

2021 ACHIEVEMENTS



 **157,554**
People displaced in
13 governorates¹

 **27,693**
Migrant arrivals

 **27,845**
Yemeni returnees

 **5.6 M**
People reached with
humanitarian assistance*

KEY EMERGENCY RESPONSE ACHIEVEMENTS

PEOPLE REACHED

HEALTH

3,083,141

MIGRANT ASSISTANCE & PROTECTION

107,635

TRANSITION & RECOVERY

787,007*

DTM (DISPLACEMENTS & MIGRANT MOVEMENTS)

213,092*

WASH

319,767*

CASH

209,664

SNFI

911,253

*Includes indirect beneficiaries

SITUATION OVERVIEW

The year 2021 marked the seventh year of an ongoing conflict in Yemen that pushed the country to the edge of famine, displaced thousands of people from their homes and rendered half of the country's public health system dysfunctional.

In 2021, IOM's Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) recorded the displacement of over 157,500 people in the 13 governorates where the Organization has access. While conflict remained the main driver of displacement, the situation was aggravated by a weakened economy, the COVID-19 pandemic, rains and flooding, and fuel shortages.

1. Governorates that IOM has access to: Aden, Abyan, Al Maharah, Al Jawf, Al Bayda, Shabwah, Al Hodeidah, Ma'rib, Ad Dali', Ta'iz, Hadramawt, Lahj, Socotra.

RESPONSE TO INCREASED DISPLACEMENT

Ma'rib governorate witnessed the highest rates of displacement due to escalating hostilities and shifting frontlines, worsening the vulnerability and precarious living conditions faced by thousands of displaced persons, migrants and the communities that host them. IOM's Displacement Tracking Matrix estimates that over 13,075 households (HHs) or 78,450 individuals in this governorate were displaced in 2021, many for the fourth or fifth time. IOM continued to scale up multisectoral humanitarian assistance to meet urgent needs in Ma'rib, supporting over 200,000 individuals with essential relief services.

Towards the end of the year, people living along Yemen's west coast were also impacted by escalating conflict. IOM expanded its operations to this region earlier in the year and has since been well placed to respond to the growing needs of more than 18,000 households living in displacement hosting sites. Over the course of the year, IOM has provided multisectoral assistance to nearly 8,500 households, covering 20 underserved displacement sites and supporting five static and mobile health facilities.



IOM teams respond to newly displaced communities in Ma'rib. © IOM 2021 / Rami Ibrahim

COVID-19 RESPONSE

A priority for the Organization was also supporting communities impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. IOM worked with the local authorities to increase testing capacity and essential health services through the provision of testing machines, personal protective equipment and capacity building for public health workers. IOM also supported a government vaccination campaign targeting migrants and internally displaced persons (IDPs).



Anwer, an Ethiopian migrant in Yemen, receives a COVID-19 vaccine dose at the IOM Migrant Response Point in Aden. © IOM 2021 / Majed Mohammed

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE

With the combination of climate and conflict-related needs growing to unprecedented rates this year, the need for greater emergency preparedness and response became critical. In support of these efforts, IOM continued to manage the nationwide contingency stock pipeline, deploying emergency shelter, non-food items and fuel stock to aid organizations at the onset of crises. IOM also provided thousands of displaced people with access to clean water through water trucking and the rehabilitation of water sites, in addition to mitigating risks to water-related health issues through solid waste management and hygiene promotion activities. Moreover, IOM led the provision of emergency multi-purpose cash assistance through the Rapid Response Mechanism, enabling newly displaced households to meet their critical needs within days of displacement.

MIGRANT RESPONSE

Despite the ongoing conflict and humanitarian crisis, migrants in desperate search of work opportunities continue to travel on dangerous routes to and through Yemen in hopes of reaching neighboring Saudi Arabia. In 2021, IOM's DTM estimated that 27,693 migrants arrived in the country, many of whom became trapped between frontlines with inadequate access to basic services. The protection risks for migrants prevailed, and thousands continue to be at grave risk of exploitation and abuse, particularly in the hands of smugglers. Along the main migration routes and in locations where thousands of migrants were stranded, IOM and partners provided humanitarian and protection assistance – including case management, delivery of emergency relief and service referrals. IOM has also supported the return of 2,027 migrants to their countries of origin through the Voluntary Humanitarian Return (VHR) programme which has become a lifeline for stranded migrants.



An Ethiopian woman waits to start her journey home on a VHR flight. © IOM 2021 / Majed Mohammed

IOM supports the most vulnerable throughout Yemen, including displaced people, conflict-affected communities and migrants. The Organization takes a holistic approach to humanitarian response, offering direct services in areas of health, water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), shelter, non-food items (NFI) and cash-based assistance, camp coordination and camp management (CCCM), protection, and transition and recovery (TR), as well as displacement tracking through DTM.

PEOPLE REACHED

WASH*

- 29 water systems rehabilitated, providing safe access to water to 85,116 people
- 127,065 people provided clean water through water trucking
- 145,621 people supported with solid waste management support and community led cleaning campaigns
- 70,469 people reached with hygiene promotion and community engagement activities, including COVID-19 awareness

CCCM

- More than 149,000 residents in 82 IDP hosting sites supported through site coordination and management activities
- 148 IDP community committees established in IOM sites to support site-care activities and community inclusion
- 82 IOM-supported sites enhanced with infrastructure and maintenance projects

 HEALTH

- 514,165 primary health care consultations provided to displaced people, migrants and the communities that host them
- 229 health workers trained on key topics, including COVID-19 case management
- 6,714 people provided with Mental health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS).
- 252,902 personal protective equipment items provided to public health centers to support COVID-19 response
- 402 displaced people and 295 migrants received COVID-19 vaccines in 7 IOM-supported health facilities
- 66 health facilities received medical supplies, equipment, fuel, financial incentives to support service delivery
- Over 2.2 million people reached through surveillance, case management, disease prevention and treatment activities for malaria, HIV and tuberculosis

 PROTECTION

- 63,237 migrants received humanitarian assistance
- 2,027 migrants supported to voluntarily return to their countries of origin through the Voluntary Humanitarian Return programme
- 10,313 people received dedicated protection case management and referral support

 SNFI

- 70,534 people reached through the distribution of emergency shelter materials and NFI kits
- 1,250 displaced households provided with cash for shelter rehabilitation support
- 8,239 households provided with emergency relief items through the Rapid Response Mechanism
- More than 3,000 S-NFI kits prepositioned for emergency response, and 12 warehouses managed across Yemen with a total storage capacity of 13,420 sqm
- 22,586 newly displaced households provided with multi-purpose cash assistance (MPCA)

 DTM*(DISPLACEMENTS & MIGRANT MOVEMENTS)

- 157,554 displacements recorded in 2021
- 27,693 migrant arrivals recorded
- 27,845 Yemeni returnees recorded

 TRANSITION AND RECOVERY*

- 73 public infrastructure works rehabilitated or constructed including schools and hospitals
- More than 780,000 people have improved access to basic services



Al Jeel School provides the opportunity for nearly 2,500 students in Ma'rib to go back to school. © IOM 2021/ Elham Al Oqabi

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