YEMEN: Al Hudaydah Update

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I. HIGHLIGHTS/KEY PRIORITIES

- Multiple airstrikes were reported in Al Hudaydah City and Zabid City after days of relative decrease in airstrikes.
- Displacement from Al Hudaydah Governorate continues; humanitarian partners have verified more than 17,350 households (over 121,000 people) being displaced since 1 June.
- More than 10,000 displaced households (nearly 80,000 people) have been assisted with food, emergency kits and other life-saving support.
- Pre-positioning of emergency stocks continues and major efforts are being made to prevent an escalation of cholera.

II. Situation Overview

After days of relative calm, multiple airstrikes were reported in several locations in Al Hudaydah City near the airport as well as the Sana'a - Al Hudaydah road. Intensive airstrikes were also reported on 4 July in the southern Zaid District. Humanitarian partners are present in Al Hudaydah, and convoys enter and exit the city without too much difficulties. However, many roads within the city remain blocked to civilian traffic and accessing many parts of the city requires negotiations and deconfliction.



RMM kits ready for distribution in Hays District. Credit: Nahda/Makers Organisation

The pace of displacement from Al Hudaydah Governorate has slowed down, but some families that can afford public transport or own vehicles continue to leave Al Hudaydah City and other frontline districts to seek shelter in safer areas, including in the capital, Sana'a. On 31 June, a humanitarian convoy bound for Al Hudaydah counted more than 70 vehicles carrying families leaving the city towards Sana'a for fear of renewed hostilities. Partners report increased movement of civilians within the City; more shops and bakeries have reopened; water supply has improved; some schools have opened to allow students to sit in exams. However, the Education cluster reports that only half of the students are attending schools due to displacement. Humanitarian partners in Al Hudaydah, Sana'a, Ibb

and Aden have assisted over 10,000 households (nearly 80,000 people). As of 2 July, more than 17,350 households (over 121,000 people) have been registered in Al Hudaydah, Aden, Sana'a and Ibb governorates. More IDPs are being registered, but insecurity is hindering access to some areas where they are located.

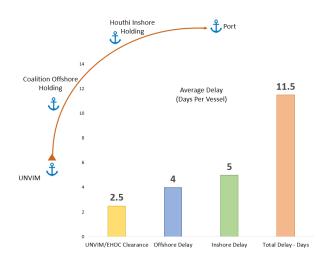
The Health cluster reports that an increasing number of health facilities in Al Hudaydah Governorate are temporarily closing down due to the security situation. Seven facilities (one health centre in Al Mina District, three health units in Bayt Al Faqiah, one health centre and two health units in At Tuhayat) have temporarily closed or suspended operations. Operations have also been temporarily suspended at a health in Jabal Ra's District and at the nursery unit of Al Salkhana Hospital in Al Hali District due to the fact that health workers have been displaced. According to the Health cluster, 243 trauma-related injuries and 25 deaths were reported between 13-29 June, in five hospitals in Al Hudaydah Governorate (Al Thawrah, Al Olofi, Bait Al Faqiah, Zabid and Al Amal private hospital). However, as many health facilities across the Governorate are not functioning and reporting, overall casualty figures are likely to be higher.

Field reports from Al Hali, Al Mina and Al Hawak districts of Al Hudaydah City, indicate increased scarcity of basic commodities as some suppliers have moved their stores to safer areas. However, the supply of water has improved after partners repaired pipes that were broken during fighting. A request for 822,000 doses of Oral Cholera Vaccine (OCV) was approved by the Global Taskforce on Cholera Control to conduct vaccination in six districts in Al-Hudaydah (Al Hawak, Bura, Al-Sukhnah, Al-Mina, Al-Hali, Al-Durayhimi). Other emergency supplies including food, medical supplies and ambulances, and NFIs are being delivered at Al Hudaydah warehouses and all the hubs where the new IDP caseloads are located.

III. Update on Ports

The Al Hudaydah and Saleef ports are open and operational. As of 3 July, five vessels are at berth, five vessels were in the anchorage and one UNVIM cleared vessel is in the holding area. Ras Issa port is closed. On average, it takes ships approximately two weeks from the moment they request UNVIM clearance, until they eventually offload their cargo in Yemen. The average time has reduced significantly from three months ago, when the average delay was nearly one month.

In May 2018, fuel and food imports to Hudaydah and Saleef ports via UNVIM met 28 and 117 per cent of national requirements, respectively. In June 2018, fuel and food imports met 29 and 82 per cent of national requirements, respectively. Fuel imports in June met the pre-blockade average (July 2016-October 2017). While food imports were 86 per cent of the pre-blockade average.



Source: UNVIM

IV. Rapid Response Mechanism (RRM) Assistance

In all governorates covered by humanitarian partners based in Sana'a (Amanat Al Asimah, Amran, Sana'a, Dhamar, Marib Al Bayda), the first phase of the response has been activated and will feature three components; hygiene kits, transit kits and food rations. Humanitarian partners continue to strengthen the humanitarian response and ensure that all people in need are reached. Lead organizations have been identified for all districts in Al Hudaydah and Sana'a governorates to avoid gaps in the IDP response. Preparations are underway, with the support of the Logistics Cluster, to resupply partner warehouses and humanitarian service points (HSPs) to sustain RRM activities across the governorate.

Of the 10,135 displaced households that have received rapid response assistance as of 2 July, some 7,352 are in

Al Hudaydah Governorate and include 2,786 families that have received cash assistance and 2,003 that have received non-food items. In the Aden Hub, some 1,117 households have been assisted including 766 that received immediate response rations; while in Sana'a 1,323 households had been assisted as of 2 July. Given the ongoing rapid scale up of the response by various humanitarian partners, these numbers keep rising every day

Humanitarian partners based in Aden have scaled up their response to the increased numbers of IDPs. Since 1 June, more than 1,160 displaced families have been recorded as new arrivals to areas newly accessible through the Aden hub (west coast of Taizz and Al Hudaydah), of whom 714 households have been reached with rapid response kits so far. Registration is ongoing for the remaining caseload. In the Ibb humanitarian hub, delivery of RRM response assistance to families displaced from Al Hudaydah to Ibb and Taizz governorates started on 30 June. Some 410 households are targeted in all districts in Ibb and in Taizz governorates.



A car carrying a family and their belongings from Hudaydah to Sana'a. Credit: George Khoury/OCHA

V. Cluster Response



SHELTER/NFI/CCCM CLUSTER

Response:

- Distribution of NFIs is ongoing at the Transit Site in Al Hudaydah City, targeting 603 displaced families.
- A UNHCR implementing partner is identifying families in need for rental subsidy support in Al Hudaydah city. So far, 13 families out of 160 who moved from Al-Rabsah due to intensive airstrikes and conflict have been assessed and verified.
- The UNHCR warehouse in Al Hudaydah has received the first batch of 4,000 NFIs kits, excluding mattresses, from Sana'a. Of the remaining 4,000 NFIs, one truck has arrived so far. In Hudaydah City, a UNHCR partner completed the registration and verification of 347 displaced households. Preparation for response is on-going.
- Norwegian Refuge Council has received 500 NFIs and 355 emergency shelter kits in their warehouse in Hajjah Governorate, and are going to deliver assistance to new IDPs.
- In Aden, one partner is distributing rapid response kits for 500 households in Al Khawkha and Hays. The partner has already distributed 500 NFI kits to the same group. The Shelter/NFI Sub-Cluster in Aden has pre-positioned an additional 1,000 NFI kits in Al Khawkha to cater for any potential new IDPs.



PROTECTION CLUSTER

Response:

- Cluster partners have established referral desks at Humanitarian Service Points (HSPs) and at Transit Sites in Al Hudaydah and the Sana'a area to identify vulnerable people, such as unaccompanied or separated children, women and girls at risk, and persons with disabilities, to ensure safe referrals for follow-up services.
- A total of 122 GBV cases were identified in Al Hudaydah hub, case management standards were applied during the identification, response and referral of the cases. 22 GBV cases were provided with medical support, 17 were provided with legal support, and 68 with psychosocial support and 15 with cash assistance, 18 cases are currently admitted in the UNFPA-supported shelter in Marawi'ah district.
- In Aden, 11 GBV survivors were identified, all received psychosocial support.



LOGISTICS CLUSTER

Response:

- The Cluster is assessing the needs of implementing partners at humanitarian service points (HSPs) and Transit Sites in terms of fuel and storage space. Next week, an additional 150,000 litres of diesel are expected to be available in Al Hudaydah/Sana'a for humanitarian organizations, to be disbursed on a cost-recovery basis.
- The Cluster has been tasked with coordinating RRM deliveries to HSPs in Al Hudaydah. Details are still to be finalised, but it is likely that deliveries of IRR, hygiene and transit kits will be made using a dedicated fleet.
- 15 Mobile Storage Units (MSUs) have arrived in Sana'a. These are immediately available for loan to humanitarian organizations and will be deployed to field locations as required. The Cluster will increase warehousing in Al Marawi'ah by installing three additional MSUs.



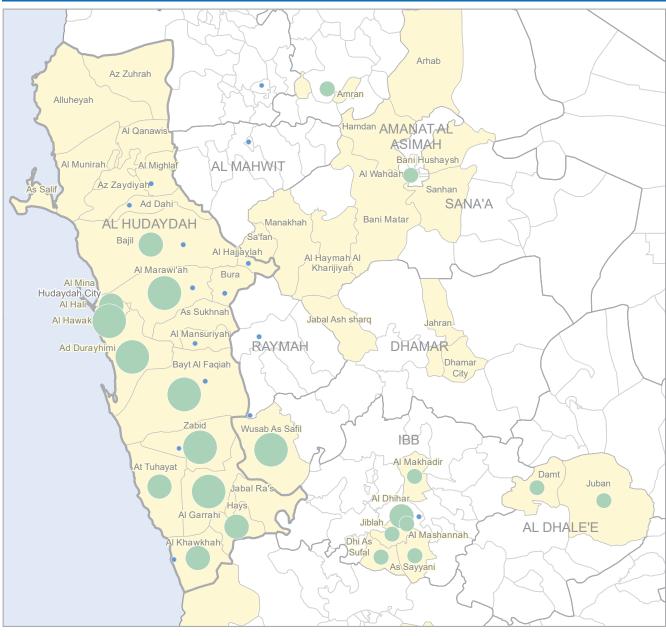
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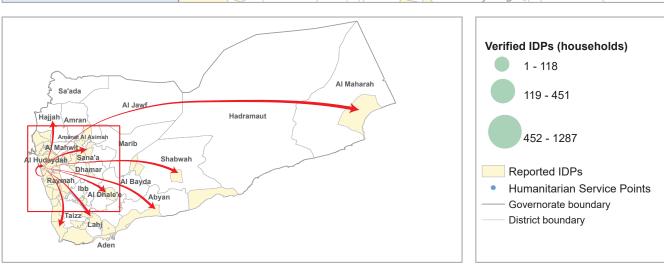
Response:

- WHO has provided the Central Public Health Laboratory in Al Hudaydah with essential reagents for the diagnosis of cholera and diphtheria.
- WHO also is supporting seven therapeutic feeding centers in the Al Hudaydah Governorate to treat children suffering from malnutrition. Al Thawrah hospital, the main hospital in Al Hudaydah, with a medical waste treatment unit, an oxygen station and a water well, producing 2.6 million litres of water monthly.
- WHO has procured 30 new ambulances for Al-Hudaydah to improve early trauma care and transport of patients to health facilities.

YEMEN: Al Hudaydah Displacement Overview (from 1 June to 1 July 2018)







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