participated in these sessions, and 65 host community members attended sessions on human trafficking.



Arrivals in Somalia

As of 23 March, 31,757 individuals (87% Somali returnees, 1% migrants and 12% Yemenis) fleeing the conflict in Yemen have arrived in Somalia. To date, IOM has provided 9,451 people with OTA from Bosaso (Puntland) and Berbera (Somaliland) to their areas of origin, and has screened and treated 3,001 individuals, including 74 referrals cases.

Puntland: Between 10 and 23 March, three boats from Ma'ala port in Aden arrived in Bosaso port carrying a total of 113 arrivals, including Somali returnees (94), and Yemeni (17) and Ethiopian (2) nationals; bringing the total number of arrivals to Puntland to 21,448 individuals. OTA was provided to 77 individuals who had expressed their intentions to travel to Mogadishu (48), Kismayo (12), Jawhar (6), Wanlaweyn (5), Hargeisa (4), Baidoa (1), and Wajaale (1).

Somaliland: On 19 March, one boat from Ma'ala arrived at the Berbera port with 28 individuals on board including Somali returnees (7), and Yemeni (20) and Congolese (1) nationals, bringing the total number of arrivals to Somaliland to 9,942 since the onset of the crisis. OTA was provided by IOM to 64 individuals who had expressed their intentions to travel to Mogadishu (54), Hargeisa (5), Burao (2), Erigavo (2) and Marka (1).

Arrivals in Ethiopia:

Between 10 and 23 March, IOM Ethiopia in coordination with IOM Djibouti provided transportation and post-arrival assistance to 245 Ethiopians returning to Ethiopia from Obock, Djibouti. The returnees were provided with transportation assistance from the Galafi border post to a transit center in Addis Ababa. At the transit center the returnees were provided with temporary accommodation, food, water, and non-food items, medical assistance, and for unaccompanied children, family tracing and reunification assistance. Furthermore, post-arrival medical screenings were conducted and one medical case was admitted to

a hospital in Addis Ababa and 23 returnees were referred to hospitals near their areas of origin for further treatment.

Since April 2015, 7,541 Ethiopians (2,999 females and 4,542 males) including 231 unaccompanied minors have returned from Yemen having transited through Djibouti, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Somalia, and Sudan. Of the 7,541 returnees, 5,109 Ethiopians have been provided with accommodation and other post-arrival assistance including emergency medical care, transportation assistance and family tracing and reunification.



Ethiopian returnees receive refreshments upon arrival to Galafi border post as they wait to cross into Ethiopia. © IOM 2016 (Photo: Alemayehu Seifeselesie)

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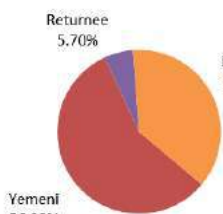


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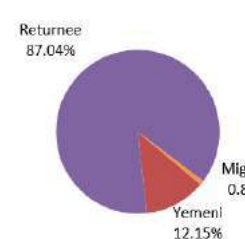
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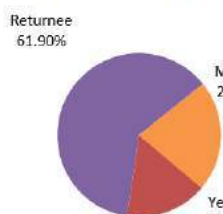
In Djibouti - 34,464 individuals



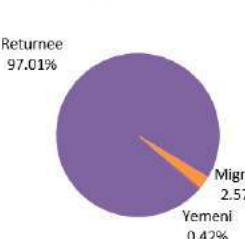
In Somalia - 31,757 individuals



In Sudan - 6,139 individuals



In Ethiopia - 4,717 individuals



IOM ASSISTED MOVEMENT

14 Flights (Air Evacuation) ***2,060** †
01 Charter Flights to Ethiopia 144 Individuals
11 Charter Flights to Sudan 1,454 Individuals
02 Charter Flights to Somalia 367 Individuals

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

14 Boats (Sea Evacuation) **2,751** †
14 Boats Yemen - Djibouti 2,751 Individuals

169 Flights (Air Onward Transport) **1,953** †
62 Routes to 40 Countries

520 Trips (Land Onward Transport) **19,007** †
in Somalia, Ethiopia, and Djibouti

IOM POST-ARRIVAL ASSISTANCE

DJIBOUTI ***5,190** individuals
assisted arrived
* This figure does not include the daily provision of drinking water in port of Djibouti

SOMALIA ***15,629** 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 5,109 individuals

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

TOTAL ASSISTED **24,766** individuals
assisted arrived

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