



DJIBOUTI

INTER-AGENCY UPDATE FOR THE RESPONSE TO THE YEMENI SITUATION #22

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HIGHLIGHTS

- According to the latest available statistics from IOM and the Djibouti government, 24,748 persons of mixed nationalities have arrived in Djibouti as of 10 September (since 26 March). Of those, 11,815 persons (48%) are Yemeni nationals, 11,073 (45%) are transiting Third Country Nationals and 1,860 persons (7%) are Djiboutian returnees.
- As of 12 September, UNHCR and ONARS (the government refugee agency) registered 2,828 refugees, thereof 2,669 Yemeni nationals (since 31 March). According to the provisional statistics, 2,072 refugees, thereof 2,023 Yemeni nationals, are registered in Obock and are mainly hosted at the Markazi camp.
- The training of trainers for the construction of Refugee Housing Units took place in Markazi camp on 2 and 3 September.
- Al Rahma NGO which provides three meals a day to refugees in Markazi camp confirmed its decision to withdraw its food assistance as of 15 September.

KEY FIGURES

2,828

Refugees registered since the outbreak of the crisis

1,188

Registered females.

967

Registered children and adolescents.

Population of concern

A total of **2,828** people of concern

PRIORITIES

- Ensure protection of refugees and provide assistance.
- Provide documents to refugees.
- Work with the government to ensure access to the territory and freedom of movement..
- Continue to develop the infrastructure at the Markazi camp.
- Continue border monitoring activities.

Nationality	0-4 years		5-11 years		12-17 years		18-59 years		60 years+		TOTAL
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
Yemen	124	115	179	183	155	153	1058	572	54	76	2,669
Syria	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	3
Iraq	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	3
Palestine	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	5
Somalia	3	3	9	10	4	10	18	40	3	7	107
Eritrea	4	0	2	2	5	3	13	7	0	1	37
Pakistan	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	4
Total	131	119	191	195	164	167	1097	623	57	84	2,828

All figures are provisional and still subject to change.

UPDATE ON ACHIEVEMENTS

Operational Context

Since the escalation of the Yemen conflict in March 2015, some 1,791,604 persons have been affected. Some 1,439,118 people have been displaced inside Yemen since 27 March. As of 12 September, some 102,488 individuals have left Yemen and sought refuge in Djibouti, Somalia, Ethiopia, Sudan, Oman and Saudi Arabia.

Yemenis applying for asylum in Djibouti are hosted in the Markazi camp in Obock, four kilometers away from Obock city, the capital of the region. All boats carrying people fleeing fighting in Yemen are rerouted to the Port of Obock. Yemeni nationals are requested to stay in Obock, except for persons with a valid visa for third countries, ongoing visa petitions, air tickets or resident permits in Djibouti or other countries.

Refugees from Obock town, especially those originally from Bab El Mandab are progressively returning to the camp since the end of August. Sector Two which is mostly refugees originating from Bab El Mandab is now more densely populated and the numbers continue to increase.

Achievements

Protection

Achievements and Impact

- During the month of August, there was a significant increase in the numbers of Yemeni arrivals choosing to register as refugees with UNHCR: 340 individuals in August in comparison to 221 individuals in July. The numbers are expected to increase given the facilities in the camp and the beginning of the school year for children.
- In terms of border monitoring, from 2 September to 7 September, nine boats arrived at the ports of Obock and Djibouti carrying 632 passengers. Of these 632, some 513 are Yemenis and 119 are Third Country Nationals.
- From 2 to 7 September, the UNHCR/ONARS team registered 18 Yemeni families (37 individuals). These are individuals who have chosen to register as refugees whether they arrived this week or were already residing in Djibouti and Obock through their own means.

Health

Achievements and Impact

- UNFPA has been upgrading the Obock Medical Centre from Basic Emergency Obstetric Neonatal Care (BEmONC) to Comprehensive Emergency Obstetric Neonatal Care (CEmONC) by renovating and equipping the operating theatre and recruiting staff. Through the month of August, UNFPA has also provided training sessions to six midwives on Emergency ONC and ten reproductive health providers (midwives and doctors) on Reproductive Health Commodity Security. UNFPA also conducted bed side teaching and outpatient activities to over 50 women who received ultrasound.
- Primary healthcare services through partner Africa Humanitarian Action (AHA) are ongoing at Markazi Health Center with some 25 to 30 visits per day.
- AHA has recently conducted various distributions at Markazi camp: 158 water purifiers (each with a capacity of 2400L) were distributed to households with children under the age of five. Given the low number of residents in the camp, it is expected that all families in the camp will benefit from this distribution. 135 eyeglasses were distributed by AHA at the health centre from 23 August to 8 September. Furthermore, 612 bags of fortified rice and soy protein meals for families with malnourished children were also distributed.

Food Security and Nutrition

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- Al Rahma have generously been providing daily hot meals to the refugee population since the month of Ramadan (July). The NGO has confirmed to ONARS/UNHCR its decision to completely stop the distribution of hot meals to refugees in Markazi camp on 15 September.
- Sensitization campaigns in coordination with WFP and ONARS are being conducted for a smooth transition of the refugee population to WFP rations.
- UNHCR will complete the distribution of cooking materials and kerosene to refugees to enable them start cooking their own meals

Shelter and NFIs

Achievements and Impact

- A Refugee Housing Unit (RHU) Training of Trainers was conducted in Markazi Camp on 2 and 3 September by a team from Geneva and the Swedish NGO *Better Shelter*. The trainers to be trained were a team from UNHCR, refugees, the local community, ONARS and partner NRC. Two RHU prototypes were successfully set up during the training. These are located within the health post of Markazi Camp. One of the units will be used by UNHCR's health partner, Africa Humanitarian Action (AHA) while the other will be used as a women's health centre. Further training will be held for these trainees to train teams which will undertake the broader construction of the RHUs.



A team from UNHCR HQ and Better Shelter NGO train trainers on how to set up Refugee Housing Units in Markazi Camp. ©UNHCR/A. Neouze. Sept 2015.

Water and Sanitation

Achievements and Impact

- On 6 September, Partner NGO Johanniter distributed “hygiene baby kits” to 45 children aged 0 to 36 months. The baby kits contain shampoos, lotions, a baby toilet seat and Huggies diapers varying according to age and weight groups.
- Johanniter also developed a waste management committee among Yemeni refugees to manage their waste in the camp on 2 September. Refugees from each sector in the camp were assigned as volunteers to work with Johanniter and their community workers to ensure garbage collection on Mondays and Thursdays and to sensitise their community members on adequate garbage disposal.
- During the first week of September, partner NRC completed the cleaning of the three bladders in Markazi camp and conducted a new analysis of the quality of water at bladder and household levels.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- The results of NRC analysis of the quality of water at Markazi revealed that, despite the cleaning process, the quality of the water consumed at household level is still below standard. This is most probably linked to a low utilization of water treatment products (aquatabs) and inadequate cleaning of jerrycans and similar water storage materials at household level. There is a need to reinforce hygiene promotion activities to encourage refugee families to adopt simple household level practices.



Camp Coordination and Camp Management

Achievements and Impact

- After lengthy negotiations and numerous campaigns, the Markazi Refugee Committee has been formed. The committee is composed of three women and three men; each of the three sectors of Markazi camp are represented by a woman and a man. The committee will be a channel for any issues related to the camp and any future projects.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

- Agencies are very grateful for the financial support provided by donors who have contributed to their activities with non-earmarked and broadly earmarked funds as well as for those who have contributed directly to the operation.



UNHCR staff put the final touches on the newly constructed Refugee Housing Unit during a training of trainers held on 2 and 3 September at Markazi Camp. ©UNHCR/A. Neouze. Sept 2015

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