

# **YEMEN CRISIS IOM REGIONAL RESPONSE**



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- IOM's evacuation flights out of Sana'a have been on hold since 28 April as Sana'a airport is no longer operational. Several aerial bombings have damaged the airport runway.
- To date, nearly 15,000 people are estimated to have fled from Yemen across the Red Sea to the Horn of Africa.

### **Situation Overview**

The conflict in Yemen has now entered its second month. 19 out of Yemen's 22 governorates are affected by airstrikes or ground fighting. The death toll continues to rise, with nearly 1,300 deaths reported since the beginning of the conflict in March.

More than 300,000 people are estimated to have been displaced, while thousands remain trapped by the fighting, unable to flee to safety. IOM is rolling out the Displacement Tracking Matrix in order to update and verify data on displacement. Training and data collection are starting in Al Jawf, Aden, Lahj and Al Dhale governorates.

The availability of fuel and other supplies, particularly food and medicine, has severely diminished. Where available, these essential supplies are obtainable at exorbitant prices.

Aden continues to be particularly affected by the conflict. Many districts of Aden have been cut off from the rest of the governorate by airstrikes, leaving people without food, medical supplies and electricity for several weeks. Heavy clashes erupted in Aden governorate on 5 and 6 May, resulting in at least 86 casualties. On 6 May clashes reached Al Tawahi port district and residents tried to flee the area on fishing boats to reach al-Buraiga district on the other side of the gulf. At noon the port of Al Tawahi was attacked and the shelling struck one of boats transporting the IDPs, killing at least 41 civilians desperately attempting to leave the area. On 6 May, IOM immediately started distributions of emergency kits in al-Buraiga district and rehabilitation of WASH facilities, to respond to the needs of thousands of IDPs who fled al-Tawahi district.

On 7 May, Saudi Arabia announced a five-day humanitarian pause in Yemen that will enable civilians to flee to safety and access life-saving humanitarian assistance. The start date of the pause remains unconfirmed.

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#### **IOM RESPONSE**

#### **HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITIES IN YEMEN**

#### NFI, Shelter and WASH

#### Aden

On 6 and 7 May, IOM started distribution of NFI and shelter kits to 92 IDP families hosted in four collective centers, and started the rehabilitation of WASH facilities in one collective center hosting around 85 IDP families in al-Buraiqa district.

These families recently left their homes in Amran and al-Tawahi districts in Aden, leaving everything behind and using overcrowded fishing boats to reach safer areas in Aden.

#### Abyan

IOM continues to provide water trucking to 18 schools hosting IDPs in Khanfar, Zinjubar and Lawder districts, reaching out a total of 4,353 individuals daily. IOM hygiene promoters are carrying out awareness raising campaigns, and supported the creation of water committees in the schools.

#### Dhalea

IOM is providing 336,000 liters of water per week through water trucking in Dahlea govenorate, reaching 24,500 individuals weekly including patients of the main hospital of the governorate (Al-Nasr hospital).

IOM's water trucking operations were interrupted more than once due to the ongoing clashes in Dhalea City, and for a few days IOM was only able to reach half of the targeted areas.



### Health

#### Aden

10 IOM health staff, including 6 medical doctors, continue to work at the "22 May hospital"- the only public hospital located

in Al Mansora area. Since the beginning of the crisis, IOM staff have provided medical care to 1,160 patients.

Additionally, one IOM medical doctor is currently working at the Al-Qatie health center - located between conflict lines – where he has been providing medical care to 64 patients.

## Abyan

Six midwives and two medical assistants continue to work at the Al-Razie hospital. Additionally, four nurses have been providing health care to 590 IDPs hosted in several schools across the governorate.



During the first week of May, IOM provided medicines and medical supplies to one of the main public hospitals in Abyan governorate (Lawder hospital).

During the reporting period, health staff supported by IOM did not have access to Al Khaber hospital due to ongoing clashes in the area.

#### Lahj

During the reporting period, IOM health teams did not have access to Al-Wahat hospitals due to ongoing clashes in the area.

#### Shabwah

One medical doctor and one medical assistant started to work at the Azan Hospital providing health care to 567 cases including 26 causalities.

#### **Assistance to Migrants in Yemen**

#### Haradh

Airstrikes continue to target certain locations in Haradh, completely destroying a hotel and bank in Haradh town. At IOM's Migrant Response Centre (MRC) in Haradh, all daily activi-



ties are ongoing despite the security challenges. IOM staff work in shifts to ensure that the 700+ migrants are fed and the sick are attended to. IOM has struggled to buy cooking gas for the MRC's kitchen because of the acute commodity shortages in the city. IOM staff in Haradh managed to buy cooking gas from Abbs, a district that is a two hour drive from Haradh.

#### Aden

Six midwives and two medical assistants continue to work at Despite the conflict surrounding IOM's Migrant Response Point (MRP) in Basateen the doors to the center have remained open. Basateen is a neighborhood in Aden which is considered a conflict hotspot. In April, six IOM protection staff registered and screened 42 migrants (30 men, 2 women, and 10 boys), and continued to distribute food daily to stranded migrants at the local mosque. IOM medical staff also continued to treat migrants who come to the MRP for medical services.

# DISPLACEMENT FROM YEMEN TO THE HORN OF AFRICA

As of 4 May, an estimated 14,529 people have arrived in Somalia and Djibouti from Yemen.

## **Arrivals in Djibouti**

In **Djibouti** IOM staff report that 9,703 people arrived through boats and charter flights since 26 March. 51% of the new arrivals are transiting TCNs, 33% are Yemenis and 16% Djiboutians.

As of 6 May, IOM's Migration Response Center in Obock is hosting 87 Ethiopian migrants, who are scheduled to return to Addis Ababa with IOM in the next days.

As of 7 May, IOM Djibouti has so far assisted 171 TCNs with visa support, transfer, transit accommodation, and onward air and ground transportation.

# **Arrivals in Somalia**

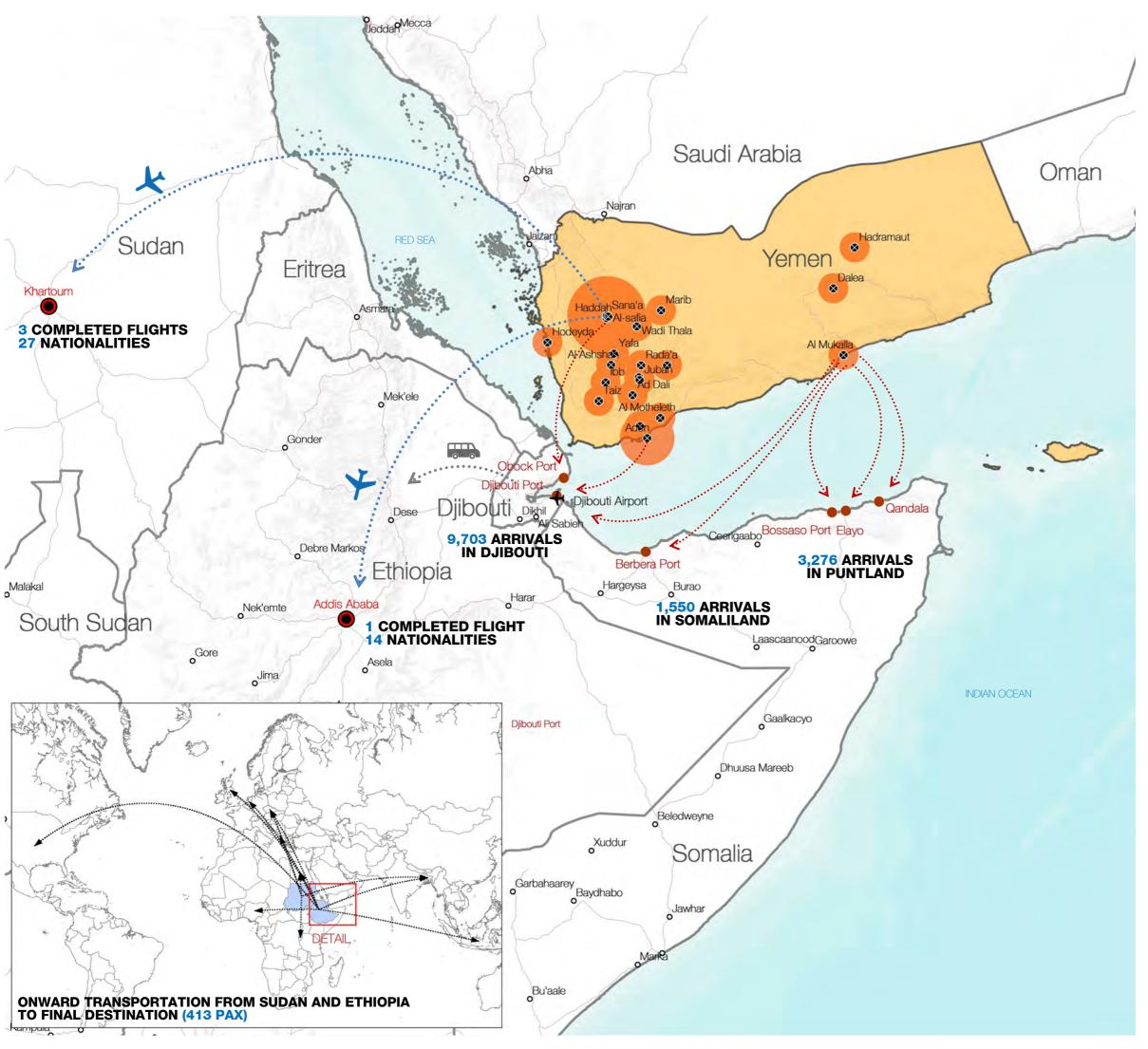
Two more boats arrived in Bosasso, Puntland, on 5 and 6 May, one carrying 832 and one carrying 26 passengers. This brings the total number of arrivals in Puntland to 3,276. IOM is providing water and biscuits/dates to arrivals at the sea port, supporting immigration with registration and, in coordination with Puntland authorities, arranging for transport of those passengers who require further assistance, and their luggage, to a transit centre. 520 individuals were transferred to the transit centre for a maximum 3 day stay for further verification and onward transportation grants. At the transit centre, IOM is supporting those in need with medical assistance and is leading in the provision of water, sanitation and hygiene activities. Two more toilets are currently being constructed by IOM, as well as laundry bays for both female and male beneficiaries and shade for the water tanks. IOM is further providing water trucking, supporting garbage collection and has engaged cleaners to preserve a hygienic environment. Further, IOM is providing fitness for travel checks to

those who are traveling onward to their areas of origin. To date, IOM has supported 118 persons with onward transportation and a further 110 individuals, including both Somali nationals and third country nationals, are currently being verified for assistance.

In Somaliland, a boat carrying 155 passengers arrived on 5 May in Berbera, bringing the total number of arrivals to 1,550. IOM has expanded its health assistance in Berbera, training hospital staff in fitness for travel examinations and providing improved referral services to new arrivals. To date, IOM has conducted medical checks and treatment at the transit centre for 166 individuals, and has referred 10 persons to Berbera hospital. Further, IOM has provided milk for families with small children and powdered milk for 32 infants. Four Somalilanders have been supported with onward transportation support and a cash grant and 15 Ethiopian third country nationals were assisted with return and transit assistance. IOM will continue to offer onward transportation assistance for third country nationals.

The joint IOM-UNHCR task force is continuing its contingency and response planning, in close coordination with all Humanitarian and UN Country Team members. IOM is also closely coordinating with the Federal Government of Somalia and the Puntland and Somaliland authorities to continue planning for evacuations of Somali nationals from Yemen.





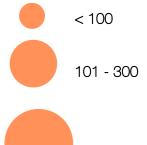
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EVACUATION AND CROSS-BORDER MOVEMENTS

# THIRD COUNTRY NATIONALS (TCN)

- TCNs current locations
- IOM Humanitarian Air Bridge

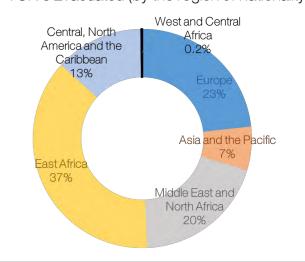
TCNs currently awaiting evacuation



# ···> IOM Air Movements from Sana'a

TCN's Evacuated (by the region of nationality)

301 - 781



# **ARRIVALS ACROSS HORN OF AFRICA**

**NEARLY 15,000 INDIVIDUALS** ARRIVED FROM YEMEN TO DJIBOUTI AND SOMALIA



···> IOM Land Movement



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