

MARIB MISSION - MARCH 2019

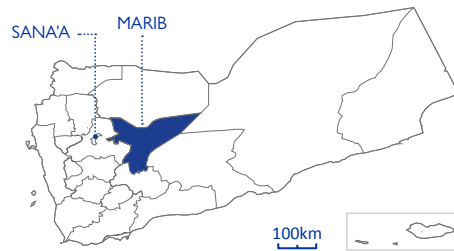


View of Al Khaniq displacement site. Located in an isolated valley at the border between Sana'a and Marib governorates, Al Khaniq hosts over 1,500 households across a 1.8 x 1 km area. @IOM 2019

SITUATION OVERVIEW

The Marib governorate is only 70 km East of Sana'a, yet due to proximity of the front lines, it takes over 8 hours to reach by road from Sana'a, and 2 days through extensive air travel. Once lightly populated and with a reputation for insecurity, it is now in a period of transformation, with a rapid demographic and economic growth. While Marib benefits from its relative stability and income from natural resources, the influx of population from other governorates and the movements within Marib since 2015 have also brought significant challenges for local authorities, who struggle to provide sufficient services to the growing population. According to IOM's Displacement Tracking Matrix, of the approximate 750,000 IDPs residing in the governorate, 16% are living in camp-like settlements with little to no humanitarian assistance.

In March 2019, IOM conducted an assessment mission from Sana'a and Aden to Marib city to better understand the needs and plan



for an immediate response. The assessment team, consisting of the Deputy Chief of Mission, SNFI/CCCM, Health, Logistics, Security and Protection focal points, spent a week in Marib engaging with local authorities and visiting displacement sites. This initial assessment has resulted in a call to action for IOM and operational teams will be deploying within two weeks in order to respond to the acute needs of the displaced and host community.

DISPLACEMENT

OVERALL

+750,000

Total IDP population estimated by DTM through key informant interviews

75% live in Marib City

2011 TOTAL GOV. POPULATION (CSO): **288,000** IND.

MOST IN NEED

120,000 / 16%

living in **31** camp-like displacement sites

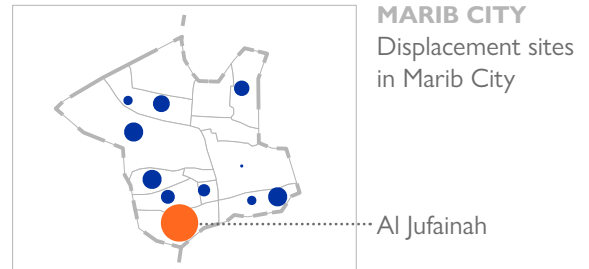
MARIB CITY	OTHER DISTRICTS
12 SITES	19 SITES
52,000 IDPs	68,000 IDPs

IN FOCUS

AL JUFAINAH CAMP - MARIB CITY

Since **SEPTEMBER 2018** |  **+3,000 households**

Located South/West of Marib city, Al Jufainah camp is the biggest displacement site in the city. It received its first arrivals in September 2018. Rapidly expanding over the following months, it hosts now over 3,000 households according to local authorities. Daily new arrivals keep pushing West the boundaries of the site.



KEY FINDINGS



CONTINUOUS NEWS ARRIVALS

IDPs continue to arrive on a daily basis. In Marib city, large numbers of IDPs occupy public buildings without government approval, while in rural areas, new arrivals put increased strain on host communities in areas with already limited resources.



AREAS OF ORIGIN

Reportedly, first waves of IDPs were mostly from Sana'a and Marib, while now they are coming from most governorates in Yemen, with the most recent arrivals coming from Hajja and Hudaydah .



NEEDS ARE LARGELY UNMET

Humanitarian presence is weak and the assistance provided has most of the time been ad-hoc and limited. Across sectors, people are struggling to fulfill their basic needs, while local authorities lack training in the management of large displacement sites.

IOM'S PLAN OF ACTION



PRESENCE

On **10 April**, IOM will deploy a surge response team composed of senior national and international staff to set up the humanitarian hub while working with UNDSS on the Security Risk Management process to prepare the arrival of other partners.



ASSESSMENT

Technical staff will be deployed **in April** to conduct in-depth needs assessments and population profiling in key areas, refine the site mapping previously done by DTM, and roll out technical surveys as relevant.



RESPONSE

IOM will immediately begin emergency response to acute humanitarian needs, while promoting a joint and coordinated response with other partners willing and able to deploy to the governorate.