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People targeted for support through IOM activities across Yemen in 2019

7,216,180

Health consultations carried out by IOM in April

100,375

People are internally displaced*

3.6 Million

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SITUATION OVERVIEW

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IOM and UNHCR are co-chairing this combined cluster, which is due to be divided by thematic focus in May 2019. During April, IOM finalized the set-up of a third internally displaced person (IDP) reception centre in Al Hudaydah governorate, located in the Bait Al-Faqih district. The centre will start providing multi-sectoral humanitarian services in early May. In April, CCCM and DTM collectively finalized IDP Site Assessments at IDP sites in Al-Hudaydah. Four out of eight IDP camps in Dhi-As-Sufal, Al-Sabra, Al-Dhihar, Jiblah, Al-Udayn and Ibb city in Ibb governorate have had rehabilitation work completed. These rehabilitations include installation or repair of various services such as WASH facilities, electricity provision through solar powered systems, and internal repairs to walls, doors, windows and ceilings.

**WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE (WASH)**

- **250** waste containers provided as part of cleaning campaigns in Al Hudaydah city
- **6,232** hygiene kits provided to displaced communities in Ibb, Amran, Al-Mahweet, Hajjah, Amanet Al-Asemah and Sana’a governorates
- **1,400** IDP households registered at IOM reception centres
- **1,100** NFI kits distributed to IDP households
- **24,669** people have had rehabilitation work completed. These rehabilitations include installation or repair of various services such as WASH facilities, electricity provision through solar powered systems, and internal repairs to walls, doors, windows and ceilings.

Through WASH services, IOM is reaching the most vulnerable groups in Yemen, including displaced people, conflict-affected communities, people at risk of famine and malnutrition, people living in cholera affected areas and migrants. IOM-supported community hygiene promoters continued awareness sessions on disease prevention in Abyan, Lahj, Shabwa and Al-Dhale’e governorates, as part of the humanitarian community’s cholera response, while also distributing chlorine tablets for water purification. They reached 5,700 people and distributed 1,300 chlorine tablets on average each week in April. IOM installed and handed over two solar powered water sites to communities in Careef Saeed Badhari and Careef Labal, Jardan District of Shabwah governorate.
In April, IOM commenced primary health care provision in 33 health facilities and plans to expand to two more facilities in the coming month - this is in addition to the over 100 facilities that IOM was already working in or supporting. All 35 new facilities will contain an Oral Rehydration Point to assist in response to cholera across Yemen, with seven of the facilities hosting a Diarrhoea Treatment Centre. IOM supported the National Malaria Control Programme (NMCP) in conducting onsite training on Yemen’s national Anti-Malarial Drug Policy and treatment guidelines of severe malaria cases in targeted health facilities in Amanat Al-Asimah governorate, with 219 medical health workers participated in the first phase of onsite trainings at four targeted hospitals. Supporting the NMCP, IOM distributed a total of 395,248 long-lasting insecticide treated nets (LLITNS) to people living in malaria endemic areas in 17 target districts of Hajjah governorate.

IOM is co-leading the Refugee and Migrant Multi-Sector (RMMS) Sector and operates Migrant Response Points (MRPs) in Sana’a, Hudaydah and Aden where immediate assistance is provided to migrant based on identified needs. Along Yemen’s coast, IOM also assists migrants, who have just arrived in the country. In April, the Senior Protection Coordinator joined the mission to lead its protection response, which includes migrant assistance and protection, and is currently reforming processes and reviewing activities. Since 21 April, the migrant assistance team have been supporting migrants in arbitrary detention through critical life-saving assistance and protection.
On 21 April, the authorities in Aden began detaining migrants. At the peak (27 April - 03 May 2019) of the campaign, more than 5000 people, predominantly Ethiopian men, were held across three temporary sites - two football stadiums and a military camp. None of the sites are fit to accommodate people, leading to major health and protection concerns. IOM began providing humanitarian assistance and protection, including provision of WASH, health and food services, in the 22nd of May stadium site in Aden city. IOM is leading the response to the situation and is working closely with other UN agencies, NGOs and the authorities in Aden to advocate for the release of the migrants and, should that not be possible, for their detention to meet international standards and any return to be voluntary, safe and dignified.

Twenty-three-year-old Abdi* comes from a farming family in the Oromia region of Ethiopia. As Ramadan commences, he wishes he could go home, or anywhere rather than stay in detention in the sports stadium in Aden.

“I wanted to come to an Arabian country to make my life better than my parents’, but when I arrived here [in Yemen] they caught me and brought me to this place,” said Abdi, who left his home just over a month ago without telling his parents. Starting his journey with only 2,000 birr [USD 70], he eventually he arrived in Djibouti, where he called his parents explaining he needed funds, some 11,000 birr [USD 380], to continue his journey. His parents sold a cow. He said he knew he would perish in the desert without a smuggler to help him complete this “hard journey.”

* Name changed to protect identity

The migrants detained in Lahj and Abyan governorates were released in early May but nearly 300 migrants are now detained again in Abyan.

22 MAY STADIUM SITE, ADEN CITY

- 1,113 medical consultations carried out (26 April – 1 May)
- 30 emergency latrines installed/toilets rehabilitated
- 2,500 meals delivered twice daily
- 70,000 litres of water delivered on average each day
COMMUNITY STABILIZATION

In 2019, IOM Yemen’s community stabilization team is focusing on increasing household income and enhancing coping capacities to shocks using a community-centred approach that will strengthen social cohesion and ensure that community priorities are addressed. The team is currently working in five governorates to provide rehabilitation of key public sites. In April, IOM handed over five rehabilitated sites to local authorities, including the Beer Fadhl, Al Behany, Beer Ahmed and Al Saddiq schools in Aden. The rehabilitation of the schools was complemented with capacity building activities for the teachers and the parent-teacher associations. A further four schools in Lahj governorate, in addition to water sites across the governorate, are receiving rehabilitation support from IOM.

IOM rehabilitated three classrooms and latrines in the Beer Fadel School, Aden governorate. The school serves around 600 students between the 1st and 8th grades and is located in an area with a large population of people displaced by the conflict. Now, the students can focus on learning in a safe and dignified environment.

DISPLACEMENT TRACKING MATRIX (DTM)

Re-established in 2018, DTM monitors displacement and population movements within Yemen, helping define humanitarian needs and response across the country. In 2019, IOM is once again supporting the UNOCHA-led Multi-Cluster Location Assessment (MCLA), which provides baseline data on gaps and humanitarian needs for communities throughout Yemen. The Technical Working Group (TWG) for the 2019 MCLA met during April, and IOM submitted the Scope of Work for the In-Country Survey Implementing Partner. The household listing and survey will list and interview over 18,000 households to produce governorate-level data. In the coming months, IOM Yemen DTM will hire over 1,500 survey field workers to support this activity.

DTM ESTIMATES THAT:

35,506 households

or 209,036 people have been forced to leave their homes at least once since the beginning of 2019.

THIS IS INCLUSIVE OF:

15,266 households

or 91,596 people displaced at least once during April 2019.

FLOW MONITORING: MIGRANT ARRIVALS & YEMENI RETURNS

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YEMENI RETURNS FROM SAUDIA ARABIA: 43,15

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Legend

- Yemenis Returning without Travel Documents
- Yemenis Returning with Travel Documents
- Sea
- Arabian
- Gulf of Aden
- Red Sea
- Al Hudaydah
- Shabwa
- Littoral
- Other

Flow Monitoring Activities during the time-frame indicated.

Disclaimer: Flow monitoring activities exercise and should be understood as

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