

## KEY FIGURES

**1,570,780**

People affected by the conflict (in Yemen and surrounding countries), including refugees and persons internally displaced prior to and as a result of the current conflict.

**1,267,590**

Persons internally displaced prior to and as a result of the current conflict.

**53,190**

Arrivals to Djibouti, Ethiopia, Oman, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, and Sudan mainly by sea or overland.

**250,000**

Refugees in Yemen provided with protection and life sustaining assistance.

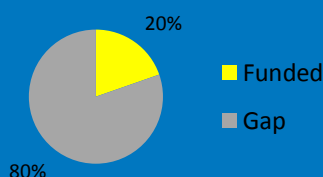
**70,681**

Individuals provided with emergency relief items in Yemen since the onset of the crisis.

## FUNDING

**USD 134.1 Million**

Requested by UNHCR for the situation



UNHCR's Supplementary Appeal for the Yemen Situation Emergency Response, April – September 2015 (12 June 2015), is available [here](#)

## YEMEN SITUATION

### UNHCR REGIONAL UPDATE #15

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### HIGHLIGHTS

- **Yemen:** On 21 July, a World Food Programme (WFP) ship arrived in Aden carrying 3,000 tons of food for 180,000 people for one month. UNHCR will reorient its refugee programme considering that half of the registered refugee population is now displaced to rural areas, including to Kharaz refugee camp.
- **Somalia:** Between 16 and 20 July, 15 individuals from Yemen arrived to Bossaso (Puntland) and around 1,500 persons to Berbera (Somaliland). New Yemeni arrivals to Bossaso, six of them (Yemeni nationals) were registered at the Reception Centre by UNHCR and the Puntland Ministry of Interior (MOI).
- **Djibouti:** The newly appointed Regional Refugee Coordinator for the Yemen Situation, Ms. Claire Bourgeois has taken up her function in Djibouti.

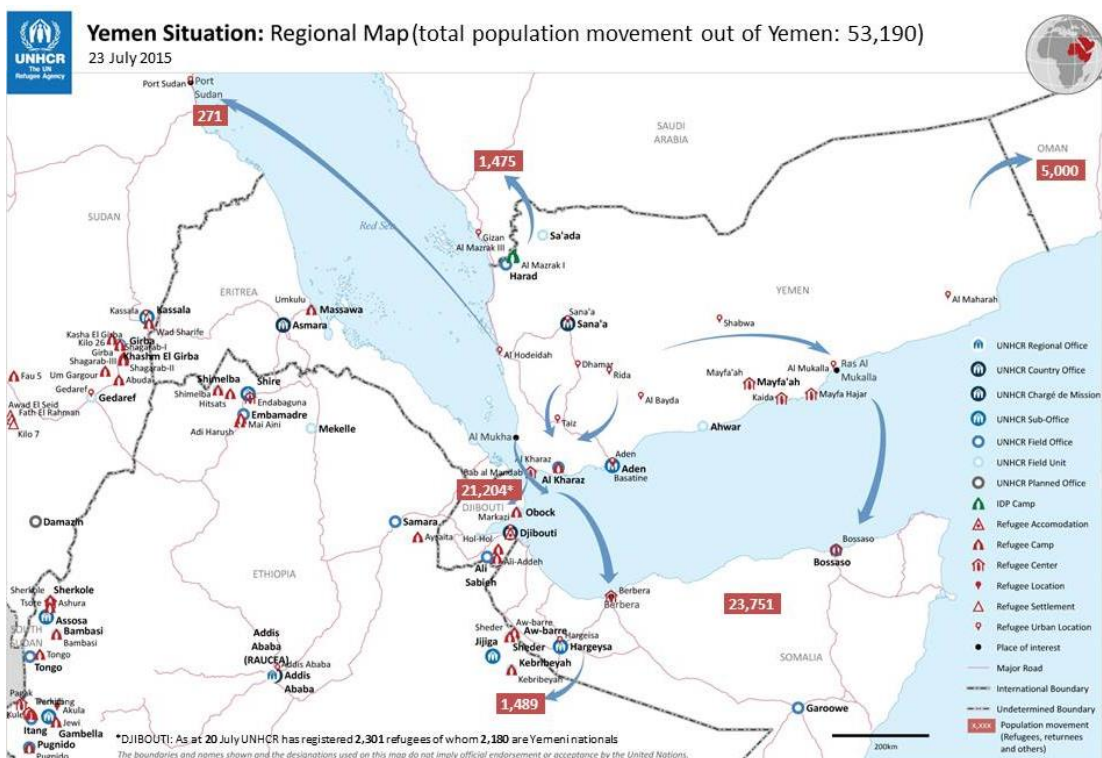
### Departures from Yemen

**Djibouti:** As at 20 July, 21,204 persons arrived in Djibouti of which 9,782 are Yemeni nationals, 9,607 are transiting Third Country Nationals (TCNs) and 1,815 persons are Djiboutian returnees. However out of the 21,204 arrivals only 2,301 persons of mixed nationalities registered as refugees, of which 2,180 are Yemeni nationals (including the 1,683 Yemeni refugees hosted in Markazi camp).

**Somalia:** Since the onset of the conflict in Yemen, 23,751 arrivals have been recorded: 21,267 Somalis, 2,309 Yemenis and 175 TCNs.

### Arrivals to Yemen

Seven boats arrived along the Arabian Coasts with 623 new arrivals (16 Somalis, 607 Ethiopians; 548 males and 75 females): 28 asylum seekers (24 male, 4 female) and 14 unaccompanied minors (10 male, 4 female) were identified. Since January, 37,416 new arrivals have been recorded as at 30 June. A mass information campaign is being designed by UNHCR to discourage hazardous boat journeys to Yemen from Somalia and Ethiopia.



## UPDATE ON ACHIEVEMENTS

### Operational Context

Airstrikes and armed clashes are ongoing, particularly affecting Sa'ada, Al-Jawf, Marib, Sana'a, Aden, Abyan, Shabwah, Hajjah, Lahj, Al-Hudaydah, Al-Bayda and Taiz governorates. Rockets were fired at Aden airport and killed at least three people.

On July 16, several ministers from Yemen's exiled government returned to the country for the first time since March. The delegation, comprising of the ministers of interior and transport, a former interior minister, the intelligence chief and deputy speaker of parliament, was accompanied by senior intelligence officials. They flew to a military base on the outskirts of Aden.

On 21 July, a World Food Programme ship carrying most needed food assistance arrived in Aden, the first WFP-chartered ship to berth at the port since the onset of the conflict. Although the ship arrived on the coast of Aden on 26 June, it was forced to wait for a security window to dock. The ship is carrying 3,000 metric tons of food for 180,000 people in the southern governorates for one month.

IOM reports that an extortion racket is flourishing in war-torn Yemen: traffickers, and armed groups are kidnapping vulnerable migrants on their way to Saudi Arabia and holding them for ransoms. IOM informed that militias or armed traffickers are exchanging groups of men back and forth on their way to Saudi Arabia and charging ransoms of approximately US\$600 to US\$1,000 per person. Those unable to pay their ransoms are subjected to torture, such as shootings and beatings.

### Achievements

#### Protection

##### Achievements and Impact

###### Yemen:

- Some 147 asylum-seekers were registered and 119 renewals have been processed at the UNHCR Protection Centre in Sana'a since June 7.
- In Kharaz refugee camp, InterSos conducted 50 counseling consultations at the drop-in-centre and office.

###### Saudi Arabia:

- Some 354,863 Yemeni nationals regularized their status as of 20 July.

###### Somalia:

- UNHCR Bossaso (Puntland) registered 90 Yemeni refugees, while 55 Yemeni refugees were registered by Somaliland Ministry of Resettlement, Rehabilitation and Reconstruction (MRRR), in collaboration with UNHCR. The total number of Yemeni refugees registered in Somaliland and Puntland is currently 1,462 persons.

- The second Reception Centre in Bossaso should be functional within the first week of August.

##### Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

###### Somalia:

- UNHCR Bossaso will conduct a living standard survey on the subsistence allowance currently provided to Yemeni refugees, which appears insufficient to meet basic needs.
- UNHCR is finalizing the recruitment of new registration staff and biometric registration equipment will be delivered by the end of July. Enhanced registration system will be in place in Berbera, Bossaso and Mogadishu by the first week of August.



Al Hamza ship carrying around 1,500 individuals fleeing Yemen to Berbera Port, Somaliland. © EUNAVFOR Atalanta 2015

#### Health

##### Achievements and Impact

###### Yemen:

- On 15 July, UNHCR's partner, the Charitable Society of Social Welfare (CSSW), sent a supply of oral and injectable medicines, infusion fluids and therapeutic food to Kharaz refugee camp. These supplies are estimated to cover the needs of 20,000 refugees for three months.

###### Saudi Arabia:

- On 20 July, King Salman Centre for Relief and Humanitarian Action delivered the third supply of medical aid to the city of Saioon. through Alwadaia border.

## Somalia:

- During the week, the Somali Red Crescent Society provided first aid to five individuals (three below the age of six).

## Education

### Achievements and Impact

#### Djibouti:

- Some 52 children continue to attend the Caritas run education programme, which is organised four days a week. On Sundays, UNHCR and Caritas host an informal playtime in Markazi camp.

## Food Security and Nutrition

### Achievements and Impact

#### Somalia:

- Through its partner Puntland Youth and Social Development Association (PSA), WFP will build and manage the kitchen at the second Reception Centre in Bossaso.

#### Djibouti:

- In Markazi camp, Al-Rahma Association will provide hot meals to about 500 refugees effectively present in Markazi for another month.
- To celebrate Eid Al Fitr, Al-Rahma Association distributed new clothes to all refugee children in Obock. Cash assistance of 5,000 Djiboutian Francs per family was given to 350 families.

### Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

#### Djibouti:

- UNICEF committed to pay for the inland transportation of Plumpy'Nut (used for severely acute malnourished children) from Djibouti city to Obock medical center until the boat services resume.



To celebrate Eid Al Fitr, UNHCR's partner InterSOS collaborated with the local youth organization, RYC in the Kharaz Refugee Camp to provide Iftar dinners to vulnerable refugees. ©InterSOS/M.Mahdi

## Water and Sanitation

### Achievements and Impact

#### Djibouti:

- Al Rahma association installed a fresh water machine in Markazi camp. Two others were recently installed by the Sudanese Association for Rescue and Assistance. UNHCR ensures that the water machines are replenished on regular basis.
- UNHCR installed five temporary garbage points in Markazi camp pending long-term measures to dispose of waste. Waste management remains a challenge as no formal waste management system exists in Obock.

## Shelter and NFIs

### Achievements and Impact

#### Yemen:

- Since 14 July, UNHCR's partner Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) distributed emergency aid to 71 families/435 individuals in Sana'a. The majority of IDPs are displaced from Sa'ada and areas near the northern border. Since the end of March, UNHCR has reached 11,309 families/70,681 individuals with NFIs.

#### Djibouti:

- Thanks to Al-Rahma Association's support the central area of Markazi camp is now fully lit by street lights.

### Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

#### Djibouti:

- On 17 July, a violent sandstorm severely affected Markazi camp. As an exceptional measure, a group of the most vulnerable population (children, women, and elderly) was hosted overnight within the UNHCR compound, and has already returned to Markazi camp. UNHCR/ONARS continues to repair tents and replace others with Sahara desert tents donated by the Bahrain Charity to ONARS. As of 21 July, some 55 Sahara tents out of 96 have been set up.

#### Somalia:

- UNHCR and partners are planning modalities of support for 70 individuals, including Yemeni nationals who opted to remain in Bossaso, whose critical shelter and NFI needs were identified earlier.



## Achievements and Impact

### Yemen:

- The first WFP-chartered vessel with 500,000 litres of fuel for humanitarian operations arrived in Aden on 22 July.

### Somalia:

- Save the Children assisted 137 individuals with onward transportation from Bossaso, Puntland and Berbera: the majority of them travelled to Mogadishu. Cumulatively, the Puntland New Arrivals Task Force assisted 4,303 Somali returnees with onward transportation to return to their areas of origin.

## Working in partnership

### Yemen:

- UN agencies elaborated a humanitarian assistance operational plan for Aden city for a 7-10 day period. Plans include information on in-country and pre-positioned stocks, planned shipments, envisaged activities, as well as partner capacity to implement the plan. Agencies submitted plans according to clusters.
- UNHCR Yemen is reorienting its refugee program, with half of the registered refugee population now dispersed to rural areas including Kharaz refugee camp, livelihood/self-reliance programs suspended, refugees calling for enhanced financial assistance and large-scale in-country relocation, humanitarian evacuation or resettlement abroad. These plans will be conducted in coordination with partners and actors.
- UNHCR has submitted the proposal focused on Shelter and NFI needs to the King Salman Relief Center in response to the offer of USD 31 million originally pledged under the Inter-Agency Flash Appeal.

### Somalia:

- On 21 July, the Somaliland New Arrivals Task Force meeting discussed the management of core relief items (CRI) distribution; monitoring of the coast area and data collection (registration of the new arrivals) from the secondary entry points along the coast areas; mechanisms to trace the returnees once they reached their area of return; and Yemeni Community aid mechanism within Hargeisa.

### Djibouti:

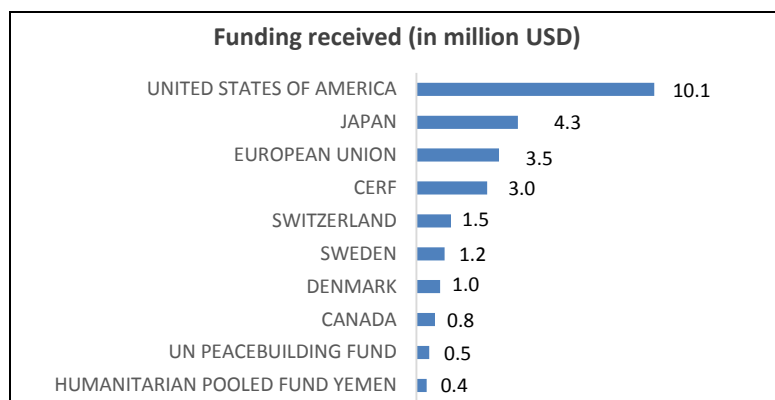
- On 15 July, Ms. Ann Encontre, Deputy Director for East and Horn of Africa, visited the UNHCR Obock Office and Markazi refugee camp. Following her visit, the Minister of Interior approved the relocation of refugees from Markazi to Obock region. ONARS is currently assessing potential villages.
- New UNHCR Representative in Djibouti, Mr. Paul Ndaitouroum has taken up his function.

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Total recorded contributions for the operation amount to some **US\$ 26.4 million**.

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