

# DJIBOUTI

## INTER-AGENCY UPDATE FOR THE RESPONSE TO THE YEMEN SITUATION #46

01 – 15 August 2016

### HIGHLIGHTS

- According to the latest available statistics from IOM and the Government of Djibouti, a total of 36,162 persons of mixed nationalities have arrived in Djibouti as of end of July 2016 (since 26 March 2015). Of those, 19,636 persons (54 per cent) are Yemeni nationals, 14,562 (40 per cent) are transiting migrants and 1,964 persons (6 per cent) are Djiboutian returnees.
- As at 15 August 2016, there are 3,618 refugees currently in Djibouti (pending forthcoming verification exercises in Obock town and Djibouti city). Markazi camp hosts over 1,400 refugees.

### KEY FIGURES

**3,618**

Refugees currently hosted in Djibouti pending further physical verification exercises

**1,636**

Registered females.

**1,299**

Registered children and adolescents.

### PRIORITIES

- Ensure protection of refugees and asylum seekers and provide assistance.
- Provide documents to refugees.
- Work with the government to ensure access to territory and freedom of movement.
- Continue to develop the infrastructure at Markazi camp.
- Continue border monitoring activities.

Currently, a total of **3,618** persons of concern

Nationality	0-4 years		5-11 years		12-17 years		18-59 years		60 years+		TOTAL
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
Yemen	139	164	268	269	189	173	1196	771	93	97	3,359
Syria				1	1	1	1				4
Somalia	7	12	13	13	6	18	34	84	3	9	199
Eritrea	4	1	3	2	4	3	12	12		1	42
Ethiopia	1	1	2			1	3	2			10
Iraq			1		2			1			4
<b>Total</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>1246</b>	<b>870</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>3618</b>

All figures are provisional and still subject to change.

## UPDATE ON ACHIEVEMENTS

### Operational Context and Migration

UNHCR carries out regular border monitoring in Djibouti by observing activities at Obock port as well as entry points along the villages north of Obock. UNHCR has observed a decrease in new arrivals compared to previous months; this may be due to the harsh weather conditions in Obock. Meanwhile, UNHCR continues to advise refugees in Markazi camp on the dangers of return to Yemen.

#### Protection

##### Achievements and Impact

- From 01-15 August, UNHCR and ONARS registered 34 Yemeni individuals (23 families) in Obock and Djibouti city.
- As part of its activities to maintain family links, the Djibouti Red Crescent (CRD) offers phone call services to new arrivals and refugees so that they can call and reassure their families abroad. From 01-14 August, a total of 106 refugees in Markazi camp (68 women and 38 men including six minors) benefitted from the service.
- During the period from 01 to 15 August, the Japanese NGO, International Children's Action Network (ICAN), held 10 child-friendly sessions with a total number of 665 children participating. Children enjoyed activities such as football, handball, gymnastics and drawing. ICAN also helped the community to form teams and hold 15 football games during the reporting period. It is worthy to note that ICAN and LWF work in collaboration on child protection issues.
- The Danish Refugee Council (DRC) continues to manage protection of individual cases in Markazi camp in collaboration with UNHCR, *l'Union Nationale des Femmes de Djibouti* (UNFD) and relevant stakeholders. DRC provides counselling services to the refugees in Markazi camp twice a week.



Children gather at the LWF child-friendly centre for activities initiated and run by ICAN. ©ICAN/A. Nonaka, Aug 2016.

#### Health

##### Achievements and Impact

- From 01-15 August, 358 refugees were treated at the Africa Humanitarian Action (AHA) outpatient clinic in Markazi camp mostly suffering from respiratory tract infections and skin infections. These comprised 188 males and 170 females. Three refugees were transferred to Djibouti for tertiary care and five refugees sought the services of the mental health clinic.
- AHA conducted home visits to identify persons needing psychosocial care. Some 45 households in Markazi camp were covered and AHA managed 49 chronic cases and provided necessary treatment to those in need.
- Eleven women attended family planning services while 14 pregnant women attended antenatal services at the family planning unit in Markazi camp. Additionally, 13 lactating mothers were consulted by a midwife. Two babies were born.

## Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- Some refugees in Markazi camp are in need of support medical devices such as wheelchairs to increase their mobility and decrease their dependency.

## Education

### Achievements and Impact

- In collaboration with ICAN, the Lutheran World Federation (LWF) conducted recreational and literacy (English language) activities for children and adults in Markazi camp. Some 113 refugees attended the activities. Furthermore, 16 children participated in cultural dances, drawing and numeric activities in Arabic and French.

## Food Security and Nutrition

### Achievements and Impact

- From 01-15 August, 112 children under five years and 27 pregnant and lactating women were supported through the blanket feeding programme in Markazi camp. There are currently 10 children enrolled in the moderate malnutrition programme and 09 children in the severe acute malnutrition programme in Markazi camp. All 158 refugees received supplementary food items during the reporting period.

## Shelter and NFIs

### Achievements and Impact

- On 04 August, DRC distributed diapers to 84 children aged 0-3 years and hygiene kits to 224 women in Markazi camp.
- LWF identified around 15 persons with specific needs (including disabled and elderly persons) in Markazi camp on 11 August. Some food and non-food items such as milk powder, oats, diapers and bleach were distributed to them. LWF will conduct a further assessment of the needs of persons with specific needs during the third week of August in order to identify devices and materials to be procured.

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Agencies are very grateful for the financial support provided by donors who have contributed to their activities with non-earmarked and broadly earmarked funds as well as for those who have contributed directly to the operation.

The web portal for the Yemen Crisis is available on <http://data.unhcr.org/yemen>. This portal, co-lead by IOM and UNHCR, provides a regional overview as well as specific information on conditions and activities regarding the Yemen situation at the country level. Countries include Ethiopia, Djibouti, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Somalia and Sudan. The site enables sharing of data on population and movements, maps, recent assessments, agency/NGO specific reports, the latest funding information and quick links to a variety of partner websites.

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