



YEMEN HUMANITARIAN HEADLINES

1.9 million people internally displaced
21.1 million people in need of assistance **OCHA**

OXFAM RESPONSE

In response to the current crisis Oxfam has supported **309,764 individuals**

Hajja and Hodeidah

Oxfam in Hajja and Hodeidah has now provided 245,994 people with safe and clean water. This includes both internally displaced people and the host community. Oxfam is also doing public health promotion activities, constructing latrines and distributing hygiene and shelter kits, that include mattresses, kitchen sets, cleaning products, etc... In Al Hudaydah governorate Oxfam recently provided 15,000 people with cash so they can buy food and other needs in local markets.

Amran

In Amran, Oxfam scaled up its activities to provide clean and safe water to 34,587 people in 105 locations and 142 distribution points in the Huth, Khamir and Al-Qafla districts. On average, each person is receiving 14 litres per day. The team is setting up a new water network and rehabilitating old ones to ensure a more sustainable access to water. The team has also done public health promotion to complement this.

Taiz

After assessing the situation in Taiz, Oxfam scaled up its operations there and is now trucking clean drinking water to 169 displaced households living in 9 schools and public buildings in Al Shamayatayn district.

Aden

Oxfam is coordinating with Aden Local Water and Sanitation Corporation (LWSC) to resume its support to the LWSC operation.

GENERAL HUMANITARIAN SITUATION

Since the start of the conflict, nearly 25,000 additional people are going hungry each day in Yemen as the blockade and fighting restrict food, fuel and other vital supplies. One in two people – nearly 13 million people - are now struggling to find enough to eat, and half of them are on the brink of starvation. This is an increase of 2.3 million people since the escalation in fighting and beginning of the blockade imposed by the Saudi-led coalition in March 2015. In a country that has historically faced food shortages, this is the highest ever recorded number of people living in hunger. The scarcity of food is pushing prices beyond the reach of millions - many have been without income for months now. Data collected through Oxfam assessments in Hajjah governorate show that families displaced by the conflict have few possessions, mainly livestock that they are forced to sell at prices that are well below the market value to buy food and other basic needs. This is a tell-tale sign that people are starting to face a serious food crisis.

The rising prices of all commodities have led to remarkable crisis especially for the conflict affected people. The national average price of fuel rose by 250% from the crisis period, and 400% for the most affected governorates such as Sana'a and Taiz, based on the WFP recent market monitoring report. Restrictions on imports in conflict Yemen are hampering access to basic aid and life saving services threatening the lives of tens of thousands of civilians especially children and women.

OXFAM PROGRAMMES

HAJJA AND HODEIDAH

INDIVIDUALS ASSISTED: 273,994

Areas of operation: Az Zuhrah, Al Sukhnah, Hays (Al Hudaydah), Abs, Haradh, Hayran (Hajjah)

ACTIVITIES:

Over the past few weeks Oxfam teams in Hajjah and Al Hudaydah continued to scale up activities to reach Internally Displaced People (IDPs) and the host community – both who are in desperate need of humanitarian assistance.

Water Sanitation & Hygiene (WASH)

Water

Oxfam provided clean water to 245,994 individuals (35,142 households). In October, the volume of treated water provided daily increased from 604m³ to 622m³ (621,500 litres). This is targeting villages in Az Zuhrah, Abs, Hayran and southern Haradh districts and ensures daily provision of 2.5 litres per person of safe water, used for drinking and cooking.

Sanitation

Oxfam's field and monitoring teams this week completed the selection and verification of 500 latrine beneficiaries in the target areas. Once completed, these will reach 1,241 households of which 42 are female-headed. Specially designed latrines will be considered for people with disabilities.

Another 756 households, including 83 headed by females, were selected in Albisrah, Albasia and Souq Alkhamis (Az Zuhura district) to receive 252 shared latrines.. Pit digging tools will be distributed next week after verification.

Public Health Promotion

Several community-based hygiene promotion activities were conducted to promote hygienic practices to the vulnerable including the IDPs and host communities. Hygiene kits and cleaning tools were distributed to beneficiaries. The activities included sending 20 hygiene messages through local radio, conducting 5,827 house to house visits, and launching 203 water plastic containers' clean campaigns and 195 environmental cleaning campaigns. In this reporting period, Oxfam reached 961 new households in Abs- 636 IDPs and 325 in the host community – this is a total of 6,727 people.

. Field observations of some activities showed high levels of impact, change in behaviour and reduction of solid waste in the surroundings of the targeted areas.

Oxfam conducted 357 hygiene awareness sessions during the distribution of hygiene kits, mainly containing water containers, towels, soaps and washing tools, in Abs, Hayran and Az zurah districts. The activities reached a total of 6,094 households of 29,036 IDPs and 19,292 individuals in host communities. The persons reached included 10,352 men, 9,946 women, 14,295 boys and 13,735 girls, 586 pregnant, 618 lactating women and 591 elderly/ disabled.

Food Security

Oxfam assessed 21 villages in Al-Betaryyah, AL-Wasat and Matwala sub-districts of Abs district for various food security needs and provided assistance in the form of cash, cash for work, livestock production and small business grants. The Community-based Project Support Committees (PSCs) consulted with communities on their prioritized service needs to be achieved by the CfW activities.

AMRAN

INDIVIDUALS ASSISTED: 34,587

LOCATION: Khamir, Huth and Al-Qaflah

Water Sanitation & Hygiene (WASH)

Water Supply

Oxfam runs water trucking to 105 points by 142 tanks serving 4,941 HH (34,587 persons) including IDPs and members of the host communities in Khamir, Huth and Al-Qaflah districts. Total water supplied is 3,243m³ per week providing 14 litres per person per day. Oxfam is proposing to increase the total number of tanks by 20 (100m³) to supply the host communities in Khamer and reduce disputes over water. Oxfam increased coverage by 30 tanks (150m³) for water trucking to cover host community population in Khamir and reduce dispute over water between IDPs and host community. It also identified 20 locations for new tanks.

The tentative design of the proposed water network in Khamir town was completed and other procurement procedures started in order to supply water to the population and IDPs there. In the meantime, technical teams will start this week the pumping test for 2 new boreholes in Khamir town.

Public Health Promotion

Hygiene awareness activities targeted 367 households in Khamir and Huth reaching 1,950 persons. Monitoring and evaluation studies say that safe water transfer and storage at home decreased from 92% in late September to 82% in the first week of October due to households' shortage of water containers. Cleaning community neighborhoods increased from 88% to 89%, while household hand washing with water and soap increased from 70% to 83%.

Oxfam encouraged community volunteers to run most hygiene awareness and distribution activities in the target districts that included 58 community mobilization and awareness for 2,189 persons, and distribution of 247 cleaning tools for 2,503 families in Huth and Khamir. 390 households visits were conducted for 2,000 persons (466 men, 568 women, 470 boys and 496 girls). Knowledge of washing with water and soap was recorded for 80% in Huth to 90% in Khamir among the visited households. And because no soap is available in most houses, the team promoted the use of alternatives such as ash and sand.

Food Security

An Oxfam monitoring team has conducted an assessment of market prices in Amran, Huth and Khamir, and showed a decrease in fuel prices by 31% for cooking gas, 23% for petrol and 25% for diesel compared to prices during the first week of October.

TAIZ

INDIVIDUALS ASSISTED: 1,183

LOCATION: Al-Shamayayayn

Trucking continued to provide safe drinking water to 9 schools in 4 sub districts of Al-Shamaiatayn district reaching (169 families) for the third week. Oxfam is preparing a draft Memorandum of Understanding on

Solid Waste Management to be signed with the Government Cleaning Fund after Eid. The agreement covers the repair & maintenance of cleaning trucks and staff incentives to remove piles of garbage affecting the target beneficiaries. The office conducted a water assessment to assess operational status and rehabilitation needs of 9 projects in Alshamaiatain. Analysis is being compiled and findings are expected to be shared in the sitrep within two weeks.

ADEN

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TOTAL BENEFICIARIES REACHED BY OXFAM

Governorate	District	Activity	Reached HH	Reached individuals	Women	Men	Children
Hodeidah	Al Zuhra	Water Trucking	7,933	55,531	15,782	16,426	23,323
		Latrine	300	3,301*	951	1,030	
		PHP	5,800	40,600	11,539	12,009	17,052
		UCT	2,214	15,498	4,405	4,584	6,509
		Shelter kits	4,560	31,920	9,072	9,442	13,406
		Hygiene kits	3,576	25,032	7,114	7,404	10,513
	Al Sukhna	UCT	1,900	13,300*	3,831	4,150	
Hays	UCT	2,100	14,700*	4,234	4,586		
Hajja	Abbs	Water Trucking	15,762	110,334	31,357	32,637	46,340
		Hygiene	7,443	52,101	14,807	15,411	21,882
		Hygiene kits	4,919	34,431	9,785	10,185	14,461
		Latrines	1,757	12,299	3,495	3,638	5,166
	Hyran	Water trucking	1,929	13,503	3,838	3,994	5,671
		Hygiene promotion	2,650	18,550	5,272	5,487	7,791
		Latrines	315	2,205	627	652	926
		Shelter kits	2,749	19,244	5,469	5,692	8,082
	Haradh	Water trucking	9,518	66,626	18,935	19,708	27,983
	Amran	Khamer and Huth	Water trucking	4,941	34,587	7,487	7,786
PHP			2,433	13,628	7,199	6,429	
Taiz	Al-Turbah	Water trucking	169	1,183			
		Hygiene kits	186	1,302			
Total			68,024	309,764			