



REGIONAL REFUGEE AND MIGRANT RESPONSE PLAN (RRMRP)

IMPACT OF THE YEMEN CRISIS

15th October 2015

Humanitarian actors involved in the response to the outflow of civilians from Yemen due to the current conflict are committed to providing life-saving assistance and protection to those fleeing Yemen, pending durable solutions.

KEY FIGURES AS OF 1 OCTOBER 2015

117,073

Total out of Yemen

72,193

Arrivals in Djibouti, Ethiopia, Somalia, Sudan.

23,325

Total evacuated (as of 1st October, IOM)

GENDER

Yemenis

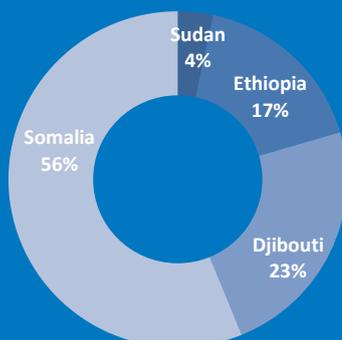


Somalis*



FUNDING REQUIREMENT

USD 36,412,375*



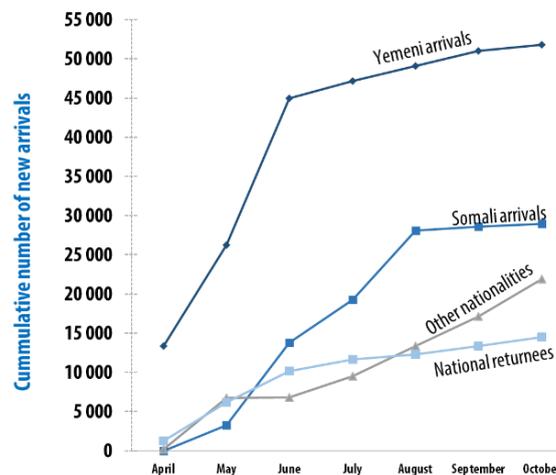
*detailed requirement from the RRMRP October-December 2015

Population movements from Yemen to neighboring countries*

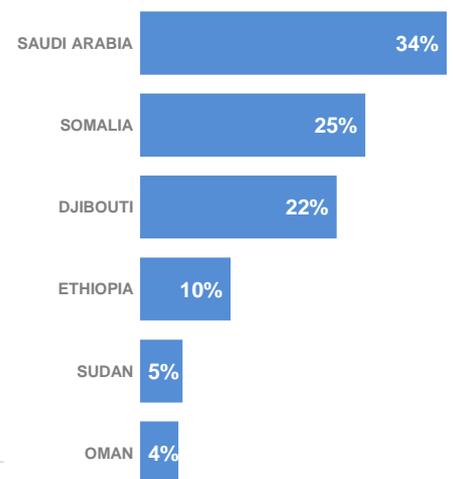
Movements of/to	Djibouti	Somalia	Ethiopia	Sudan	Total
Yemenis	12 172	2 983	992	626	16 773
Somalis	296	26 105	2 515	14	28 930
Other nationalities	11 228	217	166	400	12 011
National returnees	1 865	0	8 114	4 500	14 479
Total	25 561	29 305	10 602	5 540	72 193

*(Kingdom of Saudi Arabia & Oman: 44,980), Figures as of 1 October 2015

Arrival trends per category of people



Breakdown of arrivals per country



Recent developments:

Following the events in Bab Al Mandab, Dubab and Aden, some 2,231 individuals have arrived to Obock port during the week of September 27. Since March 26, 2015, 28,389 persons of mixed nationalities have arrived in Djibouti exceeding the targeted population as anticipated for the end of 2015 and included in the RRMRP.

However the number of arrivals to Somalia remains low since August. New arrivals attribute to prohibitive high cost for the journey, heavy fighting at main departure point, and hope for calm in Aden.

REGIONAL PRIORITIES (SUMMARY)

- People fleeing from Yemen have access to safe, orderly and humane movements enabled through a harmonized, comprehensive and coordinated approach in the region.
- Affected populations, especially those with specific needs, have access to protection and assistance upon arrival and enjoy a dignified stay in the country.
- Refugees, returnees and migrants have access to durable solutions.
- Strengthen partnerships (at national and regional levels) to address the complexities of mixed migratory flows and promoting dialogue and cooperation among the various stakeholders.

STORY FROM THE FIELD



Obock Port, Djibouti. August 2015. ©UNHCR/D. Lusweti

Many newly arrived Yemenis are not keen to register as refugees, preferring to search for work in Djibouti city so that they can become self-reliant and support their families in Yemen. However, high levels of unemployment make it difficult for many of them to find work. When they exhaust their resources they may then have to register as refugees.

New arrivals, mostly men, informed UNHCR that before travelling to Djibouti they had moved their families from Aden to the relative safety of villages. Most said they left because they felt unsafe and were not prepared to return to Yemen unless they were sure it was safe to do so. However they were trying to bring their families to Djibouti.

HIGHLIGHT - REGIONAL COORDINATION

- The Regional Refugee and Migrants Response Plan was launched in Nairobi on Oct 5 in Nairobi and in Riyadh on Oct 7 jointly by UNHCR and IOM. The joint presentation and follow up discussion highlighted the humanitarian needs of people fleeing Yemen, the impact on the fragile host communities and possible consequences that might result if assistance is not provided to people fleeing Yemen and host communities in terms of instability and secondary movement towards the rich North. In both meetings, some participants highlight the need of having development actors joining the efforts in the response.
- In Riyadh, The RRC and IOM also met with the management of King Salman Centre and explored several possible avenues for joint cooperation in the implementation of the RRM RP as partners and discussions were held about targeting Somali returnees from Yemen.
- Specific briefing on the RRM RP and exchanges on views about increasing protection and assistance were also held with PRM regional office in Addis, AU Political Department, regional office of USAID, Al Rahma international, a core group of NGOs.
- Discussion with Yemeni Refugees in a participatory assessment in Addis reveals their movement out of Yemen, plans and challenges they face outside Yemen. The discussion highlights the secondary movements of Yemeni refugees between Somali/Djibouti towards Ethiopia, the difficulties they faced along the roads; some already express intention to continue the roads towards north.

Organizations in the response

DRC, IRC, IOM, NRC, SCI, UNICEF, UNHCR, UNFPA, WFP, WHO. While 10 agencies are part of this appeal, there are 48 partners who are contributing to provide protection and assistance to the refugees, migrants, and returnees fleeing from Yemen to Djibouti, Ethiopia, Somalia, and Sudan.

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