

Daily Key messages

The destruction of civilian infrastructure during ongoing conflict must stop. All parties to the conflict have an obligation to protect civilians and civilian infrastructure.

Overview

Violence continues to be reported in several areas of Yemen. In Haradh District, Hajjah Governorate, partners reported that five migrants from the Horn of Africa were killed and two others injured in an airstrike that hit two farms adjacent to a humanitarian facility on 21 May. A warehouse containing hygiene kits and WASH supplies for a local humanitarian partner was damaged in another strike. In Abs town, hundreds of families are reportedly fleeing their homes following two days of violence and heading to neighbouring districts including Hayran. In Al Jawf Governorate, clashes are reportedly going on between armed tribesmen and militants in Khab wa Al Sha'af area. Local partners report that hundreds of civilian households have been displaced. In Marib Governorate, violent armed clashes have been going on in Sirwah District between tribesmen and militants, with several casualties reported on both sides.

In Sa'adah City, preliminary satellite imagery analysis has identified widespread damage to infrastructure with 1,171 structures affected, damaged or destroyed by recent conflict. The analysis showed that as of 17 May, 35 impact craters existed within the city, most of which were located along the runway of Sa'ada airport. Four medical facilities were identified within 100 meters of damaged and destroyed buildings, and may have sustained some damage. Similar imagery of Aden identified 642 affected structures, including 327 destroyed, 153 severely damaged and 162 moderately damaged.

In Amanat Al Asimah Governorate (Sana'a City), partners reported on 19 May that 674 schools have been closed due to recent violence, disrupting schooling for more than 551,000 students.

Displacement and return

As of 15 May, more than 28,700 Yemenis and third country nationals have left the country since the escalation of the conflict in mid-March and have been registered in Djibouti, Ethiopia, Oman, Saudi Arabia and Sudan.

On 20 May, the Somali government facilitated the self-repatriation of 600 Somali refugees by boat from Aden Governorate (Buraiqeh District) to Berbera, Somalia. An additional 900 left on 19 May.

The first flight carrying stranded Yemenis from Egypt landed at Sana'a International Airport on 20 May. The plane had earlier been diverted to Bisha Domestic Airport in Saudi Arabia after it failed to land due to airstrikes. The same day, another flight carrying 152 Yemenis from India landed in Sana'a.

Humanitarian response

Partners continued transporting supplies and delivering aid to various areas of the country, following dispatches made during the recent five-day humanitarian pause. In Hajjah, partners distributed food to 954 families and jerry cans as well as chlorine tablets to 700 families in Aslam District on 19 May. Another 750 families in Aslam and Khayran Almuhraq districts received food on 20 May.

In Al Dhale'e and Lahj governorates, 85 metric tons of wheat was delivered on 19 May to warehouses managed by partners. In Lahj, cash distribution commenced for 5,250 families on 19 May. In Al Dhale'e, an immunization campaign started, with 96 women immunized against tetanus and 233 children immunized against measles, polio and screened for malnutrition.

On 20 May, two trucks carrying dignity kits arrived in Taizz and Lahj Governorates. This assistance is intended for 1,500 households in the two governorates. Another partner delivered lifesaving medical supplies to Khalifah Hospital in Ash Shamayatayn District and to Al Thawrah Hospital in Al Qahirah District of Taizz.

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