

# CHOLERA RESPONSE

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW & Q3 2019 HIGHLIGHTS



AN IOM HEALTH WORKER EXAMINES A YOUNG BOY WITH SUSPECTED CHOLERA WHILE HE RESTS IN HIS MOTHERS LAP IN AN IOM-RUN DTC IN ADEN CITY ©IOM 2019/ HEADON

## KEY ACHIEVEMENTS JULY – SEPTEMBER 2019

**11,226**  
PEOPLE SCREENED FOR CHOLERA

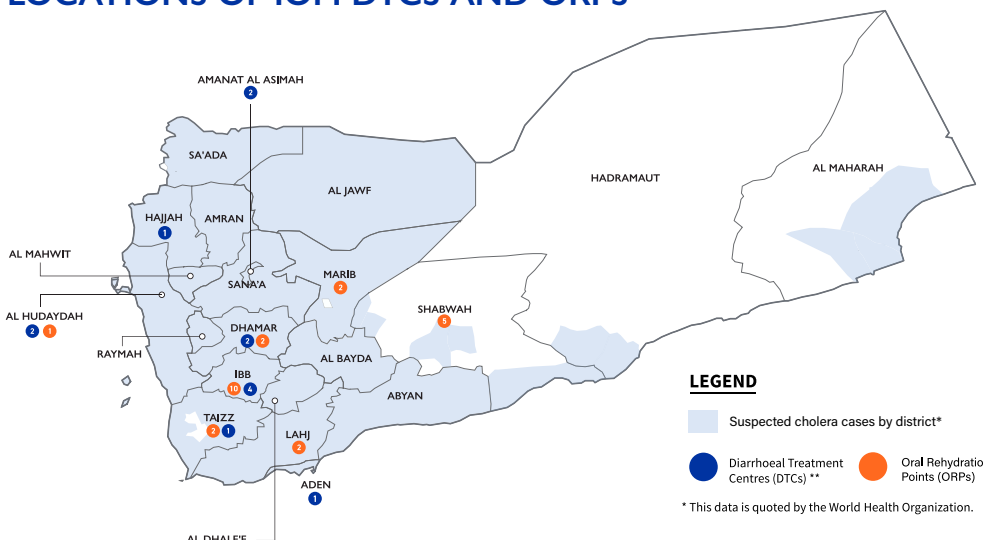
**33,678**  
PEOPLE REACHED WITH HEALTH AWARENESS RAISING MESSAGES

**170**  
HEALTH WORKERS TRAINED ON CHOLERA PREVENTION AND INFECTION CONTROL

Since October 2016, Yemen has been experiencing the largest recorded outbreak of cholera. Twenty-one of Yemen's twenty-two governorates have been affected by the outbreak. To provide support to those affected, IOM operates thirteen Diarrhoea Treatment Centres (DTCs) across seven governorates. IOM is also supporting 25 hospitals and health centres to provide Oral Rehydration Points (ORPs), which act as the first treatment point for people with acute watery diarrhoea (AWD).

Conflict-related displacement in Yemen has exacerbated the spread of cholera and AWD, as displaced communities often do not have access to clean water or safe sanitation and must suffer in poor living conditions. In addition to poor sanitation and unclean water, lack of public health knowledge plays a major role in the transmission of cholera. IOM's emergency water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) and health teams collaborate to provide an integrated response, preventing and treating cholera. Further collaboration with the camp coordination and camp management (CCCM) and shelter and non-food items (S-NFI) teams helps ensure IOM can reach displaced people with sanitation infrastructure, clean drinking water and health awareness in displacement sites in Ibb, Marib, Al Hudaydah and Taizz. For the wider community, IOM holds health awareness sessions and distributes chlorine tablets for the purification of water, in addition to installing networks of water pipes to increase the availability of water for sanitation, particularly in health facilities. IOM is working with local partners and institutions on preventing and treating cholera, ensuring the intervention's community ownership and sustainability.

## LOCATIONS OF IOM DTCS AND ORPs



### LEGEND

- Light blue square: Suspected cholera cases by district\*
  - Dark blue circle: Diarrhoeal Treatment Centres (DTCs) \*\*
  - Orange circle: Oral Rehydration Points (ORPs)
- \* This data is quoted by the World Health Organization.

