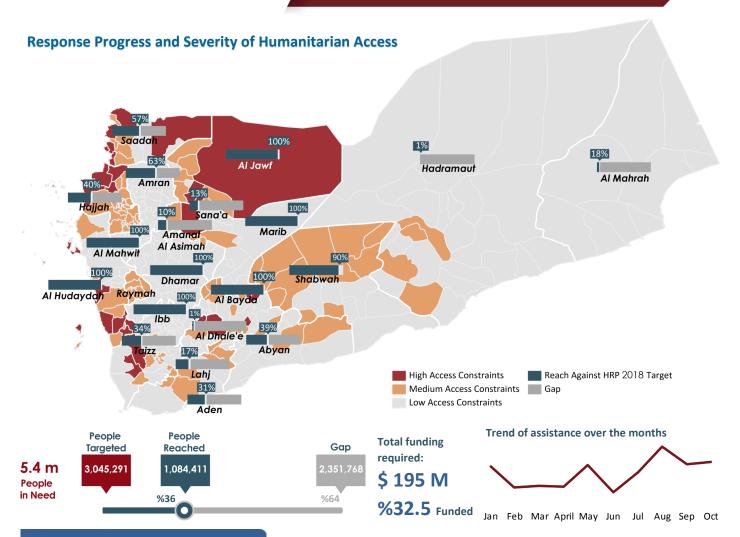
Monthly Situation Report - October 2018



Recent Situational Developments

Yemen remains in the grip of war with 2.8 million internally displaced persons including 0.5 million newly displaced since June 2018. Out of the newly displaced persons, 84 percent are originated from Al Hudaydah and close to 91 percent voiced their critical needs for shelter assistance according to the latest IOM ETT (Emergency Tracking Tool) report.

Over the month, 19 Shelter/NFI/CCM Cluster Partners were working around the clock to implement Shelter, NFIs (Non-Food Items) and SMC (Site Management and Coordination) response to 148,648 of Yemenis whose lives have been uprooted by the conflict and natural disasters. The National Shelter/NFI/CCCM Cluster organized two meetings: a general monthly meeting held on 21st of October to discuss the response to Al Hudaydah displacement, updates on Luban Cyclone, winterization response, progress of the CCPM 2017 action plan and the results of the CCPM 2018 survey, SMC in brief and inclusion of people with disabilities & other vulnerable people presented by HI (Handicap International); another dedicated SAG (Strategic Advisory Group) meeting held on 9th of October to discuss 2019 HNO (Humanitarian Needs Overview) and HRP (Humanitarian Response Plan) process, Cluster preparedness plans, results of the first HPF allocation 2018 and fast tracking of 2018 YHRP. SNCCs (Sub-National Cluster Coordinators) participated in the HNO 2019 workshops organized by OCHA in the five humanitarian hubs and presented the Cluster HNO indicators and severity scales as well as taken the lead in the Cluster specific discussions on needs and priorities for 2019.

Al Hudaydah

The Government of Yemen backed by the SLC (Saudi Led Coalition) Forces launched massive air, ground and naval attacks to capture Red Sea port city of Al Hudaydah. The fighting resulted in civilian casualties, damages to civilian and public infrastructure, limited access to the city from the northern entrance while route via Kilo 16 remained inaccessible also the fighting reached the vicinity of WHO (World Health Organization) office where 6 UN agencies are operating. On 5th of October, a woman was killed and a number of residents of Bani Jaber IDP hosing site in Al Khawkhah district were severely wounded including eight children in a shelling incident. On 13th of October, another incident resulted in the killing of 15 civilians and injury of 20 others while they were traveling using minibus in Jabal Ra's district. Heavy rain and winds formed bulk of flooding that damaged shelters of 102 IDP families residing in some of the hosting sites and injured two IDPs whose their shelter was stuck by thunder in Bani Hassan and Matwalah areas in Abs district (Hajjah). Strong winds reported in Aslem district (Hajjah) and damaged 12 houses. It was observed an increase of the vulnerability of the people in the governorates of the hub due to the ongoing fighting and deterioration of the economical situation of the families which motivated some families to displace to other locations seeking for livelihood opportunities. Tense security situation in Khayran Al Muharraq district (Hajjah) did not allow Cluster Partners such as NRC to access affected population in the district to distribute essential NFIs to 448 families in urgent need for assistance.

Aden

The situation remained volatile with increased security deployments and roadblocks which to some extent restricted the movement of humanitarian actors. On October 14, Luban Cyclone made landfall in eastern Yemen with strong winds of 75 km/h and heavy rain in the costal districts of Al Maharah governorate. This resulted in widespread flooding and damages that were reported in many areas mainly in Al Ghaydah district and affected districts of Sayhut, Al Masilah, Qishn, Huswain and Hawf. Reports indicated that the storm killed 11 people, injured 124, affected 3,000 families and forced 2,203 families to leave their homes and settle temporally in other locations. Initial reports suggested the damages to 32 civilian houses and total destruction of 30 houses in Al Masilah district. Public infrastructure were affected including main roads, bridges, underground water wells and electricity.

Ibb

Fighting reported near to the border between Ibb and Al Dhale'e governorates which resulted in new waves of displacement. An incident reported about a group of armed men targeted trucks carrying NFIs in Al Robae area in Taizz governorate which resulted in the suspension of the distribution carried out by YWU (Yemen Women Union). Reports indicate that Hayfan district became accessible and YWU was able to verify a list of 4,000 families and assess their needs for NFIs and Shelter support.

Sana'a

Rock-fall reported in Al Haymah Al Kharijiyah district of Sana'a governorate near to the village of AlSha'b which damaged some houses and displaced dozens of families.

Assistance delivered and impact

Al Hudaydah

- NFI distribution completed by UNHCR through JAAHD (Jeel Albena Association for Humanitarian Development) for 1,841 families and EESKs to 1,447 families in response to the needs of newly displaced families as and those families affected by the heavy rains and flooding in Abs district. IOM and UNHCR through ADO (Abs Development Foundation) distributed NFIs and EESKs to 12 families affected by flooding in Aslem district, NRC distributed NFIs to 320 families in Qafl Shamer district and 297 families displaced in other districts while EESKs provided to 227 families. In Al Hudaydah, BCHR (Benevolence Coalition For Humanitarian Relief) completed the distribution of NFIs to 70 families in Al Khawkhah district and UNHCR through JAADH started the distribution of NFIs to 1,853 IDP families and EESKs to 931 IDP families targeting those recently displaced in Al Mansuriyah district. These interventions helped the families to access the critical daily household items
- Transfer of cash assistance for the rental subsidies completed by IOM for 488 IDP families in Al Hudaydah governorate while additional 32 families did not have IDs (Identification Documents) and they were referred to Protection Cluster for the documentation support. The families provided with cash grants were able to afford living in rental accommodation that offers privacy and protection for a period of time.

Aden

• Through the SMC approach, 391 families residing in Al Rehabt site, Tub district in Lahj governorate received essential NFIs (Non-Food Items) through NMO (Nahdah Makers Organization) with stocks donated by DFID also DRC as the organization responsible for SMC at the site managed to conduct Cholera Awareness Campaign, constructed 30 latrines and currently working in connecting the latrines and water tanks to the public water pipes. This has addressed the site residents critical needs.

- In response to the needs resulted by Luban Cyclone, UNHCR through SHS (Society for Humanitarian Solidarity) distributed tents to 500 families and NFIs to 250 families in Al Maharah governorate and BCHR distributed NFIs to the districts affected by the cyclone in Al Maharah governorate with 150 families assisted in Al Ghayda, 107 families in Al Masilah, 180 families in Huswain, 17 families in Qashin, 188 families in Sayhut. These distributions delivered in timely manner in which it offered immediate response to the needs of affected population.
- NFI distributions completed by LIFD (Look Inside Foundation for Development) for 180 families in Damt district (Al Dhale'e), UNHCR through NMO assisted 1,850 families in Abyan, Aden, Lahj and Taizz governorates also DRC provided NFIs to 724 IDP and host community families including for 250 families who are residing in Al Gasha IDP hosting site and EESK (Enhanced Emergency Shelter Kits) to 500 families in Al Khawkhah district (Al Hudaydah). The kits improved the living situation of the families and alleviated their displacement suffering.
- Transfer of cash assistance for rental subsidies completed by UNHCR through Al Amal Bank to 502 families in Aden, Al Hudaydah, Lahj, Shabwah and Taizz governorates. Cash grants enabled families to pay their rent and avoid any evictions.

Ibb

- NFI distributions were completed by UNHCR through YWU for 1,118 families including 944 families recently displaced from Al Hudaydah governorate and settled in lbb governorate. The families assisted did not have previous access to the essential household items. The other group of families assisted were displaced for over a year but did not receive any type of assistance and required NFIs support. ACTED distributed NFIs to 78 families in need for the replenishment of their worn-out NFIs in Qehz IDP hosting sites in Al Dhihar district.
- Transfer of cash grants for rental subsidies completed by UNHCR with assessment undertaken by YWU for 2,377 IDP families in Ibb and Taizz governorates. The families assisted were very vulnerable, suffer from poverty and under threat of eviction from their rented accommodation. Yaman organization assisted 200 families who were in need for rental support in order to enable them to pay the accumulated rental payments and stay longer in their rented accommodation.

Sana'a

- NFI distributions completed by UNHCR through ADRA for 2,025 families in Dhamar, Al Bayda, Amanat Al Asimah and Sana'a governorates and through YRCS (Yemen Red Crescent Society) to 593 families who have recently displaced in Amran governorate also NRC assisted 550 families in Suwayr and Al Qaflah districts. AOBWC (Al-Aman Organization for Blind Women Care) distributed winter NFIs to five families in Amanat Al Asimah with donation from the community. NFI kits provided the families the basic household items to enable them to continue living with dignity in the displacement location.
- Cash grants for rental subsidies transferred by NRC to 400 families in Jabal Iyal Yazid and Amran districts, Marafea organization assisted 30 families in Bani Al Harith district of Amant Al Asimah governorate and AOBWC assisted 7 families in Al Wahdah, As Sabain and Az'zal districts of Amanat Al Asimah governorate. The grants helped vulnerable families to pay their accumulated rental payments.
- EESKs distribution completed by UNHCR through YRCS and ADRA to 12 families in Dhamar and Amran governorates. The kits offered the families a temporary place for living until they can find longer term solutions.
- SMC training program carried out by DRC, the organization responsible for the SMC in the sites of Raydah and Amran districts. The program participated by 18 representatives of the sites selfmanagement committees to boost their capacity in their roles and responsibility within the sites.

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