



# REGIONAL REFUGEE AND MIGRANT RESPONSE PLAN (RRMRP)

## IMPACT OF THE YEMEN CRISIS

15<sup>th</sup> December 2015 – Update 4

### KEY FIGURES AS OF 1 DECEMBER 2015

**168,129**

Total out of Yemen

**77,249**

Arrivals in Djibouti, Ethiopia, Somalia, Sudan.

**23,741**

Total assisted movement (as of 26 November, IOM)

### GENDER

Yemenis



Somalis



### 2015 RRM RP FUNDING REQUIREMENT (OCT – DEC 2015)

**USD 36,412,375\***

Donors: Denmark, European Union, Germany, Italy, Japan, Saudi Arabia, Sweden, United States of America, Central Emergency Response Fund and Private Donors. In kind donations: Al Rahma Association, King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief Center, Qatar Red Crescent

### 2016 RRM RP FUNDING REQUIREMENT

**USD 94,130,731**

Financial Requirements for January – December 2016

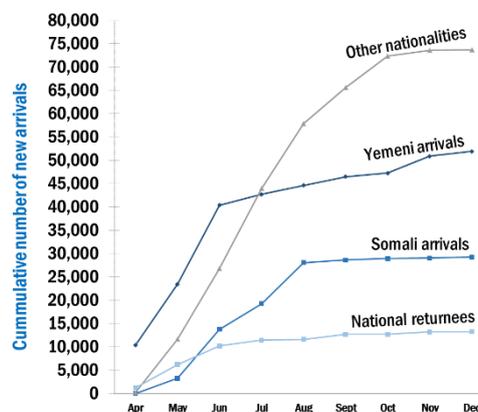
**Humanitarian actors involved in the response to the outflow of civilians from Yemen due to the current conflict are committed to providing life-saving assistance and protection to those fleeing Yemen, pending durable solutions.**

### Population movements from Yemen to neighboring countries\*

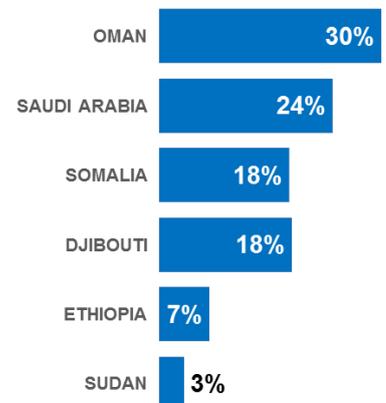
Movements of/to	Djibouti	Somalia	Ethiopia	Sudan	Total
Yemenis	16,513	3,209	1,169	511	21,402
Somalis	297	26,379	2,515	39	29,230
Other nationalities	11,669	225	166	1,301	13,361
National returnees	1,916	0	7,540	3,800	13,256
<b>Total</b>	<b>30,395</b>	<b>29,813</b>	<b>11,390</b>	<b>5,651</b>	<b>77,249</b>

\*(Kingdom of Saudi Arabia 39,880 & Oman: 51,000<sup>1</sup>), Figures as of 1 December, 2015

#### Arrival trends per category of people



#### Breakdown of arrivals per country



### Recent developments:

Yemeni arrivals to Djibouti in November remain steady and in line with anticipated planning figures, while Somali arrivals to Somalia remains extremely low since the change of context in Aden from mid-August.

In early December, UNHCR Yemen conducted four focus group discussions with 61 Somalis in Aden, Yemen. In general, Somalis reported no major obstacles to go to Somalia, with support available from charities, IOM and the Somali consul in Aden. However, they considered socio-economic conditions, security and the cost of living to be better in Aden relative to Somalia. 54% of the Somalis would consider return to Somalia if there were greater opportunities and support for self-reliance and reintegration.

<sup>1</sup> 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 [1](#) 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



According to Soumeya, 12, a local woman in her neighbourhood in Jijiga, Ethiopia, convinced her that she would have a better life in Saudi Arabia. So Soumeya stole the equivalent of \$700 from her parents and ran away from home. After a three-week-long trip, she discovered that the woman worked with human traffickers.

“My parents never mistreated me; I had regular meals and clothes like all other kids. I just thought I could earn lots of money in Saudi Arabia and buy whatever I wanted for myself”, said Soumeya. IOM protected and assisted Soumeya, and returned her to Ethiopia to be reunited with her family.

Soumeya at the IOM transit centre in Obock, Djibouti before IOM helped her return to her family in Jijiga, Ethiopia. © UNHCR/Oualid Khelifi

## HIGHLIGHT - REGIONAL COORDINATION

- UNHCR, IOM and partners jointly launched the 2016 Regional Refugee and Migrant Response Plan in Nairobi on 9 December. The launch was opened by special guest His Excellency Ambassador Mohamed Abdulkarim A. Assad, Charge d’ Affaires of the Embassy of the Republic of Yemen in Kenya, and included presentations from Ashraf El Nour, IOM’s Permanent Observer to the UN in New York, Johannes Van der Klaauw, Humanitarian Coordinator in Yemen and Claire Bourgeois, Regional Refugee Coordinator for the Yemen Situation. A total of USD 94.1 million is required for an anticipated 163,980 beneficiaries (refugees, migrants and returnees fleeing from Yemen to Djibouti, Ethiopia, Somalia and Sudan, and host communities) by December 2016. The full RRMRP document and an overview are available on the portal. The Appeal video can be accessed at <https://youtu.be/b3syef-U0jY>.
- After the RRMRP launch, UN, IOM and NGO regional agencies, along with the Humanitarian Coordinator for Yemen, met to review lessons learnt from the regional approach in 2015, share updates on the Gulf of Aden strategy and discuss ongoing scenario planning. It was decided that each country should be prepared for the worst case scenario, based on receiving the equivalent of two months of arrivals in the span of two weeks.
- The RRC Office and UNHCR Representative in Yemen met with EU Cap Nestor in Nairobi on 10 December to build on collaboration efforts in order to enhance the protection at sea by coordinating tracing and tracking of ships and building capacity of relevant actors in rescue at sea.
- A joint mission by both UNHCR and IOM co-leads of the RRMRP took place on 15 Dec to Riyadh, who met with the Managing Director of King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief Center. KSC reaffirmed their interest in funding the Somalia proposal targeting the return, reception and integration of 20,000 Somalis from Yemen, at the request of the FGoS through its ambassador in Riyadh. A separate meeting also took place with the Somali ambassador who confirmed the need to assist Somalis from Yemen who voluntarily return home and appreciated KSC's desire to provide assistance as requested by FGoS.

### 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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