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## I. Situation Overview

### ESCALATED CONFLICT IN AL HUDAYDAH GOVERNORATE

#### The conflict

The overall context of the fighting in Al Hudaydah Governorate remains largely unchanged. While no significant ground advances were made by either side last week, field reports indicate that Government of Yemen (GoY) forces may have extended control north of the main road near Kilo 16, thus consolidating their control of a portion of the road between Al Hudaydah City and Sana'a. Armed clashes continue in the Kilo 10 and Kilo 16 areas and around the airport. Sporadic armed clashes are also reported on the Hays and At Tuhayat frontlines. Intensive airstrikes, artillery exchange and shelling were reported along the frontline and in several locations within Al Hudaydah City and civilian casualties have been reported.

#### The situation in Al Hudaydah City

Field reports indicate that the conflict has not affected the movement of civilians within the city where public services such as water pumping stations, hospitals, bakeries and banks are reportedly functioning. Although banks are working, only small amounts of cash can be withdrawn. Hospitals are operational, however, safety at the *22nd of May Hospital*, one of the biggest hospital in the country, is of concern as the facility is only a kilometre away from an active frontline.

Peaceful demonstrations have been staged in front of the UN office on a daily basis, most recently by Al Hudaydah city finance office employees and electricity workers, who condemned the deterioration of the economy and called on the international community to pay the salaries of public services employees.

#### Availability of basic commodities across the governorate

The devaluation of the currency and the general security situation have affected the nominal price of basic food commodities in Al Hudaydah. FAO reports that a price trend analysis of diesel and fuel in markets in Al Hudaydah Governorate indicate significant price increases. Diesel increased by 48 per cent and petrol by 42 per cent between August and the third week of September. The price of wheat grains has increased by 22 per cent while sugar has increased by 10 per cent across the governorate.

Food security and agricultural partners have facilitated the relocation of 3,000 heads of cattle from active frontlines near Kilo 16 to safer areas to prevent the loss of livelihoods which would have damaged the dairy industry and the supply of dairy products across the governorate.

#### Access

Humanitarian partners continue to seek the most reliable and safest routes to assist people in need. As the eastern entrance to Al Hudaydah City remains inaccessible because of fighting along the Al Hudaydah-Sana'a road, partners are now generally using alternative routes to the north to access Al Hudaydah City.

Aid operations, personnel and cargo continue to travel in and out of Al Hudaydah City.

Humanitarian organisations continue to call for all ports and access routes, including the main Sana'a-Al Hudaydah road, to remain open and safe for humanitarian operations and the flow of goods.



Food distribution in Al Marawa'iah. Credit: IOM.

## The ports

Al Hudaydah port and Saleef port, north of the city, remain open and operational. They are critical to the supply of food and other humanitarian assistance to the capital, Sana'a, and other regions in northern Yemen; most commercial food imports are shipped through the ports.

Humanitarian partners are looking for ways of accessing warehouses situated near conflict areas in order to retrieve humanitarian supplies. The Red Sea Mills, which contain 45,000 MT of food commodities, enough to feed 3.5 million people for a month, remain inaccessible as a result of the conflict.

## III. Humanitarian Response

### Overall displacement and Rapid Response Mechanism (RRM)

As of 24 September, 78,400 households (HHs) have been displaced by the conflict in Al Hudaydah Governorate since June, both within the governorate as well as in areas covered by humanitarian partners based in Sana'a, Ibb and Sa'ada. Some 85,300 displaced HHs in these four hubs have received assistance through the rapid response mechanism (RRM). Overall, 16,550 HHs have been assisted with cash to meet their basic needs while a total of 27,500 HHs have been provided with NFIs and emergency shelter kits.

Authorities in Sana'a report that there are 24,918 HHs originating from Al Hudaydah Governorate that are currently staying in Sana'a City. Thirty-four HHs (approx. 240 people) are currently hosted in public schools in the capital.



NFIs for displaced people from Hudaydah in Sa'ada. Credit: UNHCR.

## IV. Cluster response



### FOOD SECURITY AND AGRICULTURE CLUSTER

#### Response:

- WFP and its partners reached a total of 809,763 beneficiaries in August (427,539 beneficiaries through the general food assistance and 382,224 beneficiaries with commodity vouchers provided by the Traders' Network Programme (CV-TN)). August targets for At Tuhayat and Ad Durayhimi were not achieved due to access problems.
- In August, WFP and its partners provided one-off general food assistance (GFA) to approx. 50,000 IDP beneficiaries (8,327 HHs) across the country who had been provided with RRM kits. In Al Hudaydah, 78,828 IDPs were provided with commodity vouchers through the CV-TN programme. In addition, WFP and its partners continued to provide food assistance to beneficiaries in Al Hudaydah Governorate through the regular GFA programme.
- Other FSAC partners reached a total of 70,678 individuals with cash and voucher transfers in Al Marawi'ah, Bura, Al Mighlaf, Az Zaydiyah and Bajil districts.
- FAO and its implementing partners distributed emergency agricultural and livestock kits to 74,830 individuals in six districts of Al Hudaydah Governorate (Ad Dahi, At Tuhayat, Bayt Al Faqiah, Zabid, Az Zaydiyah and As Suknah) in August.
- On 14 September, WFP and a partner began the roll out of a blanket food distribution activity in Al Hudaydah City. It reached 37,000 households out of a target of 40,000 households.
- As of 16 September, WFP had provided immediate response rations (IRR) consisting of 903 MT of IRRs, 162 MT of high energy biscuits and 165 MTs of date bars to a total of 81,360 IDP households across the country. Of these 47,149 HHs have been assisted in Al Hudaydah since the inception of the emergency response.
- The September GFA distribution is ongoing in Al Hudaydah Governorate, where the target is 465,504 beneficiaries. This includes a blanket food distribution in At Tuhayat for 99,642 beneficiaries, access

permitting. WFP is also planning to reach another 354,042 beneficiaries in September through the CV-TN programme. In addition, WFP and its partners will provide another round of one-off food assistance to 20,000 IDP households through the CV-TN programme and an estimated 40,000 IDP households through the GFA programme.



## WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE CLUSTER

### Response:

- Water trucking for IDPs in most districts of Al Hudaydah, Hajjah and Al Mahwit governorates is ongoing with about 27,000 litres delivered per day in Bani Sad, 40,000 litres per day in Al Khabt and 10,000 in Milhan. There are some water response gaps in Ar Rujum and Hufash districts, as well as sanitation response gaps in Bni Sa'ad.
- The response for IDPs in Haradh, Hayran and Mustaba districts of Hajjah has been scaled up but gaps remain in Khayran Al Muharraq.
- A total of 910 individuals and 162 IDP households in Sana'a received 96,533 litres of water in hosting sites through water trucking.
- With the support of GARSWAP, the public network is providing water to 52 IDP households in three hosting sites in Dhamar.
- Partners are constructing latrines for IDPs in Hajjah, Al-Balad, Kuthban; but need to construct more latrines in Khairan Al Mauharaq.
- The sanitation system is being rehabilitated to benefit 187 IDP households in hosting sites in Dhamar and Amanat Al Asimah governorates.
- Fourteen new basins are being constructed at hosting sites in Amanat Al Asimah.



## PROTECTION CLUSTER

### Response:

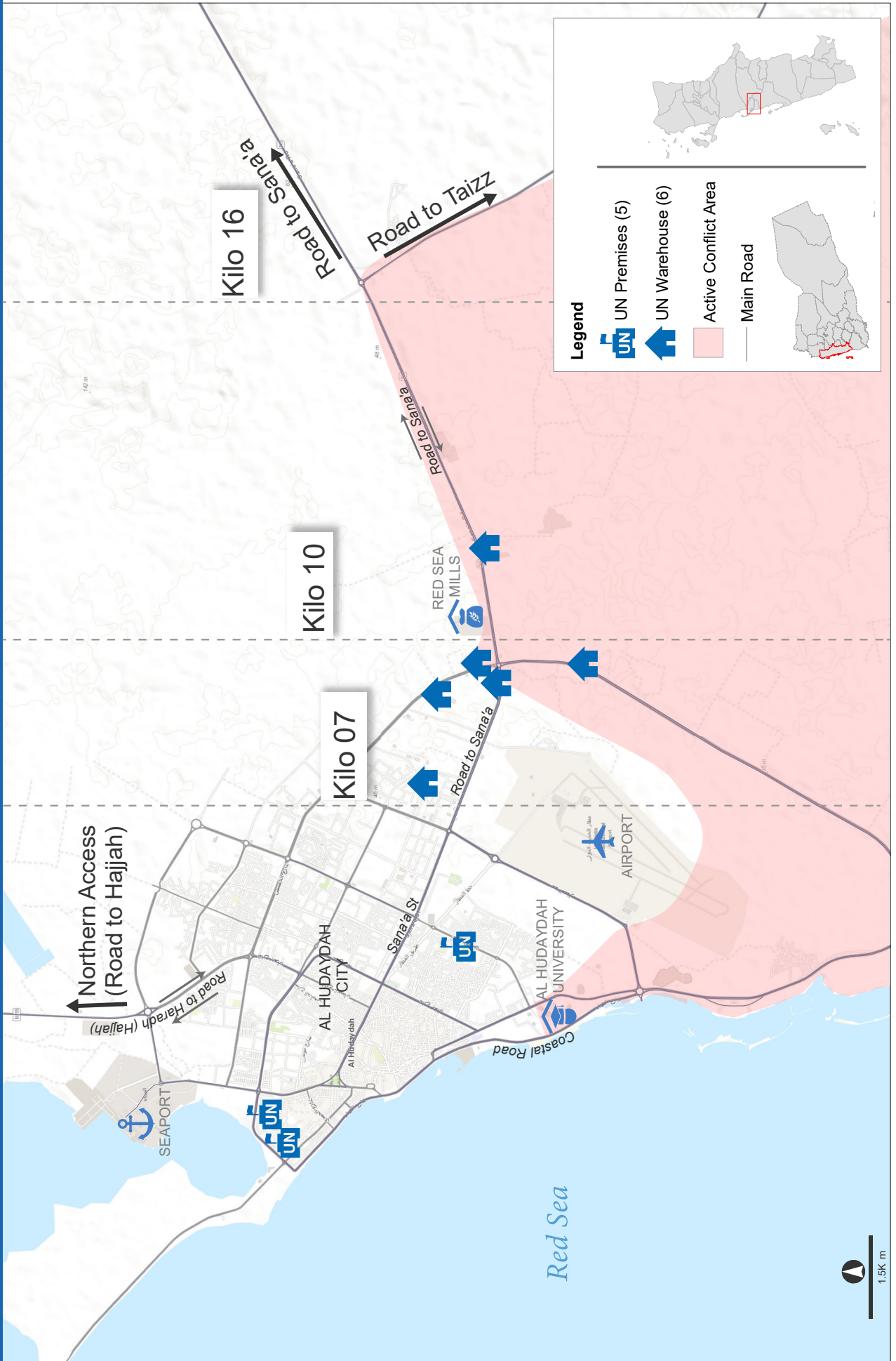
- Protection Cluster partners in Al Hudaydah and Sana'a are providing referral desks at transit sites and humanitarian service points where IDPs can go for assistance. The desks provide information on available services, identify vulnerable individuals and refer them for services such as child protection and civil documentation.
- Protection partners have been providing psychosocial support and cash assistance for victims of the recent conflict and others.



## LOGISTICS CLUSTER

### Response:

- An assessment of fuel needs over the next six weeks for organisations working in Al Hudaydah is being finalised; deliveries will commence shortly after completion.
- Deconfliction requests for trucks delivering RRM kits were not granted, and deliveries have been put on hold; WFP is preparing to resubmit the requests.
- The Logistics Cluster is coordinating with WFP, UNFPA and UNICEF to preposition their kits at the common warehouse in Bajil District in Al Hudaydah Governorate.



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