

# OXFAM YEMEN

## Humanitarian Response



### Humanitarian Facts & Response

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#### OXFAM RESPONSE

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

##### Hajjah and Al Hudaydah

Oxfam has continued implementation of the Water Trucking Exit Strategy in all target districts with timeline ending in the end of February. The water projects continued providing 273,987 conflict affected people with safe and clean water in Az Zuhrah, Abs, Hayran and Haradh. The team distributed 335 hygiene kits for IDPs in Abs, and 236 latrine cleaning kits in 4 villages in Az Zuhrah.

##### Amran

Oxfam started implementation of the Water Trucking Exit Strategy in its operation areas with timeline ending in the end of February. It also continued providing safe water to 54,418 people through 167 distribution points and 170 tanks in the Huth, Khamir and Al-Qafrah districts. The first round of food voucher distribution reached 344 new IDP households in the four districts.

##### Taiz

Oxfam's response has scaled up successfully, reaching 153,989 people in 5 affected districts incl. Taiz City. Trained volunteers and the conflict affected households implemented 102 cleaning campaigns in Al Ta'izyah district. Hygiene kits were distributed to 502 households in Alazaiz villages covering 3,514 persons.

##### Aden

The supported SHCs held 70 awareness sessions and 8 morning radiobroadcast programmes on malaria and dengue fever with preventive measures in 8 target schools.



Displaced children warming up with their new relief winterisation hooded jackets- Amran

#### HUMANITARIAN UPDATE

The USG for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator Stephen O'Brien made a statement to the UNSC on Yemen indicating that it is more urgent than ever to address the human catastrophe in Yemen. Of note was the increase in the number of IDPs to 2.7 million people. The statement noted that UN agencies and partners are delivering aid under "extraordinarily difficult and dangerous" circumstances, and was highly critical of all parties to the conflict who have contributed to reduced humanitarian space and access.

Despite limited supplies entering besieged areas, this does little to address overall needs. The [ICRC](#) and [WHO](#) have been able to deliver medical supplies into Taiz, including to four hospitals. Ongoing and comprehensive access

remains an issue for Taiz City 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 its 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**

The team collected data from 252 interviews and 6 FGDs (50% being females) in 6 target districts of Hajjah and Al Hudaydah to inform them of the EFSVL strategy. The strategy targets the districts of Abs, Kua'ydinah, Aslam and Bani Qais (Hajjah).

#### **WASH**

##### **Water**

The Programme continued implementing Oxfam's Water Trucking Exit Strategy (**WTES**). New water interventions will lead to the gradual exit of water trucking activities by the end of February, 2016. Oxfam signed agreements with 8 water management committees in Bani Kudish, Alsabeel, Deer Alagm, and Deer Alhassi in Abs), and (Aldeir, Alsada, and Almasharefa in Hairan) in Abs and Hayran districts, to rehabilitate their water supply schemes and connect them to existing Oxfam water points. Before the 22<sup>nd</sup> of February. Oxfam will sign 5 fuel subsidy MoUs (4 in Az Zuhrah and 1 in Hayran) with similar committees enabling to exit from water trucking.

WTES plans to support 22 water supply schemes with fuel subsidies, spare parts and technical support until May of 2016 to empower communities to take over the operational and maintenance roles of their schemes.

##### **Public Health Promotion**

The teams mobilized 9,969 H/Hs to implement a total of 442 cleaning campaigns, held 431 hand washing sessions, and trained 10 CHVs to work in Az Zurah and Hayran. In addition, a total of **11,811** households (6,061 IDP H/Hs, 5,750 host community H/Hs) in three districts were visited to monitor their hygiene behaviour changes.

Oxfam has worked to increase the beneficiary community's ownership and participation by reinforcing recommendations of their consultations; they were involved in cleaning water points, held 412 jerry can cleaning campaigns, identified potential water schemes such as dug wells for improvement and rehabilitation, and led water provision efforts with Oxfam's technical support. These activities were conducted through 429 PHP household sessions targeting 9,560 households consisting of 42,056 persons. The team and CHVs reached 4,922 IDP homes with an intensive sensitisation of WTES; this was jointly planned with the communities to promote household water treatment such as boiling, solar disinfection or the use of filters in the filter-supported areas.

##### **Hygiene kits**

The team distributed 335 hygiene kits for IDPs in Abs, and 236 latrine cleaning kits in 4 villages of Az Zuhrah.

##### **General assessment**

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

## **AMRAN**

INDIVIDUALS ASSISTED: 54,418

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

### **Winterization kits**

Emergency winterisation kits were distributed to 1,109 IDPs dwelling in camp-like settlements in Khamir and Houth to alleviate their conditions during the area's harsh winter weather.

### **Food Security**

The first round of food voucher distributions reached 344 new IDP households in the four districts. Another 60 IDP H/Hs will receive their vouchers pending receipt of security clearance to access their locations. All vendors have received the payments for the vouchers and have redeemed them.

An EFSVL team conducted 5 FGDs to understand the area's household needs. Three FGDs included men's and women's groups - one core men's group and one women's group from both IDPs and host community.

### **WASH**

#### **Water Supply**

Oxfam trucked 13.4 litres of water per person to 54,607 individuals including IDPs and host communities living in the four water scarce districts. The Khamir office started its Water Trucking Exit Strategy (WES) by improving sustainable local access to drinking and safe water. Despite the chronic water scarcity in this part of Amran, Oxfam worked with the local communities and authorities in Huth to start the rehabilitation of Huth's dysfunctional water network. A water reservoir tank in Khamir's Agricultural Office, close to IDPs settlement, is being rehabilitated and is expected to be completed by next week.

Regular water quality and quantity monitoring activities are in place to ensure that beneficiaries have access to safe and adequate water. Water samples from two different boreholes of Khamer, have been delivered to two different laboratories in Sana'a to analyse the water supply's quality with selected physical, chemical and bacteriological parameters.

#### **Public Health Promotion**

Oxfam's trained Community Health Volunteers implemented 114 hygiene awareness sessions primarily focusing on child hygiene. The CHVs distributed information and communication materials and pictures for 604 boys, 547 girls, 934 women and 775 men. The activities focused on promoting **community-based approaches** to hygiene promotion. To ensure equal representation of the wide segments of the target communities, the focus group discussions (FGDs) will engage both youth and the elderly in the coming weeks. Two FGDs were held with men and women in order to collate community opinion on community priorities including water trucking services and the Oxfam's exit strategy, with a view to identifying alternative sustainable solutions the use of scarce water resources to meet the community's needs.

A total of 191 men, 313 women and 638 children were mobilized to conduct a community clean-up campaign in Al-Qaflah to compensate for the lack of functioning institutional structures.

## **Sanitation**

The team started the construction of two septic tanks to connect to two existing latrines for the safe disposal of latrine waste. The general maintenance of damaged latrines in Huth camp is a work in progress. In addition, Oxfam desludged 63m<sup>3</sup> of latrine waste, while constructing a latrine for every 31 persons; this served 11,403 individuals from the local IDP and host communities.

## **Partnership**

OXFAM met the head of Culture Office for Amran Governorate and a famous comedian, Mr. Ibrahim Al-Ashmori. During the meeting, Oxfam agreed to partner with the cultural office to disseminate appropriate hygiene messages through theatrical presentations in the coming weeks. Oxfam also agreed with the Amran Education Office, Health Office, and MoPIC to rally support for activities focusing on supporting children's hygiene. Further consultations are planned with parents, school administrations, education office and children.

## **TAIZ**

INDIVIDUALS ASSISTED: 153,989

### **Winterisation Kit**

The team distributed 184 winterisation kits to IDP families in schools in Al Turbah and Al Asabih.

## **Food Security**

The team conducted a pre-intervention EFSVL assessment, formed Community Committees in 4 villages, and trained local Committee members on registration in Al Ta'izyah. The team conducted an EFSVL Rapid Assessment and an FGD in Salah, Al-Taizayah and Sabir Almouadem. In Al Shamayatayn district, the team registered and verified the registration of new IDPs in Almagharemah, AL-rajeiah, Bani Shaibah , Algharreishah and Alsharaf villages.

## **WASH**

### **Water**

Oxfam continued trucking water to 55,495 conflict-affected individuals in the city proper and 844 others in broader Al Turbah area at 69 distribution points. It also signed a contract for the rehabilitation of the Madhaf water scheme, completed rehabilitation works of the Al-Qarishah, Al-Maqaremah and Al-Azaiz water schemes and handed over the rehabilitated Al-Qarishah and Al-Azaiz water schemes to local community water committees.

### **Public Hygiene Promotion**

Oxfam trained local Community Health Volunteers conducted 50 hygiene awareness sessions for 179 households with 1,250 members in Al Howban. They, along with the affected households, implemented 102 cleaning campaigns in Al Ta'izyah district. They also visited 360 households in the target areas to monitor hygiene practices and the use of previously distributed hygiene kits. 30 jerry can campaigns in Al Howban villages encouraged the community to regularly clean 1,781 jerry cans.

### **Hygiene kits**

The hygiene (PHP) team distributed hygiene kits to 502 households in Al Azaiz sub district covering the needs of 3,514 persons.

## **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.

### **Coordination**

All eight targeted schools in the Aden districts have agreed to extend the postponement of all School Hygiene and Sanitation Clubs' (SHCs) activities until after the first-term examination timeline of February 11, 2016. The project motivates school students and parents to maintain their schools', streets', residences' and bodies' hygiene levels in order to reduce morbidity.

The Oxfam team attended the regular WASH Cluster meeting at which it was agreed to conduct a separate workshop to discuss Oxfam's experiences in school-based WASH activities, and how to broaden Oxfam's experience of establishing and supporting the SHCs in all Aden schools, an initiative to be supported by Oxfam, Unicef, Save the Children and Care with the participation of the WASH Cluster.



### **Public Health Promotion**

Oxfam's SHCs conducted 70 awareness sessions and 8 morning radio broadcast programmes about malaria and dengue fever and its preventive measures in Oxfam-supported schools. Oxfam's representatives visited the Aden Girls High School and Muhairez Girls High School to discuss with their supervisors the SHCs' February plan. The SHCs also participated in the meetings, and Oxfam's finance staff distributed incentives to SHC supervisors' of the targeted schools' Hygiene and Sanitation Clubs.

## TOTAL BENEFICIARIES REACHED BY OXFAM SINCE JULY 2015

Governorate	District	Activity	New Reached H/Hs (This week)	Old H/Hs Reached	Current Cumulative				
					H/Hs 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	0	1,954	1,954	13,678	3,887	4,046	5,745
		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	2,214	2,214	15,498	4,405	4,584	6,509
		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	3,138	3,138	21,966	6,244	6,495	9,227
		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	0	601	601	4,207	1196	1244	1,767
		Latrines	0	368	368	2,576	696	772	1108
		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
<b>Total unique beneficiaries</b>		<b>Hudaydah &amp; Hajjah</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>60,633</b>	<b>60,633</b>	<b>424,431</b>	<b>117,547</b>	<b>126,456</b>	<b>180,429</b>
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	344	2,492	2826	19,852	5,312	5,835	8,705
		Winterization kits	751	0	751	5827	869	725	4,233
<b>Total unique beneficiaries</b>		<b>Amran</b>	<b>1,095</b>	<b>7,801</b>	<b>7,801</b>	<b>54,607</b>	<b>14,199</b>	<b>15,288</b>	<b>25,121</b>
Taiz	Taiz	Water trucking	0	7928	7928	55,495	11384	11908	32203
		Winterisation Kits	0	700	700	4900	1008	1050	2,842
	Al Shamayatayn	Water trucking	0	187	187	844	228	253	363
		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
<b>Total unique beneficiaries</b>		<b>Taiz</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>21,957</b>	<b>21,957</b>	<b>153,898</b>	<b>42,732</b>	<b>37,173</b>	<b>73,992</b>
<b>Aden City</b>		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
<b>Grand Total</b>			<b>2190</b>	<b>104319</b>	<b>104319</b>	<b>733936</b>	<b>201748</b>	<b>209217</b>	<b>322972</b>

