

DJIBOUTI

INTER-AGENCY UPDATE FOR THE RESPONSE TO THE YEMEN SITUATION #50

01 – 31 December 2016

HIGHLIGHTS

- According to the latest available statistics from IOM and the Government of Djibouti, a total of 36,903 persons of mixed nationalities have arrived in Djibouti as of end of December 2016 (since 26 March 2015). Of those, 19,636 persons (53 per cent) are Yemeni nationals, 15,303 (41 per cent) are transiting migrants and 1,964 persons (6 per cent) are Djiboutian returnees.
- As at 31 December 2016, there are 3,914 registered refugees from Yemen currently in Djibouti. Markazi camp hosts over 1,400 refugees.

Currently, a total of **3,914** persons of concern

KEY FIGURES

3,914

Refugees currently hosted in Djibouti pending further physical verification exercises

1,716

Registered females.

1,417

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.

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	161	183	309	289	212	188	1346	843	108	98	3,737
Syria				1	1	1	1				4
Somalia	7	12	6	6	2	14	14	53	3	9	126
Eritrea	4	1	3	2	4	3	8	7		1	33
Ethiopia	1	1	2			1	3	2			10
Iraq			1		2			1			4
Total	173	197	321	298	221	207	1372	906	111	108	3914

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 the port of Obock as well as entry points along the villages north of Obock. The number of arrivals has decreased lately and Djibouti currently receives an average of 10 new arrivals from Yemen every week; meanwhile, UNHCR continues to advise refugees in Markazi camp on the dangers of return to Yemen. There were no recorded spontaneous returns to Yemen in December.

With regards to migration, the total number of migrants assisted by IOM with Assisted Voluntary Return to Ethiopia via Djibouti during the month of December stood at 305 migrants including 13 unaccompanied minors. Furthermore, on 03 December, IOM organised the evacuation of some 150 Ethiopian migrants deported from Yemen and an additional 150 on 10 December. The 300 migrants included 13 unaccompanied minors. They were received and assisted at the Migrant Response Centre (MRC) of Obock.

Missions to the Field:

- On 02 December a delegation from the World Bank visited Markazi camp to explore livelihoods opportunities as part of the development of the broader region of Obock.
- On 05 December, the United States Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration (BPRM) and USAID's Food for Peace programme visited Markazi camp as part of a 3-day monitoring mission to Djibouti's refugee camps. In Markazi camp, the delegation met with UNHCR staff and partners and held a meeting with Yemeni refugee community leaders to discuss their needs and concerns. Points were raised on aspects of protection and assistance with a particular focus on nutrition programmes.



BPRM and USAID Food for Peace delegations meet with partners in Markazi Camp early December. @UNHCR/A.AK, Dec2016



Protection

Achievements and Impact

- From 01-31 December, UNHCR and ONARS registered 39 Yemeni individuals (25 families) in Obock and Djibouti city. Furthermore, UNHCR carries out regular border monitoring by observing activities at Obock port as well as entry points along the villages north of Obock. New arrivals to Djibouti are at an average of 10 people per week.
- On 28 and 29 December, a series of refugee status determination (RSD) interviews were conducted by ONARS with UNHCR presence for refugees deactivated after the physical verification exercise conducted in May; mainly for those who had returned from Yemen. Out of 70 cases consisting of 284 individuals to be interviewed by ONARS, 23 cases consisting of 63 refugees were interviewed. Reactivation of these cases within the UNHCR Database is still pending final decision notification by ONARS.
- On 20 and 21 December, an Age Gender and Diversity Mainstreaming (AGDM) evaluation exercise in Markazi camp was carried out by the UNHCR protection team. All partners were involved in the consultation sessions.
- During the period from 01 to 31 December, the Japanese NGO, International Children's Action Network (ICAN), held 21 child-friendly sessions in Markazi camp with a total number of 901 children participating. Children enjoyed

activities such as football, handball, paper crafts, jumping rope and running. On average, seven youth from the camp joined the activities as volunteer animators.



ICAN drawing and colouring activities bring smiles to children's faces and provide a distraction from their daily routine. @ICAN/Dec.2016

- On 05 December, UNHCR partner *Union Nationale des Femmes Djiboutiennes* (UNFD) conducted a training on SGBV issues to refugee households in Markazi camp as part of an SGBV sensitization campaign within the 16 days of activism against gender-based violence in November and December. On 10 December, UNFD held the closing ceremony of the campaign.

- On 06 December, the Danish Refugee Council (DRC) distributed diapers to 123 children and 19 vulnerable adults.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- UNHCR continues to monitor and follow up on protection cases and mediates with the local authorities and ONARS to resolve pertinent issues involving the refugees in Markazi camp.

Health

Achievements and Impact

- From 01-31 December, 1,270 refugees were treated at the Africa Humanitarian Action (AHA) outpatient clinic in Markazi camp. These comprised 197 children under five years and 1073 over five years of age of whom 486 were female and 587 male. 24 patients were referred to the medical centre of Obock for gynecology services, pediatric care and general medical care, and eight patients were transferred to Djibouti for further management.
- Furthermore, AHA provides reproductive health services in Markazi camp and conducts house-to-house visits to chronic patients to follow up on their needs. In December, 44 women visited the Family Planning Unity in Markazi for antenatal consultations and information on contraceptive use; and 28 chronic patients were visited at home by medical personal. Moreover, 22 children were vaccinated during the month of December.
- On 01 December, World Aids Day was celebrated in Markazi camp with a large voluntary AIDS screening test session open to all refugees. Out of the 98 male and 34 female refugees tested, no case was found positive.

Education

Achievements and Impact

- A new School Management Committee (SMC) for the school in Markazi camp was established on 14 December 2016. The SMC was elected with the support of UNHCR, ONARS and UNHCR education partner, The Lutheran World Federation (LWF). The committee is made up of two parents from each section on a 50–50 gender representation. The committee is meant to enhance community participation and information sharing with the community with regards to education.
- On 12 December, a delegation from the Ministry of Education and the Regional School Inspectorate conducted an evaluation of the primary and secondary school teachers and managers. Out of 14 teachers, 13 retained their teaching positions and a new director was appointed for the primary school.

- LWF organized a four-day teachers' training for both secondary and primary school teachers from 28-31 December 2016. 21 teachers took the training that was carried out by inspectors from the National Curriculum for Arabic Education. The training was supported by UNICEF funds and aimed at increasing teacher's pedagogical skills focusing on teacher discipline, delivery of educational content and classroom management
- On 06 December, UNFD awarded 08 school bags to outstanding primary school students.
- On 18 December, 18 secondary school students from grades 9-12 received secondary school bags provided by LWF.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- Classes in Markazi camp are still being held in tents and RHUs prepared and furnished by the refugees with the assistance of ONARS and UNHCR. Meetings continue to be held on a regular basis between refugees, parents, teachers of Markazi camp and UNHCR, ONARS and LWF to ensure the smooth delivery of the educational curriculum until a more permanent solution is found and a structure for the school is established. Teachers from the refugee community continue to volunteer to teach the children.



Food Security and Nutrition

Achievements and Impact

- On 25 and 26 December, WFP distributed dry rations to a total of 1,377 refugees (422 families) in Markazi camp.
- Some 171 persons were enrolled in the nutrition program managed by AHA during the month of December and received supplementary food rations (05 SAM; 06 MAM; 123 breastfeeding; 13 pregnant; 24 lactating mothers).
- On 28 December, LWF distributed food baskets to 15 elderly persons and widows from the refugee community; and on 29 December, ONARS distributed tea and bottles of mineral water to 1,191 refugees. UNHCR oversaw the distributions.



Refugees in Markazi camp line up to receive their monthly WFP food rations. @UNHCR/N. Lashermes, Dec2016.



Water and Sanitation

Achievements and Impact

- During the reporting period, water in Markazi camp continues to be delivered by the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) through water trucking. Water is transported and delivered to five water tanks throughout the camp. Refugees currently receive an average supply of 20 litres per person per day.

Shelter and NFIs

Achievements and Impact

- On 19 and 20 December, UNHCR assisted ONARS in the distribution of kerosene. In total 1,449 refugees received kerosene at the ration of two litres per person.
- Throughout the month of December, UNHCR closely monitored the construction of the WFP distribution center. On 28 December, NRC and UNHCR jointly conducted a pre-reception visit with the contractor to highlight final adjustments to be made before inauguration. The building is expected to be formally handed over to UNHCR in early January 2017.

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.

Djibouti Inter-Agency organisations and partners would like to take this opportunity to thank governments and donors for their financial and technical support. The contributions received have enabled us to carry out activities and programmes within our various mandates to ensure that refugees, asylum seekers and migrants who have found refuge in Djibouti are protected and have access to basic services. We extend our sincere gratitude for your commitment to refugees and migrants from Yemen in specific, and to the Djibouti Operation as a whole.



The new WFP distribution centre will provide a swifter and more efficient distribution of food rations and includes storage space for rations. @UNHCR/N.Lashermes, Dec2016.

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