

# DJIBOUTI

## INTER-AGENCY UPDATE FOR THE RESPONSE TO THE YEMEN SITUATION #48

01 – 31 October 2016

### HIGHLIGHTS

- According to the latest available statistics from IOM and the Government of Djibouti, a total of 36,162 persons of mixed nationalities have arrived in Djibouti as of end of July 2016 (since 26 March 2015). Of those, 19,636 persons (54 per cent) are Yemeni nationals, 14,562 (40 per cent) are transiting migrants and 1,964 persons (6 per cent) are Djiboutian returnees.
- As at 31 October 2016, there are 3,815 refugees currently in Djibouti (pending forthcoming verification exercises in Obock town and Djibouti city). Markazi camp hosts around 1,400 refugees.

### KEY FIGURES

**3,815**

Refugees currently hosted in Djibouti pending further physical verification exercises

**1,673**

Registered females.

**1,376**

Registered children and adolescents.

### PRIORITIES

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

Currently, a total of **3,815** persons of concern

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	156	176	299	283	205	182	1313	825	107	92	<b>3,638</b>
Syria				1	1	1	1				<b>4</b>
Somalia	7	12	6	6	2	14	14	53	3	9	<b>126</b>
Eritrea	4	1	3	2	4	3	8	7		1	<b>33</b>
Ethiopia	1	1	2			1	3	2			<b>10</b>
Iraq			1		2			1			<b>4</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>311</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>1339</b>	<b>888</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>3,815</b>

All figures are provisional and still subject to change.

## UPDATE ON ACHIEVEMENTS

### Operational Context and Migration

UNHCR carries out regular border monitoring in Djibouti by observing activities at Obock port as well as entry points along the villages north of Obock. Djibouti currently receives around 15-20 new arrivals from Yemen every week; meanwhile, UNHCR continues to advise refugees in Markazi camp on the dangers of return to Yemen.

The period under review was marked in Obock by thorough discussions with refugees about the establishment of a primary school in Markazi camp. For the past year, refugees have been attending classes at the Al Rahma Orphanage in close proximity to the camp. Differences had emerged between the management of Al Rahma and the refugees resulting in a series of discussions and interventions on the part of UNHCR and ONARS. On 25 October, a National Mediator of the Republic of Djibouti together with UNHCR, ONARS, the Lutheran World Federation (LWF), community leaders and teachers resorted to the will of the refugees to set up a temporary primary school in Markazi camp and use basic facilities available in the camp and voluntary efforts until a more permanent structure could be set up and equipped.

With regards to migration, the number of migrants assisted by IOM with Assisted Voluntary Return during the month of October stood at 574 migrants. These are among a group of 650 stranded Ethiopian migrants, including 118 unaccompanied minors, who had been sent back by the Yemeni authorities in Aden and dropped by boat in Geherre close to Khor Angar in mid-September. The IOM Migrant Response Centre (MRC) received and assisted them with their basic protection needs in terms of food, health and non-food items. From 20-26 October, the migrants were assisted in their journey from Obock to Galafi for voluntary return to Ethiopia. In total, from January to October, the MRC in Obock has hosted 1978 migrants evacuated from Yemen and 1469 migrants stranded in Obock. The majority of stranded migrants are from Ethiopia.



Migrants departing from the port of Obock, Djibouti. ©IOM/Oct 2016.

### Missions to the Field:

- On 08 October Dr. Wissam Bassendouah, a Yemeni activist and independent journalist visited Markazi camp and held discussions with the refugees. Her main focus was to support medical cases at the King Salman health clinic and facilitate the referral process of these cases to Gulf countries.
- On 11 October, a crew from the German Radio ARD/WRD visited the camp and did a news coverage of the Yemen refugee situation and living conditions in Markazi camp.
- On 23 October, UNHCR received a monitoring delegation from the Japan Platform Foundation (JPF), ICAN's funding agency. The JPF delegation visited Markazi camp and was briefed on overall field activities and services in the camp.
- On 30 October, Acción Directa para Refugiados, a Spanish NGO and the Yemeni NGO, the Charitable Society for Social Welfare (CSSW), met ONARS and UNHCR to discuss the modalities of complementary food baskets they planned to provide to Yemeni refugees in Markazi camp.

## Protection

### Achievements and Impact

- From 01-31 October, UNHCR and ONARS registered 81 Yemeni individuals (42 families) in Obock and Djibouti city. Furthermore, UNHCR carries out regular border monitoring by observing activities at Obock port as well as entry points along the villages north of Obock.
- As part of its activities to maintain family links, the Djibouti Red Crescent (CRD) offers phone call services to new arrivals and refugees so that they can call and reassure their families abroad. From 01-31 October, a total of 351 refugees in Markazi camp (202 women and 149 men including five minors) benefitted from the service. Also during the same period, as part of its restoring family links programme, CRD offered phone call services to 724 persons (134 women and 590 men) at the port of Djibouti.
- During the period from 01 to 31 October, the Japanese NGO, International Children's Action Network (ICAN), held 22 child-friendly sessions in Markazi camp with a total number of 1,458 children participating. Children enjoyed activities such as football, handball, jumping rope, volleyball, running and drawing.
- ICAN also distributed clothes and sandals to 89 children aged 2-4 years. Furthermore, a parents' workshop for awareness-raising on child protection was held and 47 people attended. In addition, ICAN distributed flyers and provided one-on-one briefing sessions on child rights to 334 refugees in Markazi camp.



ICAN conducted a series of awareness raising sessions on child rights and child protection for refugee parents in Markazi camp. ©ICAN/Y. Nakamura. Oct.2016

- On 12 October, the Danish Refugee Council (DRC) distributed unconditional cash grants to 80 vulnerable refugees living in Markazi camp and Obock town.

### Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- LWF conducted a skills assessment of refugees interested in: beauty and hairdressing, henna drawing, tailoring/sewing and handcrafts. 90 refugee women expressed their interest in learning these new skills. LWF will support the four groups with basic training in addition to organizational and business skills and basic book keeping. LWF will also provide start-up kits to enable the groups to begin income generating activities.

## Health

### Achievements and Impact

- From 01-31 October, 850 refugees were treated at the Africa Humanitarian Action (AHA) outpatient clinic in Markazi camp. These comprised 113 children under five years and 737 over five years of age, of whom 311 were female and 426 male. Fourteen patients were transferred to Djibouti for tertiary care and 15 patients received further medical assistance at the medical centre of Obock. Furthermore, AHA provides reproductive health services in Markazi camp and conducts house-to-house visits of chronic patients. 22 chronic patients were visited in October and one young girl received crutches to help with her mobility.
- AHA conducted sensitization activities during the reporting period to camp leaders on referral procedures, the importance of family planning and the necessity of vaccinations, in addition to hygiene and handwashing to fight against acute watery diarrhea.
- On 01 October, a large scale awareness campaign on Acute Watery Diarrhea was conducted in Markazi camp by the Ministry of Health involving all refugee committees and field partners including, UNHCR, ONARS, AHA, LWF, DRC, the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) and *l'Union National des Femmes de Djibouti* (UNFD).

- A psychotherapist and community-based rehabilitation (CBR) trainer from LWF, was on mission to Obock to assess the condition of people living with disabilities (PLWD) in Markazi camp in order to identify the forms of disability and recommend respective interventions. The trainer identified 16 PLWD including four children. A CBR training was conducted to PLWD, caregivers, sector leader and partner staff. A total of 24 participants attended the training. The aim of the training was to create awareness on the rights of PLWD to enhance their quality of life and empower them with information on access to services and ultimately encourage their full participation in community life. As a result of the training, a CBR committee in Markazi camp was formed comprising PLWD representatives. The committee will work voluntarily with partners to advocate for the rights and needs of people living with disabilities.

## Education

### Achievements and Impact

- Based on mediation meetings between refugees, parents and teachers of Markazi camp on one hand and UNHCR, ONARS and education partners LWF and UNICEF on the other hand, refugees of Markazi camp decided to hold education classes within the camp. There are currently 323 children enrolled in primary education in Markazi. Tents have been accommodated in the camp and teachers from the refugee community volunteer to teach the children. Furthermore, on 25 October, UNHCR assisted ONARS in distributing 56 mattresses and 112 bedsheets to temporarily equip the primary school in Markazi camp.

### Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- ONARS have identified the need for better classrooms and will install prefabricated houses to be used as classrooms for the primary school to replace the temporary refugee housing units currently being used.



Ali Aman, a volunteer English teacher gives classes to secondary school students in Markazi camp. Ali is a retired architect and urban planner from Yemen. ©LWF/Oct 2016.

## Water and Sanitation

### Achievements and Impact

- During the reporting period, water in Markazi camp continues to be delivered by NRC through water trucking. Water is transported and delivered to five water tanks throughout the camp. Refugees currently receive an average supply of 26 litres per person per day.
- NRC has also completed the construction of 50 new showers in Markazi camp and undertakes solid waste management in Markazi camp. Every five days, solid waste is disposed of outside the camp.

## Food Security and Nutrition

### Achievements and Impact

- On 27 October, WFP distributed dry rations to a total of 1,096 refugees in Markazi camp.
- As part of the supplementary food programme, a total of 135 children, 11 pregnant and 21 lactating mothers received 160 grams of oil, 80 grams of sugar and 800 grams of wheat during the reporting period. Some 14 children in the Moderate Acute Malnutrition program received four sachets of fortified potatoes per child. Furthermore, 540 sachets of 1.5 kilograms of WSB++ were distributed to all children under the age of five as part of the blanket feeding program.
- During the month of October, 40 households per section in Markazi camp were sensitized on nutrition and health education, reaching 160 households in total.



AHA health staff perform MUAC screening in Markazi camp @AHA/Oct 2016

### Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- There were insufficient quantities of food rations this month because of loss or theft and suspected scooping discrepancies. As a result 163 refugees did not receive food rations on time. An investigation into the matter will take place to identify the reason for the loss.

## Shelter and NFIs

### Achievements and Impact

- NRC has started the construction of 15 kitchens in Markazi camp. Based on a joint field assessment, all beneficiaries for the kitchens have been identified.
- On 16 and 17 October, ONARS distributed core relief items including 1,400 mattresses, 1,400 bed sheets, 400 cartons of soap and 150 dignity kits for pregnant and lactating women as part of a donation from the African Development Bank.
- On 22 and 23 October, UNHCR assisted ONARS in the distribution of kerosene. In total, 1,200 refugees received kerosene at the ration of two litres per person.

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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The web portal for the Yemen Crisis is available on <http://data.unhcr.org/yemen>. This portal, co-lead by IOM and UNHCR, provides a regional overview as well as specific information on conditions and activities regarding the Yemen situation at the country level. Countries include Ethiopia, Djibouti, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Somalia and Sudan. The site enables sharing of data on population and movements, maps, recent assessments, agency/NGO specific reports, the latest funding information and quick links to a variety of partner websites.

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