



REGIONAL REFUGEE AND MIGRANT RESPONSE PLAN (RRMRP)

IMPACT OF THE YEMEN CRISIS

15th November 2015

Humanitarian actors involved in the response to the outflow of civilians from Yemen due to the current conflict are committed to providing life-saving assistance and protection to those fleeing Yemen, pending durable solutions.

KEY FIGURES AS OF 29 OCTOBER 2015

166,658

Total out of Yemen

75,778

Arrivals in Djibouti, Ethiopia, Somalia, Sudan.

23,594

Total assisted movement (as of 29 October, IOM)

GENDER

Yemenis



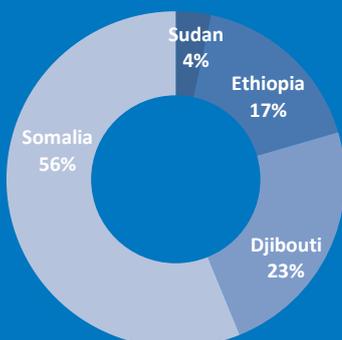
Somalis*



*Data from Somalia

FUNDING REQUIREMENT

USD 36,412,375*



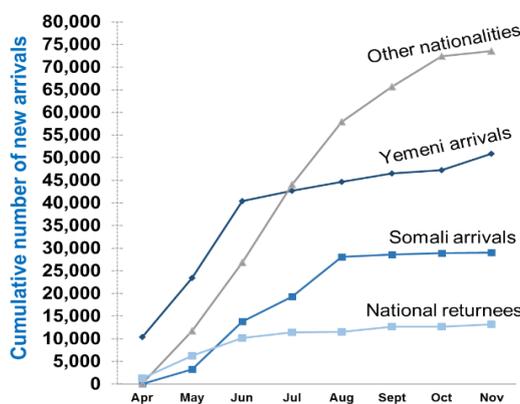
*detailed requirement from the RRM RP October-December 2015

Population movements from Yemen to neighboring countries*

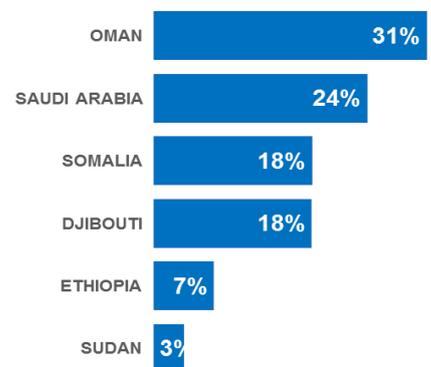
Movements of/to	Djibouti	Somalia	Ethiopia	Sudan	Total
Yemenis	15,761	3,091	1,075	439	20,366
Somalis	296	26,196	2,515	18	29,025
Other nationalities	11,526	218	166	1,301	13,211
National returnees	1,904	0	7,472	3,800	13,176
Total	29,487	29,505	11,228	5,558	75,778

*(Kingdom of Saudi Arabia 39,880 & Oman: 51,000¹), Figures as of 29 October 2015

Arrival trends per category of people

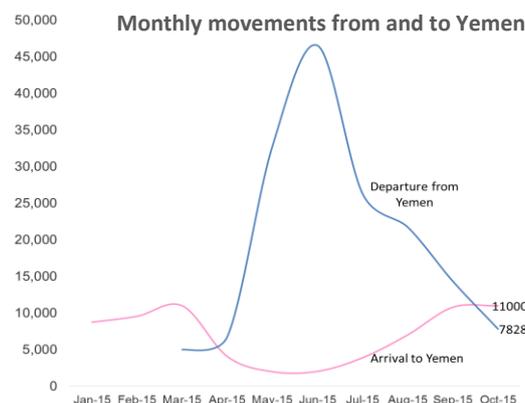


Breakdown of arrivals per country



Recent developments:

More than 165 000 people have left Yemen since the beginning of hostilities, including 44% third country nationals, 31% Yemenis and 17% Somalis.



Despite on-going conflict and a deepening humanitarian crisis, almost 70,000 refugees, asylum-seekers, and migrants – primarily from Ethiopia and Somalia – have arrived by boat in Yemen by end of Oct.

The arrival to Yemen came a halt for the first week of Nov with two cyclones hitting the Gulf of Aden.

¹ Oman clarified that it facilitated the movement, accommodation, and provided airline tickets to 51,000 Third Country Nationals from 27 different nationalities since March 2015. The Government of Oman further informed that 500 Yemenis have arrived in Oman during the period May-July 2015 who currently reside in Oman.

REGIONAL PRIORITIES (SUMMARY)

- People fleeing from Yemen have access to safe, orderly and humane movements enabled through a harmonized, comprehensive and coordinated approach in the region.
- Affected populations, especially those with specific needs, have access to protection and assistance upon arrival and enjoy a dignified stay in the country.
- Refugees, returnees and migrants have access to durable solutions.
- Strengthen partnerships (at national and regional levels) to address the complexities of mixed migratory flows and promoting dialogue and cooperation among the various stakeholders.

STORY FROM THE FIELD



The life of a refugee must be particularly daunting for children. Take two-and-a-half-year-old Fatuma who lived with her extended family in Yemen. She could run around, go out and play. Then in March 2015 her family suddenly moved to Obock in Djibouti.

Life in Obock was harsh, with high temperatures, and no running water. The family soon split, with seven people, including Fatuma, moving to Djibouti city. The aim was to bring her brother Abdulaziz, five, who is gravely ill, closer to adequate medical care. Other family members remained in Obock.

Fatuma and her family rarely go out of their tiny bare city apartment and Fatuma can't play with Abdulaziz, owing to his illness. Their mother, Maria, 20, is Abdulaziz's constant care giver and strives to keep all her three children happy. But Fatuma is too young to understand why Maria devotes so much time to him. It is all too confusing for the little girl.

Through its partners, notably African Humanitarian Action and the Lutheran World Federation, UNHCR does everything within its means to extend support to Fatuma's vulnerable family. This includes material, financial and much-needed psychosocial aid, as well medical treatment for Abdulaziz.

Photo: Two-and-a-half-year-old Fatuma from Yemen. Djibouti city, September 2015. ©UNHCR/D.Lusweti

HIGHLIGHT - REGIONAL COORDINATION

The RRC and IOM, at the regional and HQ level, convened an interagency workshop on Nov 6 in Nairobi co-led by IOM with the participation of DRC, NRC, IRC, and RMMS, including staff from HQ, Regional, Country and Field offices. The workshop covered a) Review of the Protection Responses in the Yemen Situation; analyzing the regional protection gaps, response and harmonization needs, b) Data management for the purpose of enhancing protection monitoring, analysis and responses, c) Review of Coordination and Partnerships and d) Operationalization of the Gulf of Aden strategy.

The RRC Office met with Donors based in Nairobi and briefed them about the workshop and needs. The Office also met with EU CAPNESTOR to discuss efforts build the capacity of coast guards in the region towards the contribution for the Gulf of Aden Strategy.

During a meeting in Oman between UNHCR, RRC and the Acting Regional Representative in Riyadh (Saudi Arabia), the Representative of the Government confirmed its policy of facilitating the transit of TCN (approx. 51,000 of 27 nationalities since March), of not allowing Yemeni to seek refuge in the Sultanate and of providing humanitarian assistance to the eastern governorates of Yemen (Hadramout and Mahara) through Oman Charitable Organisation.

Ambassador William Lacy Swing IOM Director General and his delegation visited the Saudi capital Riyadh on 15 Nov and had meetings with Prince Turki Bin Mohammed at the Saudi Ministry of Foreign Affairs and also met with Dr. Abdullah Al-Rubaeah, Supervisor General of King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief Center (KSC). The visit focused on the growing cooperation between the KSA and IOM, and support for IOM's humanitarian work in Yemen and within the region. A technical meeting attended by IOM and UNHCR took place at KSC on the second day and focused on the Somalia proposal. Feedback was received from KSC colleagues and it was agreed to revise the proposal accordingly and resubmit for consideration.

Organizations in the response

DRC, IRC, IOM, NRC, SCI, UNICEF, UNHCR, UNFPA, WFP, WHO. While 10 agencies are part of this appeal, there are 48 partners contributing to provide protection and assistance to the refugees, migrants, and returnees fleeing from Yemen to Djibouti, Ethiopia, Somalia, and Sudan.

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