The Marib governorate is only 70 km East of Sana’a, yet due to proximity of the front lines, it takes over 8 hours to reach by road from Sana’a, and 2 days through extensive air travel. Once lightly populated and with a reputation for insecurity, it is now in a period of transformation, with a rapid demographic and economic growth. While Marib benefits from its relative stability and income from natural resources, the influx of population from other governorates and the movements within Marib since 2015 have also brought significant challenges for local authorities, who struggle to provide sufficient services to the growing population. According to IOM’s Displacement Tracking Matrix, of the approximate 750,000 IDPs residing in the governorate, 16% are living in camp-like settlements with little to no humanitarian assistance.

In March 2019, IOM conducted an assessment mission from Sana’a and Aden to Marib city to better understand the needs and plan for an immediate response. The assessment team, consisting of the Deputy Chief of Mission, SNFI/CCCM, Health, Logistics, Security and Protection focal points, spent a week in Marib engaging with local authorities and visiting displacement sites. This initial assessment has resulted in a call to action for IOM and operational teams will be deploying within two weeks in order to respond to the acute needs of the displaced and host community.

**DISPLACEMENT**

**OVERALL**

+750,000

Total IDP population estimated by DTM through key informant interviews

75% live in Marib City

2011 TOTAL GOV. POPULATION (CSO): 288,000 IND.

**MOST IN NEED**

120,000 / 16%

living in 31 camp-like displacement sites

**MARIB CITY**

12 SITES

52,000 IDPs

**OTHER DISTRICTS**

19 SITES

68,000 IDPS
IN FOCUS

AL JUFAINAH CAMP - MARIB CITY

Since
SEPTEMBER 2018 | +3,000 households

Located South/West of Marib city, Al Jufainah camp is the biggest displacement site in the city. It received its first arrivals in September 2018. Rapidly expanding over the following months, it hosts now over 3,000 households according to local authorities. Daily new arrivals keep pushing West the boundaries of the site.

AUGUST 2018

DECEMBER 2018

KEY FINDINGS

CONTINUOUS NEWS ARRIVALS
IDPs continue to arrive on a daily basis. In Marib city, large numbers of IDPs occupy public buildings without government approval, while in rural areas, new arrivals put increased strain on host communities in areas with already limited resources.

AREAS OF ORIGIN
Reportedly, first waves of IDPs were mostly from Sana’a and Marib, while now they are coming from most governorates in Yemen, with the most recent arrivals coming from Hajja and Hodaydah.

NEEDS ARE LARGELY UNMET
Humanitarian presence is weak and the assistance provided has most of the time been ad-hoc and limited. Across sectors, people are struggling to fulfill their basic needs, while local authorities lack training in the management of large displacement sites.

IOM’S PLAN OF ACTION

PRESENCE
On 10 April, IOM will deploy a surge response team composed of senior national and international staff to set up the humanitarian hub while working with UNDSS on the Security Risk Management process to prepare the arrival of other partners.

ASSESSMENT
Technical staff will be deployed in April to conduct in-depth needs assessments and population profiling in key areas, refine the site mapping previously done by DTM, and roll out technical surveys as relevant.

RESPONSE
IOM will immediately begin emergency response to acute humanitarian needs, while promoting a joint and coordinated response with other partners willing and able to deploy to the governorate.

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