

PROTECTION

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW & Q2 2019 HIGHLIGHTS



IOM'S PROTECTION TEAM PROVIDES DIRECT ASSISTANCE TO PEOPLE AFFECTED BY HARMS RELATED TO DISPLACEMENT, CONFLICT AND MIGRATION ©IOM

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS APRIL - JUNE 2019



30,402

CHILDREN PARTICIPATED IN ACTIVITIES IN CHILD FRIENDLY SPACES



6,978

PEOPLE RECEIVED MENTAL HEALTH & PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT



28,786

PEOPLE REACHED THROUGH PROTECTION AWARENESS RAISING ACTIVITIES



3,096

MIGRANTS SUPPORTED THROUGH VOLUNTARY HUMANITARIAN RETURN



461

REFUGEES SUPPORTED THROUGH ASSISTED SPONTANIOUS RETURN

IOM works to prevent, reduce, mitigate and respond to protection threats against persons, groups and communities affected by displacement, conflict and migration in Yemen, while reducing their acute vulnerability and strengthening their coping capacities. The selection of the persons assisted and through which means is grounded in area-based analysis and prioritization of threats, risks and vulnerabilities related to the drivers and impacts of displacement, migration and conflict-related harm. Yemen hosts many vulnerable communities, including at least temporarily more than 47,000 migrants who entered the country in Quarter and are susceptible to abuse, exploitation and trafficking. The protection team works closely with other units through holistic multi-sector interventions to support the wider mission in responding to and reducing protection risks. IOM also advocates for rights protection for at-risk persons through engagement, capacity building and promoting positive actions among duty bearers, those with responsibility to respect, promote and realize human rights and to abstain from human rights violations.

CASE MANAGEMENT & REFERRAL

IOM provides protection services and support activities to displaced people, conflict-affected communities and migrants through a community-based approach. The protection team carries out both protection monitoring and frontline response activities. Direct victim assistance is currently provided by maintaining services through Migrant Response Points and Community Centres and will be further expanded by the establishment of more points and centres, as well as shelters for victims and survivors of trafficking and exploitation, and children, allowing for specialized care. Services provided at the points, centres and shelters include case management and referral, voluntary humanitarian return support, and mental health and psychosocial support. Protection support is provided alongside other services, such as health care, as part of IOM's integrated approach.

SAFEGUARDING & ADVOCACY

The protection team works closely with other IOM Yemen teams and partners to ensure clear safeguarding of protection and do no harm principles and to address issues of access, safety, well-being and dignity in all mission programming. At a policy level, IOM is supporting the Yemeni authorities in developing and implementing a regional approach to safe and humane migration.

INTEGRATING PROTECTION INTO PROGRAMMING

To promote protection outcomes beneficial for all communities, the protection team works to integrate protection into traditional multi-sectoral interventions. This involves the protection team inputting and reviewing operational planning and implementation and developing protection awareness of other operational teams, particularly on referrals procedures. IOM is working to integrate protection-focused personnel within CCCM, health and other teams in displacement sites and locations with concentrations of vulnerable populations.

MONITORING, RESEARCH & ANALYSIS

To determine patterns of harm related to displacement, conflict and migration and the target areas for multi-sectoral interventions required to address this, IOM's protection team is working to provide a nuanced understanding of vulnerability in Yemen through monitoring, research and analysis. During Quarter 2, IOM embarked on research project with a consultancy organization to collect more on irregular migration through Yemen.

IN FOCUS SUPPORTING DETAINED MIGRANTS

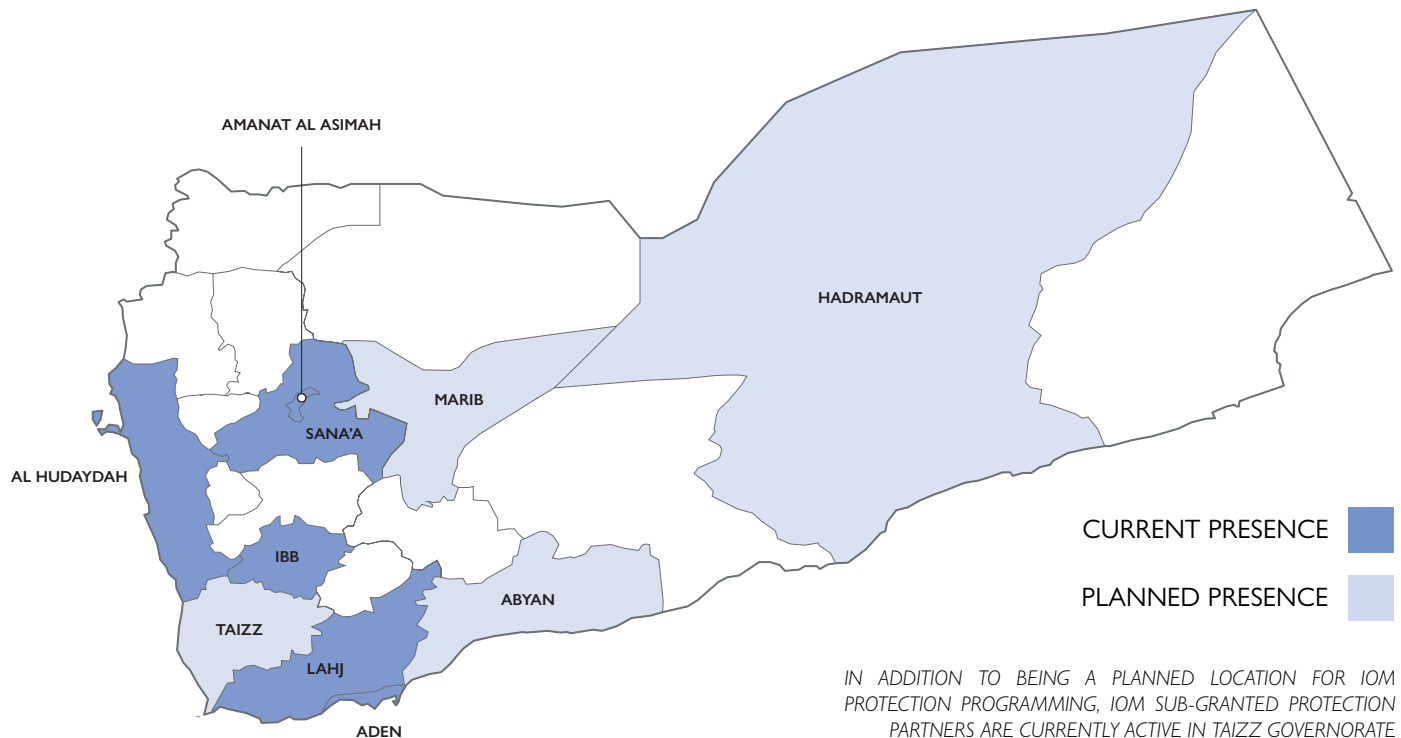


THE PROTECTION TEAM DISCUSSES LIVING CONDITIONS WITH MIGRANTS DETAINED IN THE 22ND OF MAY STADIUM IN ADEN ©IOM

In April, authorities began detaining large groups of migrants in Abyan, Aden and Lahj governorates. At the peak of the campaign, approximately 5,000 migrants, including children and women, were held across three sites unfit to accommodate people like conflict-damaged sports stadiums. In coordination with partners, IOM immediately began an emergency response for those detained, providing food, water supply, latrines and health care. IOM and partners undertook protection assessments to identify cases with specific vulnerabilities, coordinating referrals to UNHCR and other partners, and supporting children and women's safety on site. Just over a month into the situation, IOM began

assisting migrants detained in the 22nd of May Stadium to return to Ethiopia under its VHR programme, prioritizing women, children and people with specific vulnerabilities. Through 22 flights, IOM helped 2,742 stranded migrants return home. IOM advocates against the detention of all migrants and continuously liaised with the authorities for a draw down of services in the 22nd of May Stadium. The 22nd of May Stadium makeshift detention site in Aden is now closed, as are the sites in Abyan and Lahj.

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