



OXFAM RESPONSE

In response to the current crisis Oxfam has supported **733,932 individuals**

Hajjah and Al Hudaydah

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Amran

Oxfam continued the implementation of the Water Trucking Exit Strategy in its areas of operation. It also continued providing safe water to 54,418 people through 167 distribution points and 170 tanks. Results of the water testing have showed that the quality was within the WHO and the Yemeni water quality standards.

Taiz

Oxfam’s response has scaled up successfully, reaching 153,989 people in 5 affected districts incl. Taiz City. In Al Shamayatayn, the second round of food voucher distribution started, and 290 beneficiary households in Al Shamayah Al-Sharqiah and Al-Shamayah Al-Gharbiah villages received their food.

Aden

An Oxfam technical team visited Lahij Governorate to identify the needs for the Local Water and Sanitation Corporation’s in order to operate its water supply network for Radfan district.



Beneficiaries of Al Shamayatayn – Taiz during a public health promotion event

HUMANITARIAN UPDATE

The Task Force Population Movement Report 7th report in February has pointed out to a drop in the total number of IDPs. This figure represents a slight decrease mainly due to a number of returnees identified in the South (primarily in Aden, Lahj and Shabwah). However, it reaffirmed the continuation of the humanitarian impact of the conflict and validates a total number of 2,430,178 IDPs (406,000), as compared to 2,501,658 IDPs in the 6th report (published on 10 December 2015). It notes a significant increase of IDPs in Taiz and Hajja linked to continued and escalated conflict.

Heavy fighting continues in the governorate of Taiz. Despite limited supplies entering besieged areas this does little to address overall needs. Ongoing and comprehensive access remains an issue for the three districts of Al Mudhaffar, Al Qahirah and Salah and a permanent mechanism to ensure sustained and consistent access has yet to be established.

OXFAM PROGRAMMES

HAJJAH AND AL HUDAYDAH

INDIVIDUALS ASSISTED: 440,391

LOCATIONS: Az Zuhrah, Al Sukhnah, Hays (Al Hudaydah), Abs, Haradh, Hayran (Hajjah)

ACTIVITIES:

Over the past few weeks Oxfam's teams in Hajjah and Al Hudaydah have been working on their ongoing operational scale up. They reached internally displaced people (IDPs) as well as host community members in urgent need of humanitarian assistance. Please read our detailed breakdown of the number of people reached with each activity.

Cash for Work

To inform the **Assessment for Emergency Food Security and Vulnerable Livelihoods Strategy (EFSVL) 2016/17 Strategy**, Oxfam started collecting data through 12 Focus Group Discussions (FGDs) with the host community and IDPs in 3 new villages (Al-Kharazah , Al-Radah and Bani Somainah) in Abs for better understanding of livelihoods, income and seasonal context there.

A **Rapid Traders Survey** collected information from 15 local food traders in 3 markets in Abs. The survey aims to understand the main constraints of food supply and prices. The data analysis is ongoing.

WASH

Water

The team completed the implementation of the Water Trucking Exit Strategy (WTES) activities on 22 February in all target districts before Oxfam phases out. The WTES activities aim to empower communities to take over the operational and maintenance roles of their schemes and ensure sustainable water supply for fees. Among other activities, they included the signing of **17** MoUs with the local Water Management Committees (WMCs) on operation and maintenance and supported quick rehabilitation of **11** Water Supply Schemes (WSSs). A total of **92** Oxfam water tanks and **81** other water distribution points were connected to the water supply system through a **20.4 km** long network with all necessary fittings. A total of **14,700** litres of diesel subsidized **21** WSSs through CWMs. A technical assessment is underway to identify priority water infrastructure rehabilitation/improvement.

Public Health Promotion

Oxfam-supported community sensitization has continued to monitor hygien behaviour change, prevent hygiene-related diseases and inform beneficiaries of the WTES through Community Health Volunteers (CHVs) field visits to a total of 23,458 households (11,415 IDP HHS, 12,043 host community HHs).

In implementation of the MoU signed earlier with the LWSCs in Hajjah City and Mabyan district, Oxfam technical team and officials of LWSCs verified the technical assessment, and Oxfam supplied equipment for the water supply operation. Oxfam thereby handed over equipment so that both LWSCs can pump water to support nearly 122,000 people in both locations.

General assessment

The IDPs' and host communities' needs in terms of WASH and Emergency and Food Security Livelihoods covering risk, response and feasibility has been completed through a recent **Rapid Assessment**.

AMRAN

INDIVIDUALS ASSISTED: 54,418

LOCATION: Khamir, Huth, Al-Qafalah and Bani Suraim

Food Security

Responding to the communities' feedback of the last distribution of food vouchers, the team undertook a verification exercise to reflect the corrections to the list before the second round. The MEAL team responded to 250 complaints. They also conducted two FGDs with communities about the complaint mechanism.

WASH

Water Supply

Oxfam continued trucking up to 5,233 m³ of clean water to 54,607 individuals (including IDPs and Host Communities) in all target districts and two health centres in Al-Qafala and Al-Ashah. Oxfam. About 60% of rehabilitation of Huth water supply network and 85% of the construction work of the pumping room has been completed. The installation of the pump and generator will take place as soon as the relevant room is fully constructed.

Results of the water testing have showed that the quality was within the WHO and the Yemeni water quality standards. Oxfam is still waiting the results from a second lab.

Administrative preparations are underway to support the rehabilitation of Khamir water supply network.

Public Health Promotion

In Huth, Al Qafalah and Kahmir, the team organized 109 hygiene awareness sessions for 2,529 individuals and 80 households visits for 482 IDPs. The CHVs and OXFAM staff used booklets to inform the beneficiaries of ways to prevent diarrhoea and monitored behaviour change in hygiene practices.

The team is planning to further motivate community participation through more community meetings and workshops to increase community participation in the cleaning campaigns. During the reporting period, the team launched 36 cleaning campaigns involving 887 IDPs only in Khamir and Al Qafalah.

13 FGD's were held, 3 with parents, 5 with teachers, and 5 with children to increase community participation and empowerment in public health promotion activities. FGDs were intended to identify the needs for child-to-child approach activities in schools and camps. The consulted beneficiaries showed their acceptance and support to the activities and expressed their concerns about the lack of WASH activities and services in schools. Further FGD findings will be shared in later reports.

Sanitation

A contractor dislodged 9 m³ of latrine waste in a Khamir-based IDPs camp.

TAIZ

INDIVIDUALS ASSISTED: 153,989

Food Security

The verification of the unconditional cash transfer beneficiary lists was completed in Taiz city with close coordination with stakeholders and local community leaders to better understand Oxfam's selection mechanism and improve communication with stakeholders.

In Al Shamayatayn, the second round of food voucher distribution started, and 290 beneficiary households in Al Shamayah, Al-Sharqiah and Al-Shamayah Al-Gharbiah villages received their food. Oxfam helped deliver the food baskets to the closest point to the villages as the market was far away. The team finalized the beneficiaries' lists, posted them in public places and started receiving the community's feedback.

The Gender Officer facilitated a training for the food security team on Oxfam's minimum standards for promoting gender equality in humanitarian process. This training aims to improve delivery quality and impact.

WASH

Water

Oxfam continued trucking water to 55,495 conflict affected individuals in Taiz city and 844 others in Al Turbah through a total of 69 distribution points. The team received some equipment for rehabilitation of the LWSC-run water supply network, submersible pumps and sewerage system. In Al Shamayatayn, the water trucking continued to benefit 847 people through 12 locations.

Public Hygiene Promotion

In Al Taizia district, the CHVs involved the target conflict affected communities to reduce hygiene-ensued morbidity. 117 awareness sessions reached 418 households with 29,255 persons in 10 villages. Oxfam-trained CHVs conducted 259 home visits reaching 6,400 persons to monitor their hygiene practices and use of latrines, hygiene kits, and hand washing. They mobilised 2800 people to launch 112 cleaning campaigns in 7 villages, and mobilised the communities to clean their jerry cans in 11 villages. 57 sets of latrine cleaning kits were distributed for latrines constructed by Oxfam in 3 villages for 204 displaced HHs. This is a total of 1,176. Individuals.

In Al Shamayatayn, Oxfam contributed in responding to the increasing morbidity by mobilising 1,726 people from 23 communities and launched 123 solid waste management campaigns in 6 sub districts. The participants removed all the rubbish from collection points in the villages to rubbish dumps. 655 hygiene sessions reached 2,368 households, separately 47 jerry can cleaning campaigns took place, as well a cleaning campaign in 2 schools hosting IDPs focused on diarrhoea prevention. There is considerable reduction in diarrhoea in almost all sub districts mostly Azaez, Al Turba, and Rageyah.

3 refresher trainings targeted all 125 CHVs in 3 sub-districts to further motivate them and increase coordination and community mobilisation. The data presented in the event showed improvement in hygiene practices and the impact of awareness sessions on reducing diarrhoeal disease trend. Some 20 new CHVs were selected from Bani Mohammed and Kawayra villages in a meeting with the village committees.

Hygiene kits

654 hygiene kits were distributed in Bani Mohammed, Kawayra and Badayga sub districts supported by awareness on usage.

ADEN AND SOUTHERN GOVERNORATES

Oxfam is working in 4 southern governorates of Aden, Lahj, Al Dhale'e and Abyan to provide water and sanitation. We are supporting the Aden LWSC by providing equipment to ensure that water can be pumped to 800,000 people in Aden. We are also supporting the Cleaning Fund in Aden with equipment and tools to keep streets and areas clear of rubbish, and conducting public health promotion activities in 8 schools. Oxfam is also working with the Lahj and Abyan LWSCs, supporting them with equipment, to serve a total of 80,000 people with water. After an initial assessment in Al Dhale'e, Oxfam plans to support the local Cleaning Fund with equipment and tools to keep the city clean, thus benefitting 20,000 persons.



Water

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Public Health Promotion

Oxfam-formed School Hygiene & Sanitation Club members (SHC) conducted 30 awareness sessions about malaria and dengue fever prevention measures in eight target schools in Aden City. They also facilitated the celebration of the National Environmental Day at a girls' school. The participating students planted plants in the school, received brochures and listened to relevant songs.

Capacity building

The team trained 28 SHC members, 11 supervisors and 2 facilitators at Muhairez Girls School on children's hygiene and sanitation training concepts. The training will facilitate the mobilization activities in the target schools.

They also facilitated for UNICEF a Training of Trainers training on communication for Development aimed at the community mobilisers who conduct hygiene promotion awareness.

Oxfam also finalized arrangements and delivery of training items for the SHC members training course for the Aden education office, districts education offices and schools headmasters next week.

TOTAL BENEFICIARIES REACHED BY OXFAM SINCE JULY 2015

Governorate	District	Activity	New Reached HHs (This week)	Old HHs Reached	Current Cumulative				
					HHs Reached	Persons Reached	Women	Men	Children
Al Hudaydah	Az Zuhrah	Water Trucking	0	8,882	8,882	62,174	17,669	18,391	26,113
		WSS	250	1,954	2,204	15,428	4,166	5,628	6,634
		Latrine	0	1,474	1,474	10,318	3,052	2,932	4,334
		Hygiene promotion	0	16,179	16,179	113,253	32,186	33,501	47,567
		UCT	0	2,243	2,243	15,701	4,463	4,643	6,595
		Hygiene kits	0	5426	5,426	37,982	10,794	11,235	15,953
	Al Sukhna	UCT	0	1,900	1,900	13,300	3780	3934	5586
	Hays	UCT	0	2,100	2,100	14,700	4178	4348	6174
Hudaydah	Sanitation repair	0	5,143	5,143	36,001	9,720	10,800	15,481	
Hajjah	Abs	Water trucking	0	16,712	16,712	116,984	33,247	34,604	49,133
		WSS	0	3,543	3,543	24,801	7,048	7,336	10,416
		Hygiene promotion	0	19,597	19,597	137,179	37,038	41,154	58,987
		Hygiene kits	0	4,498	4,498	31,486	8,948	9,314	13,224
		Latrines	0	1,216	1,216	8,512	2,298	2,554	3,660
		UCT	0	4,311	4,311	30,177	8,578	8,923	12,676
		Shelter	0	2,664	2,664	18,648	5,035	5,594	8,019
		Cash for work	0	2,000	2,000	14,000	3,980	4,140	5,880
	SWM	0	3,857	3,857	26,999	7,673	7,986	11,340	
	Hayran	Water trucking	0	4,029	4,029	28,203	7,615	8,461	12,127
		Hygiene promotion	0	6,196	6,196	43,372	11,710	13,011	18,651
		Hygiene Kits	252	601	853	5,971	1,612	1,791	2,578
		Latrines	0	368	368	2,576	696	772	1,108
		Shelter kits	0	2,422	2,422	16,954	4,578	5,086	7,290
		WSS	0	150	150	1,050	298	311	441
		SWM	0	4,714	4,714	32,998	9,378	9,762	13,858
	Haradh	Water trucking	0	9,518	9,518	66,626	18,935	19,708	27,983
	Total unique beneficiaries		Hudaydah & Hajjah	502	60,633	60,633	424,431	117,547	126,456
Amran	Khamir, Huth, AlQaflah	Water trucking	0	7,801	7,801	54,607	14,199	15,288	25,121
		Latrines	0	1629	1629	11,403	2965	3193	5245
		PHP	0	7,619	7,619	53,319	21,751	20,795	10,773
	Khamir	Food voucher	0	2826	2826	19,852	5,312	5,835	8,705
		Winterization kits	0	751	751	5827	869	725	4,233
Total unique beneficiaries		Amran	0	7,801	7,801	54,607	14,199	15,288	25,121
Taiz	Taiz	Water trucking	0	7928	7928	55,495	11384	11908	32203
		Winterisation Kit	0	700	700	4900	1008	1050	2,842
	Al Shamayatayn	Hygeine Kits	654	654	654	4578	1,237	1,373	1,968
		PHP	0	12,271	12,271	86,849	29,312	19,989	37,548
	Al Turbah City	Solid waste	0	5,252	5,252	36,765	7,875	7,566	21324
Total unique beneficiaries		Taiz	654	21,957	21,957	153,898	42,732	37,173	73,992
Aden City		Water/maintenance	0	11,571	11,571	81,000	21,870	24,300	34830
Lahej	AlHawtah	Water/maintenance	0	2,357	2,357	20,000	5,400	6,000	8,600
Grand Total			1,156	104,319	104,319	733,936	201,748	209,217	322,972