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OXFAM RESPONSE

In response to the current crisis Oxfam has supported **733,747 individuals**

Hajjah and Al Hudaydah

Oxfam has started incremental implementation of the Water Trucking Exit Strategy in all target districts, and continued providing 273,987 conflict affected people with safe and clean water in Az Zuhrah, Abs, Hayran and Haradh. The second and last round of Cash-for-Work distributions covered 2,000 households in Abs.

Amran

Oxfam provided safe and clean water to 54,418 people through 167 distribution points and 170 tanks in the Huth, Khamir and Al-Qafalah districts. Two rapid surveys are currently assessing the operational status of the water and sanitation facilities in IDPs' locations.

Taiz

Oxfam's response has scaled up successfully, now reaching 153,989 people in 5 affected districts and Taiz City. IDPs in Al Hawban received 100 new latrines.

Aden

The Al Dhale'e Local Water and Sanitation Corporation received Oxfam-procured equipment to operate the water supply system to Hawtah City (Lahij). The system will provide water to 20,000 persons.



Humanitarian Coordinator, Mr. McGoldrick, visiting an Oxfam project in Az Zuhrah – Al Hudaydah

HUMANITARIAN UPDATE

The humanitarian situation continues to deteriorate, resulting in multiple new displacements, especially in Nihm and Midi districts. The UN and other key stakeholders have not agreed on a date and a place for the next round of the peace talks. The process for the next ceasefire agreement is not clear either. The ongoing lack of decisive steps towards peace is deepening existing vulnerabilities in the country. IDPs and host communities alike are resorting to desperate coping strategies. On a relatively positive note, the supply of commodities and fuel has increased in this reporting period, which resulted in a slight drop in the prices of basic commodities.

On 27/01, the Humanitarian Coordinator, Jamie McGoldrick discussed with the authorities in Al Hudaydah current challenges in the coordination of humanitarian work. The HC visited Oxfam's operations in Az Zuhra and learned about our water, sanitation, shelter and cash interventions.

OXFAM PROGRAMMES

HAJJAH AND AL HUDAYDAH

INDIVIDUALS ASSISTED: 424,431

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 the ongoing 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 second and final round of Cash-for-Work distributions covered 2,000 households (including 424 female-headed households) in Abs. Each beneficiary household received YER 19,200 (\$89) as wages for 12 actual working days. This intervention covered 80% of the food basket cost.

WASH

Water

The Programme started implementing the Water Trucking Exit Strategy (**WTES**). Targeted water interventions will lead to the gradual exit of water trucking activities by the end of February, 2016. In the first completed exit, our team connected existing water points to an Oxfam rehabilitated water system. The team sensitized the community to ensure improved quality and quantity of the existing water resources.

A new partnership agreement with 4 community-based water management committees was reached. As a result, we will be even better placed to facilitate IDP access to water from the local water supply system. Oxfam provided an essential fuel subsidy, spare parts and support towards the operational and maintenance costs. Oxfam also subsidised the Local Water Supply Corporation with 5,200 litres of diesel to support various water schemes in Abs, Hayran and Az Zuhrah.

Sanitation

An assessment of the operational status of WASH facilities is ongoing. It is intended to support **WTES** and promote sustainable management of the water resources by the communities and the water authorities. The study along with the food security assessments will inform an integrated strategy. Gender and Protection will be a key component of the mapping process.

Public Health Promotion

A total of 10,795 affected households were visited for a planned follow up on changes in household behaviour and hygiene practices. 14 Focus Group Discussions (FGDs) took place in Abs and Hayran. We promoted the **WTES**, cleaning water wells and the use of household water treatment. The discussions were followed by a large-scale awareness-raising activity on cleaning the existing alternative water wells. The PHP team conducted 389 hygiene awareness sessions and targeted 9,295 households. In addition, they conducted 392 jerry can cleaning campaigns to prevent the spread of diarrhoea.

Gender

Local women and men were engaged in a brainstorming sessions to find sustainable alternatives to water trucking as part of the **WTES**. Women were encouraged to mobilize households to have a bigger role in the water management committees. The local volunteers were trained on how to facilitate rapid needs assessments.

MEAL

A post distribution monitoring on the Unconditional Cash Transfer distribution in Abs in December found out that the cash was spent on essential needs; 98% of respondents spent 78% of the cash on food, 48% used 17% of the cash to repay debts and 46% spent 13% of the cash on medicine. The Food Consumption Score estimated that 4% of the surveyed families had a poor diet, 20% had a borderline diet and the remaining 76% had an acceptable diet.

General assessment

The teams started a rapid assessment covering 33 villages in Shafar sub-district. The assessment will be used to inform the operational strategy for the next 12 months. The study aims to identify needs and immediate risks borne out of the rapidly changing context. A survey of local traders is taking place in Az Zuhrah. It will identify reliable traders that can deliver food in the framework of our EFSVL interventions.

AMRAN

INDIVIDUALS ASSISTED: 54,418

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

Winterization kits

The teams distributed 204 kits in Huth (incl. 58 women), and 335 kits in Dahadh camp of Khamir (incl. 84 women). Prior to the distributions, focus group discussions with beneficiary women, men and children took place. At the discussions, our teams took stock of their priorities and preferred distribution locations. The meetings were used as a platform to select representatives to participate in crowd control activities and beneficiary verification.

Food Security

The team distributed food vouchers to the remaining 177 displaced HHs, and 160 new IDP households were registered.

WASH

Water Supply

Our water trucking activities reached 7,774 households, serving 54,418 persons. In all target districts we operate through a 177 tanks with a total capacity of 717m³/day, delivering an average of 14 l per person per day.

Public Health Promotion

685 household visits reached 3,803 persons, and 156 hygiene sessions targeted 3,969 people. 20 hygiene kits were distributed as part of a push to reach IDPs who were not registered during the first distribution in Dhadh camp. Oxfam provided 54 latrines and cleaning tools for 162 families (1,134 individuals). The focus group discussions (12 men, 9 women and 18 children) found out that some children were responsible for broken doors and improper use of the latrines. Oxfam emphasised the importance of ownership to ensure optimal use and sustainability of the available facilities. The community agreed to supervise children and ensure they are instructed how to use the latrines properly.

Sanitation

New latrines have benefited 13 IDP households of 91 Persons. Also 57m³ de-sludging served Dahadh camp.

Assessment

The teams started two rapid surveys to assess operational status of sanitation and water facilities in IDPs' locations.

TAIZ

INDIVIDUALS ASSISTED: 153,989

Winterisation Kit

The team distributed 184 out of 200 winterisation kits to IDP families in Schools in Turbah and Al Asabih.

Food Security

The team received a list of 1,000 new households in Al Shamayatayn. The preparations for food basket activities have been finalized.

WASH

Water

Oxfam continued water trucking activities reached 55,495 conflict affected persons in Taiz city and 844 people in Al Turbah through 69 distribution points. We've rehabilitated 3 water systems in Al Maqarimah, Al Qarishah and Al Azaz sub-districts. There is still ongoing finishing work as some components still need to be fitted (a submersible pump, pumping line and a small tank). The team continued the rehabilitation activities for the Madhaf water scheme and the Al Turbah LWSC.

Sanitation

100 emergency latrines were completed and handed over to IDPs in Al Hawban after hygiene sensitisation.

Public Hygiene Promotion

320 hygiene kits were distributed to Al Madahig sub-district following hygiene awareness sessions. Hygiene promotion activities were conducted in 7 schools in 5 sub-districts of Al Shamayatayn. The focus of the sessions was on solid waste management, hand washing, and school clean-up. The target group comprised 5,821 students. The team and Community Health Volunteers conducted **242** hygiene awareness sessions for **864** households including **6,050** members. They implemented 69 clean-up campaigns in 12 villages in Al Howban and focused on safe water chain awareness raising, proper sanitation, hand washing and prevention of diarrhoea.

Coordination

The team took part in a WASH cluster meeting for Taiz in Ibb city to coordinate water delivery to beneficiaries. Two technical groups were recommended to address the hygiene promotion standardisation and water trucking standardization.

ADEN AND SOUTHERN GOVERNORATES

Oxfam is working in 4 southern governorates of Aden, Lahj, Al Dhale'e and Abyan to provide water and sanitation.

Coordination

The Oxfam team attended an Education Cluster meeting at the invitation of UNICEF to showcase OXFAM's experience of WASH in schools, and ways to replicate our experience in targeted schools in Aden through the Hygiene and Sanitation Clubs.

Water

The teams checked the delivery of equipment needed to operate the water pumps of the Local Water and Sanitation Corporation in Al Hawtah City of Lahj Governorate.

Public Health Promotion

Activities by the School Hygiene and Sanitation Clubs (SHCs) have been postponed to observe the first term exams from 24th January – 4th February. The behaviour change monitoring activity was extended at three targeted schools due to the exams.

A field visit was conducted to Al Dhale'e Governorate to receive waste collection containers to support the clean-up activities in Al Dhale'e city. The team is still waiting for the arrival of other materials before the cleaning activities can commence.

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	320	1,634	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	5,426	5,426	37,982	10,794	11,235	15,953	
	Al Sukhna	UCT	0	1,900	1,900	13,300	3,780	3,934	5,586	
	Hays	UCT	0	2,100	2,100	14,700	4,178	4,348	6,174	
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	1,740	1,803	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	1,196	1,244	1,767	
		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	150	0	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		Hodaydah & Hajjah	2,210	60,633	60,633	424,431	117,547	126,456	180,429
	Amran	Khamir, Huth, AlQafalah	Water trucking	37	7,737	7,774	54,418	14,693	16,325	23,400
			Latrines	13	604	617	4,319	1,166	1,296	1,857
PHP			0	7,619	7,619	53,319	21,751	20,795	10,773	
	Khamir	Voucher	177	2,315	2,492	17,444	4,710	5,233	7,501	
		Winterization kits	539	0	539	3,773	1,019	1,132	1,622	
Total unique beneficiaries		Amran	766	7,737	7,774	54,418	14,693	16,325	23,400	
Taiz	Taiz	Water trucking	484	7,444	7,928	55,495	11,384	11,908	32,203	
		Winterisation Kit	172	528	700	4,900	1,008	1,050	2,842	
	Al Shamayatayn	Water trucking	0	187	187	844	228	253	363	
		PHP		6,136	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	21,324	
Total unique beneficiaries		Taiz	656	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	34,830	
Lahej	AlHawtah	Water/maintenance	0	2,357	2,357	20,000	5,400	6,000	8,600	
Grand Total			3632	104,255	104,292	733,747	202,242	210,254	321,251	