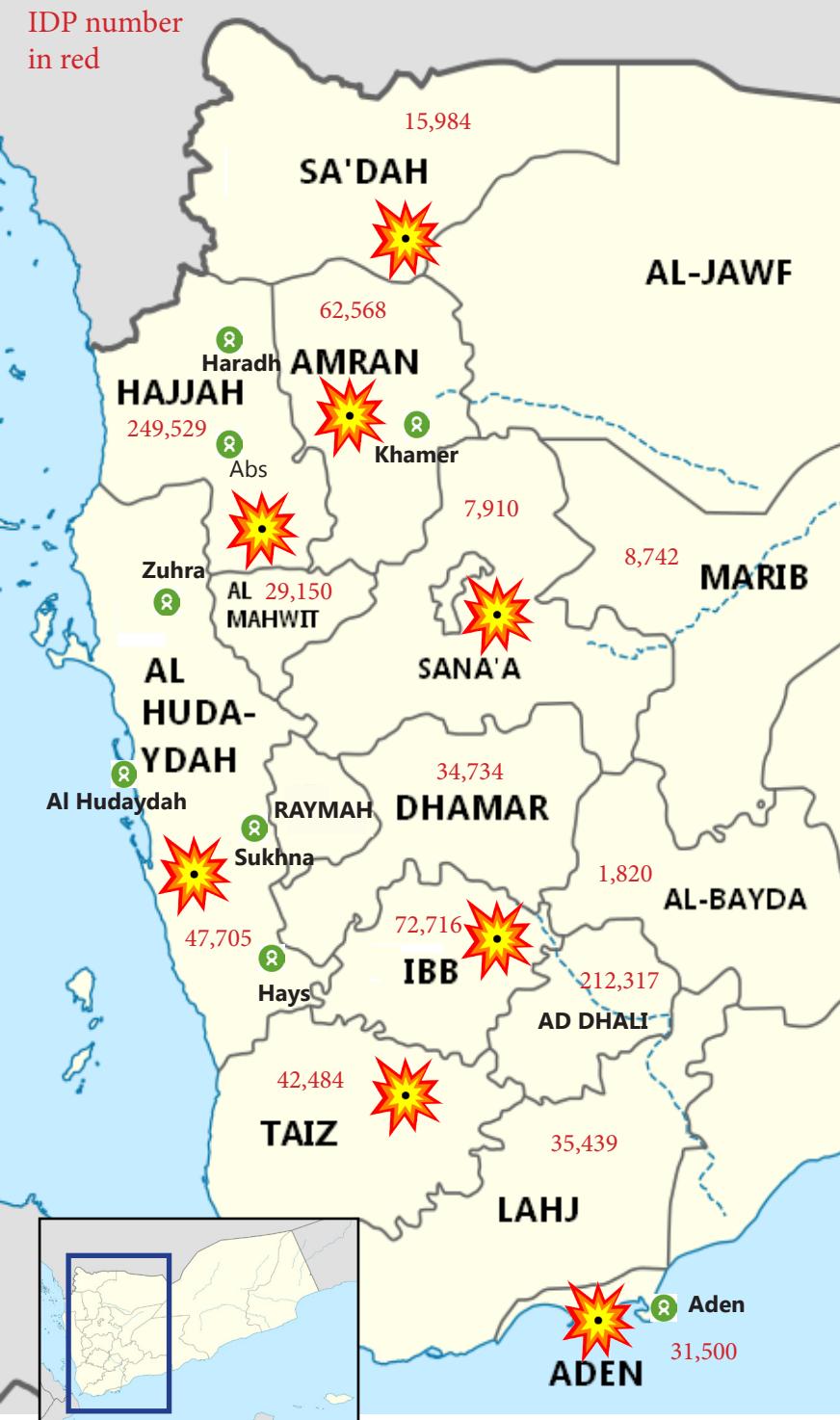




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HUMANITARIAN HEADLINES

1,019,762 internally displaced
20 million in need
12.5 million food insecure
 OCHA

OXFAM RESPONSE

Hodeida (Al Sukhna and Hays district) – 28,000 supported in current scale up

This is an existing programme Oxfam had from the ongoing protracted food insecurity crisis in Yemen. The programme is continuing to support those affected by previous food insecurity and the current crisis. It includes cash for work, the provision of safe and clean water and public health promotion

Hodeida & Hajjah Governorate – 56,732 individuals so far supported

Our emergency response to the current crisis will target people in 3 cluster areas in the Hodeida and Hajjah Governorates (Al Zuhra district in Hodeida and Abs and Haradh districts in Hajjah). In these locations Oxfam is providing safe and clean water via water trucking, public health promotion and unconditional cash transfers

Support to Local Water Corporations in urban centres targeting 1,485,000 people

In Aden, and Hodeida, Oxfam is supporting local water corporations to provide water via the water network. Water systems have been significantly affected by the crisis.

Amran scale up

Oxfam is scaling up in Amran, where Oxfam have provided 13,7120 people with water

In response to the current crisis Oxfam has supported **94,102 individuals**

HUMANITARIAN UPDATE



Yemen is now the country with the largest humanitarian need globally. All 22 governorates are affected by the conflict. Over 20 million people (80% of the population) are in need of humanitarian assistance and IDP figures have doubled in the last 3 months to over 1 million, with concentrations in Hajja and Al Dhalee Governorates. 20.4 million are in need of WASH assistance, 15 million lack access to basic health care (up 40% since March) and 12.5m are food insecure (6 million severely).

Considering that Yemen is now classed as one of the biggest humanitarian crises in the world, it would be expected that the profile of the emergency becomes central to government and non-government actors around the world. However it is imperative that this attention firstly trans-

lates into political pressure for a permanent cease-fire, with adequate resourcing to follow. An increase in resources for Yemen at this point will have limited impact if humanitarian agencies are still unable to access the most affected areas, and in the case of Oxfam, it is vital that prioritisation of Yemen for resources is accompanied by strong advocacy to have measurable effect.

In terms of need, the timing of food security assistance is now becoming critical, as coping mechanisms of vulnerable households are now being exhausted as the seasonal hunger gap comes to an end. Irreversible coping mechanisms, with implications for protection, are likely to increase, with evidence already showing that families are selling reproductive assets to meet their immediate needs, and women being forced to access firewood due to fuel shortages of other cooking fuel. The coming weeks will be a turning point for the emergency, as actors will either re-enter Yemen and find the way forward for providing a response at scale, or will have to again find alternate ways of providing assistance.

FOOD AND MARKETS



OCHA has reported that fuel prices have risen by about 690% in Raymah Governorate since March. Diesel is not available in seven out of 22 governorates, putting 10 million people at risk of losing access to water. There is more than 250,000 MT of grains in stores in Aden and Hudaydah, but grain mills are unable to process the grain. In Marib Governorate the price of wheat has increased by over 100%. Our findings are showing that in Sa'ada, the impact of the conflict on the market has been extreme; there is now no fuel, dollars or wheat.

Wheat markets in Hajjah Governorate have shown some improvement following the importation of some wheat grain through Al-Hodidah port in the last few days. Our monitoring data show that the prices of wheat has significantly reduced in Haradh, and Abbs districts of Hajja Governorate and Alzhura district of Hodeidah Governorate, which hosts a number of IDPs. The price of wheat per kg in Haradh has decreased from YER 300 to YER 200. . Although diesel is still unavailable in both official and black market, some fuel stations sell petrol at official price rate YER 150 per litre.

During the last week, the food security situation in Taiz is deteriorating significantly as a result of the siege of Taiz city. The siege has prevented inflow of goods inside and outside of the city. Many shops are closed as a result. This has resulted in limited supply and high prices. The price of wheat has increased from YER 320 to YER 350 per kg. A cooking gas in 20 liters cylinder which normally costs YER 2500 is now being sold at prices range of YER 5500 to 7000. As a result, many families have started using wood and charcoal for cooking. The siege has also resulted in a very high scarcity of water in the Governorate.

GENERAL POLITICAL SITUATION



Geneva peace talks and another humanitarian pause

The UN sponsored Geneva talks will start on 14 June and have the backing of the UN Security Council and UN Secretary General who this week also called for a further humanitarian pause and a swift start to peace talks without preconditions. Reports suggest that the talks will discuss a roadmap for the implementation of UNSC Resolution 2216 as well as a five week humanitarian pause to coincide with Ramadan.

OXFAM PROGRAMMES

HODEIDA (Existing programme)

Individuals assisted since March 2015: 28,000 as part of scale up to crisis (overall programme had reached 471,000)

LOCATION: Al Sukhna and Hays Districts

ACTIVITIES:

Unconditional Cash Transfer (UCT)

Preparation for the fourth/last round UCT has been delayed due to the money not yet being transferred to the post office to complete payments in the first week of June as planned. The finance team is still working with head office, although it is not clear when the money will be transferred to the post office. A total of 4000 beneficiary HHs in Al Sukhna and Hays districts of Hodeidah Governorate are waiting for receiving their payment for two hunger months (June and July).

WASH



The progress of the rehabilitation of the last two water supply systems in Al Sukhna and Hays district is now reaching 70%. All the required materials which includes water pipe, fittings and the spare parts for the Al-Sho'ob villages have been delivered to the sites and construction/rehabilitation is well underway.

In Hays and Aalsukhna districts 20 hygiene sessions on safe sanitation and safe water chine have been conducted by community health volunteers benefiting a total of trained 235 persons (69 men, 86 women, 80 children). The hygiene sessions take place in public areas in the village with hygiene sessions for women conducted by female CHVs and for men conducted by male CHVs. The community health volunteers continues engaging and performing day to day activities at the community level.

HODEIDA AND HAJJAH GOVERNORATES

INDIVIDUALS ASSISTED: 56,732 beneficiaries

LOCATION: Al Zuhra (Hodeida), Abs (Hajjah) & Haradh (Hajjah)

ACTIVITIES:

WASH



During the reporting period a total of 215 cubic meters of safe water is being delivered on a daily basis for 4000 IDPs households (12,673 women, 13,728 men and 17,599 children) in Al Zuhra, Abbs, Hyran and Haradh districts, providing each person with at least 8 litres per persons per day through water trucking.

Oxfam WASH team and partners staff continues mobilizing community for latrines construction. During this reporting period a total of 34 latrines have been constructed bringing the total number of latrines constructed to only 44 latrines out of total target 300 latrines. Separate latrines are being constructed for men and women. The site for latrines consulted both men and women in the community. The low latrines construction process was mainly due to reluctant of the land owners to allow the IDPs to construct latrines. The issue has been discussed with community leaders and local council who are promised to resolve the problem with land owners.

During this reporting period, the community health volunteers with support from the Oxfam WASH team and partners continue to implement public health promotion activities in all target villages in the four districts (Harad , Hyran , Abbs and Al-Zuhra) reaching a total of 2554 persons (1536 men, 624 women, 394 children) through completing a total of 53 hygiene sessions. The observation made by the Oxfam and partner WASH team indicating that the ongoing hygiene awareness has impacted positively on improving the community's hygiene related practices especially in regard to safe water chine and hand washing.

In Hyran and Harad district the implementing partner YFCA completed a day long training session for 21 CHVs (18 men and 3 women) covering the basic hygiene aspects such as conducting of hygiene sessions using IEC materials, how to identify, track and report epidemic disease and reporting skills

One water jerry can cleaning campaign has been organised by the Oxfam partner NFDHR in Al-Zuhra district (Al-Yabessa village) with the participation of 35 Male, 27 Female and 19 children. In Azuhra district 2 general environmental cleaning campaigns have been conducted in village with participation of 42 men, 35 women and 24 children. The garbage has been collected by the community. In Abbs district, Oxfam and its implementing partner (Abbs) distributed 414 hygiene kits. During the distributions the beneficiaries received hygiene promotion awareness and the importance of proper use of hygiene related items.

UNCONDITIONAL CASH TRANSFERS



As reported in previous sitrep, it has been decided that cash activities should not be expanded beyond Al Zuhra in Hodeidah until a proper rapid market assessment and security assessments are completed by senior international Staff when they return to Yemen, in coordination with field teams. Following this decision, the team has started a new IDP registration, verification and selection process in Al Zuhra to support all IDPs in the district who have not yet received similar support

SUPPORT TO LOCAL WATER CORPORATIONS IN URBAN CENTRES

TARGET: 1,485,000 people



LOCATION: Aden, Lahj, Abyan and Hodeida

ADEN

The extension of the MOU which expired on 31st May has been finalised and signed by Oxfam. The second payment (3,750,000YER) will be prepared since the first tranche is spent.

HODEIDA

A total of 58,500 HHs in Hodeida city now have access to safe water. UNICEF is continuing to support the Local Water and Sanitation Corporation with the required fuel to operate the system alongside Oxfam who are providing financial support. During this period, Hodeidah local water corporation received engine oils and filters for generators in the water pumping stations. A Supplier for pump spare parts has been identified and has signed the contract with the local water corporation. The supplies are expected this week. The quotations for the shifting of the generator from the 7th July station to Al Zabariah has been finalised and the contract has been signed with the contractor to move and install the generator.

LAHJ

MOU has been signed by Oxfam on 4th of June. The Lahj Water Corporation will be able to undertake daily water supply maintenances services and pay allowances for essential staff.

SCALE UP IN AMRAN

WASH

During this reporting period, 605,000 litres of water was delivered to 13720 people (3,952 women, 4281 men and 5,488 children). This is 6-7 litres/ person /day. There has been a storage problem in the IDP areas and therefore not enough water has been trucked and also a lack of fuel in the locality affected the timely delivery of water. A total of 23 latrines have been built in 8 schools where IDPs are staying while the selected community health volunteers will be trained this week.

FOOD INSECURITY

The Unconditional Cash Transfer planned to support 2439 HHs in Amran is still on hold. NDFHR, partner NGO, has been supported to do a market assessment to see the feasibility of UTC to provide appropriate support. Oxfam has been also looking at different ways to build the capacity of NDFHR to design, implement and monitor UCT

Governorate	District	Activity	Reached HH	Reached individuals	
Hodeidah	Al Zuhra	Water Trucking	2,337	25,707	
		NFI	652	7,167	
		Latrine	300	3,301	
		UCT	661	7,271	
		Shelter	391	4,301	
Hajja	Al Sukhna	UCT	1,900	13,300	
	Hays	UCT	2,100	14,700	
	Abbs	Water Trucking	1,183	13,013	
		NFI	546	6,006	
		Hyran	Water Trucking	927	10,197
Amran	Haradh	Water Trucking	315	3,465	
		Khamir	Water Trucking	2,450	13,720
			Total	11,212	94,102

POLICY AND ADVOCACY

Work has been taking place to forward a joint INGO statement on peace talks which we plan to release prior to talks on 14 June. Based on the new humanitarian needs, developments in peace talks and increasing reports of IHL violations – the talking points, Q&A and advocacy strategy is under revision.

Oxfam will also develop popular mobilisation actions and communications for Ramadan, primarily targeting the Middle East and North Africa

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