Daily Key messages

Take over of civilian facilities in Aden must stop. Parties to conflict must stop causing suffering of civilians and avoid the destruction of civilian infrastructure.

Overview

Widespread violence has continued in Aden City. Houses were reportedly set on fire in Khormaksar District on 29 April, while casualties and corpses lying in the street remained uncollected on 30 April. Gaps in health services continued to grow with delivery of services coming to a standstill at the main hospital, Al Jumhouria, following occupation by militants. The second facility (22 May Hospital) is unable to absorb the additional caseload. Meanwhile, 1,200 patients are at risk if the dialysis centre, which is facing severe shortage of fuel in Al Hudaydah, closes.

In Aden, the local water and sanitation company has reported that it is unable to operate due to heavy shelling in Al Barzakh and Al Karae area, where tanks supplying water to seven of Aden’s eight districts are located.

An airstrike has damaged the main road connecting Sana’a Governorate with Ibb in Somarrah area. There are no alternative routes connecting the two cities in this area. In Hajjah Governorate, a group of armed men stopped the distribution of hygiene kits to IDPs in Mustaba District in Hajjah by local a NGO on 28 April. The men reportedly seized the kits and reportedly abducted an aid worker of a national humanitarian organisation.

Displacement

The total number of people from Yemen who have arrived in Somalia since the conflict escalated, is over 3,410 as of 30 April 2015. Data compiled by partners shows that Somaliland has registered 1,125 arrivals and Puntland 2,285. So far, 57 per cent of the arrivals are migrants, and the remainder refugees. In Djibouti, over 8,900 migrants have been registered. Most arrivals in Djibouti (4,700) are third country nationals.

Access and humanitarian response

Response

On 29 April, 72,800 people received food assistance in six governorates, namely Aden, Sana’a, Al Mahwit, Dhamar, Hajjah, and Al Hudaydah; bringing the total number of people assisted since 15 April to 763,000. Of the total beneficiaries, 46 per cent are women/girls and 18 per cent are children under 5 years of age.

On 29 April, humanitarian partners in Mukalla City, Hadramaut Governorate, reported the distribution of food baskets to 138 displaced households in Fowah neighbourhood. In Lahj Governorate, another partner is providing mobile clinic services in Al Makaterah District. In Abs District, Hajjah Governorate, 216 displaced families have received non-food items. Similar assistance was delivered to 490 displaced families in Az Zuhra District in Al Hudaydah Governorate.

Partners have provided 10 water tanks in Al Dhale’e City and trucking water for people in the city. One tank was installed in Al Nasr Hospital to provide water to the facility. Access to Al Dhale’e and Abyan, however, remains a challenge due to insecurity.

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