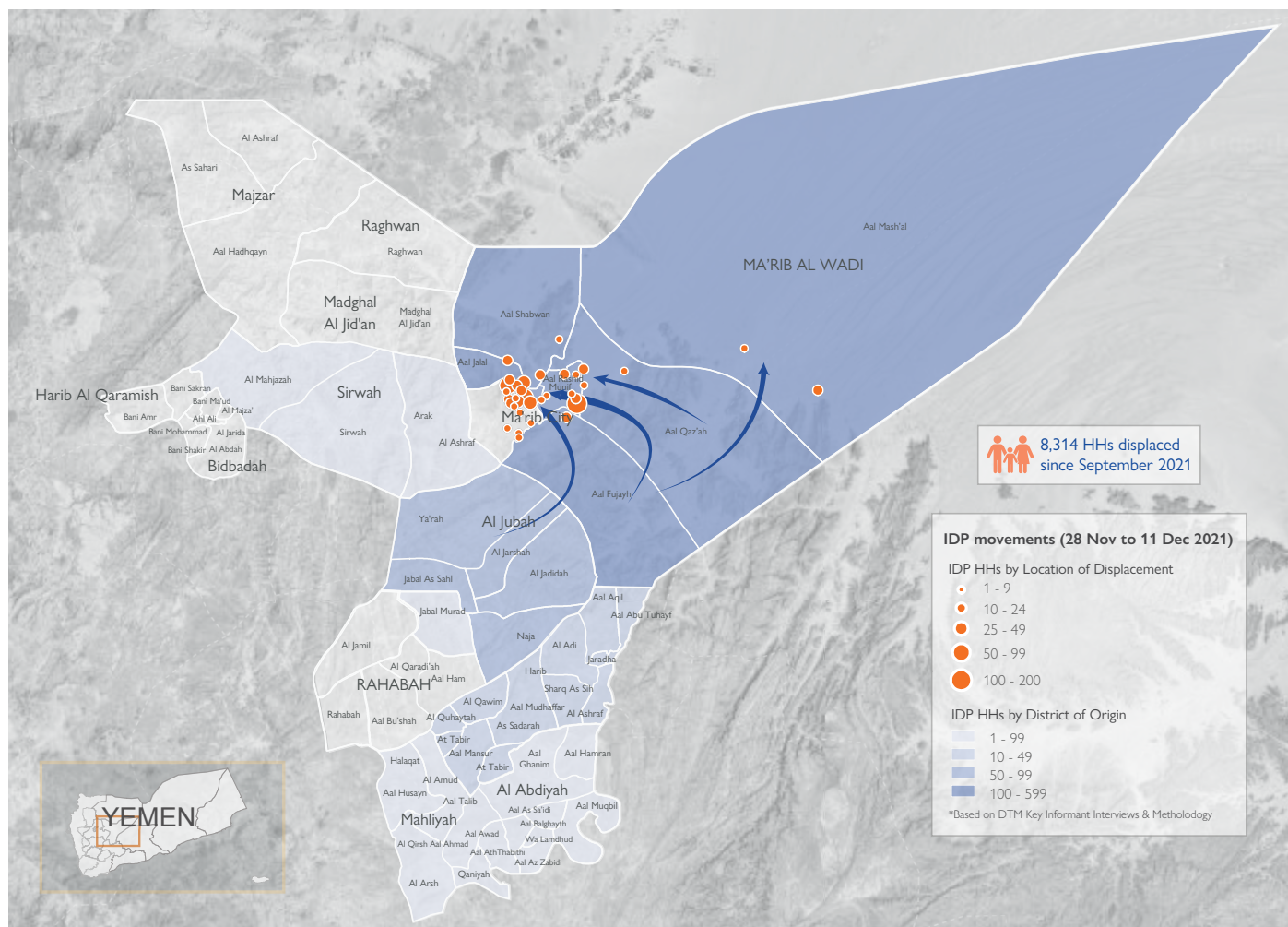


MA'RIB RESPONSE | FLASH UPDATE

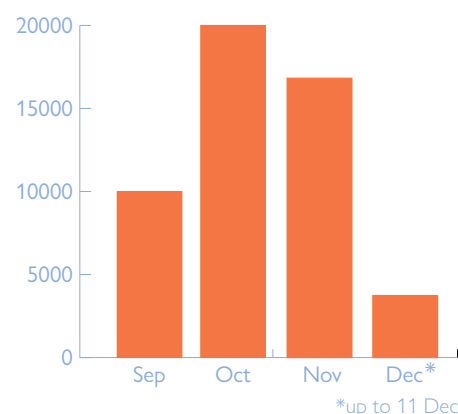
URGENT FUNDING REQUIREMENT: USD 10 MILLION



Despite the frontlines holding the same shape in Ma'rib in recent weeks, armed clashes are having catastrophic impacts on communities, and driving displacement and humanitarian needs at an unprecedented rate. Since September 2021, the conflict displaced over 8,314 households (HHs) or 49,884 individuals¹ – many for the fourth or fifth time –predominantly from Al Jubah and Sirwah districts to IDP sites in Ma'rib City and Ma'rib Al Wadi districts.

There has been a marked increase in the number of armed violence incidents that have impacted communities, civilian infrastructure, and IDP sites². On 9 December, four children and one woman were injured by shrapnel when two missiles landed in Al Hamma displacement site managed by IOM and hosting 250 households. Since the attack, 153 HHs, or over half the sites' population, have fled to other IDP sites across Ma'rib city and Ma'rib Al Wadi. IOM's Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM) team is verifying the locations of displacement with the local authorities in order to coordinate a shelter/NFI and cash-based response.

IDP MOVEMENTS

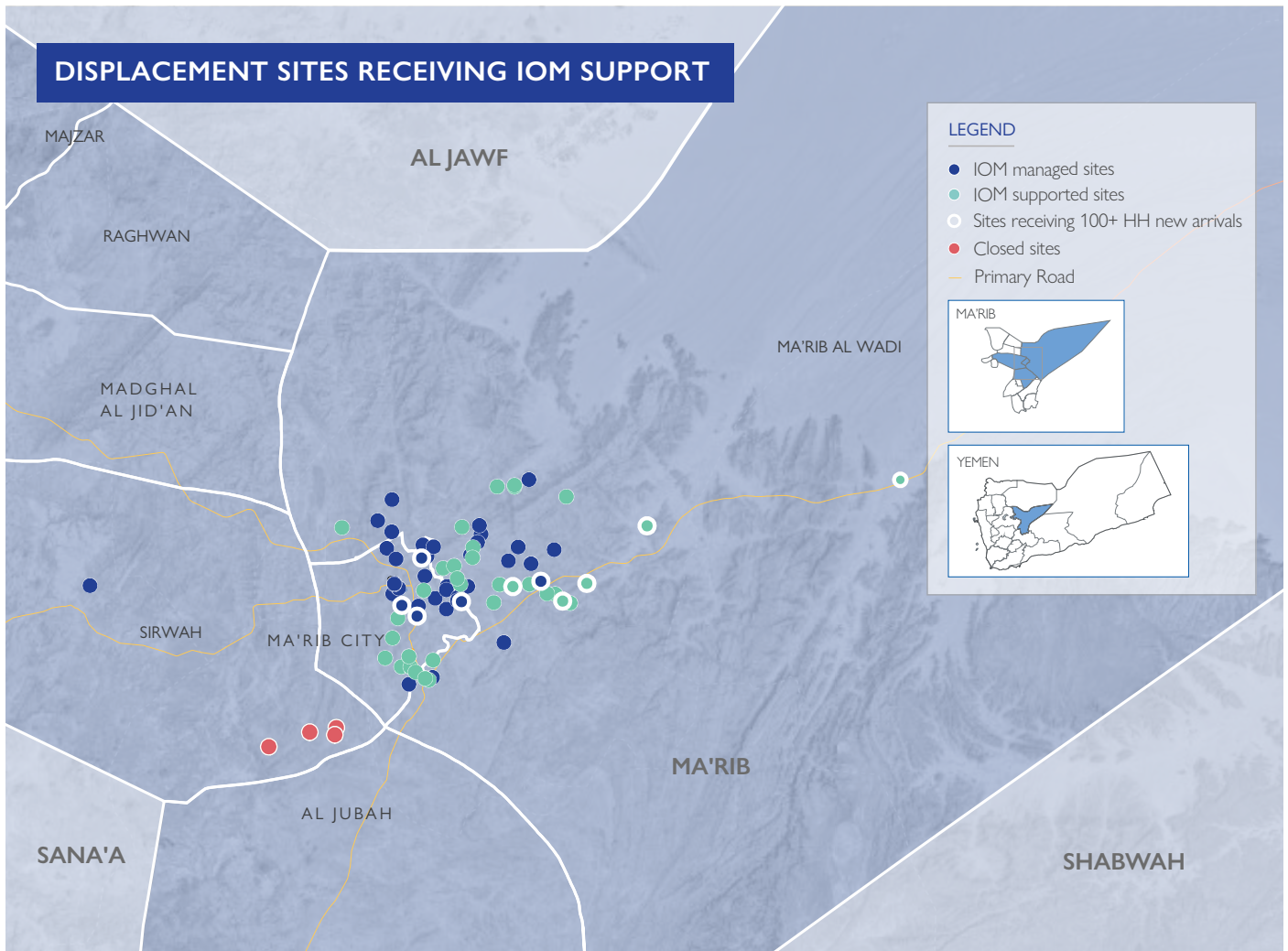


According to IOM's Displacement Tracking Matrix, approximately 677 HHs or 4,062 individuals were displaced between 28 November to 11 December 2021, and IOM identified an additional 84 HHs or 504 individuals displaced from the previous reporting period (20-27 November). The greatest needs in IDP sites are shelter; non-food items, education services, and water, sanitation and hygiene services. As winter sets into Ma'rib, IDPs are increasingly exposed to the cold weather. Most recently, three children died from the cold in Al-Naqeia'a camp. Overcrowded IDP sites continue to receive newly displaced families, with many forced to move in with other families; often four to five families share two tents. Some landowners have denied entry to newly displaced families under the pretext that the sites are full. In these cases, families have moved to farms and open spaces where humanitarian services are intermittent or non-existent.

1. Household size of six individuals
 2. Civilian Impact Monitoring Project

In response to these critical needs, IOM continues to deliver multisectoral humanitarian assistance as the largest organization in Ma'rib, supporting over 200,000 individuals with essential relief in 65 sites since the start of 2021. IOM's CCCM teams have registered over 1,685 new IDP HHs in 34 IOM-managed sites since September. From 28 November to 11 December 2021, IOM's Rapid Response Mechanism (RRM) registered 986 families in 67 locations in six sub-districts. RRM kits have been distributed to 1,784 displaced families in Ma'rib City and Ma'rib Al Wadi district, followed by multi-purpose cash assistance for 3,443 families. IOM continued providing primary health services in 34 IDPs sites, reaching 4,381 IDPs and host community members including 775 women and girls with reproductive health services. More than 760 extremely vulnerable IDPs were registered for protection services including individual protection assistance, case management, cash for protection, and legal counselling. IOM assisted a total of 9,255 HHs or around 55,530 individuals with WASH services including water-trucking, distribution of family tanks, basic hygiene kits, and soap, promotion of hygiene awareness, and the disposal of solid waste and sludge. Furthermore, IOM distributed 288 NFI kits, 283 tents, three plastic sheets to 284 IDP HHs in three IDP sites and reached 250 HHs with transitional shelters in four IDP sites. In the coming weeks, IOM is supporting the Executive Unit with opening the new Athuman site, which will host 500 HHs. IOM will provide CCCM assistance, water-trucking followed by rehabilitation of water systems, sanitation support, WASH NFIs, and hygiene promotion activities.

As the displacement crisis worsens and winter sets in, site overcrowding, inadequate access to services and tensions within IDP communities is a major concern. While IOM expands its response, crucial gaps remain and funding is running out. Across the 62 IDP sites where IOM operates, IDPs are requesting shelter/NFI assistance, especially blankets and winter assistance, as well as critical WASH assistance, such as water trucking, family tanks, hygiene kits, and latrines. To continue the multisectoral scale up and contribute towards meeting the widespread unmet needs within existing and newly displaced communities, IOM is urgently appealing for USD 10 million.



Maintaining the relative stability of Ma'rib is a priority and IOM is concerned about further displacement as well as the humanitarian impact on civilians. Those who have influence should continue to advocate against an escalation of hostilities. IOM calls on all parties of the conflict to respect International Humanitarian Law and avoid at all costs the targeting of civilians.

IOM has a team of 22 international and 246 national support and programme staff in Ma'rib as well as nearly 200 community mobilizers and enumerators. The team is leading response activities, prioritizing critical needs assessments and registering newly arrived IDPs for assistance through the Rapid Response Mechanism (RRM). Together with local authorities, the Organization is coordinating response efforts in Ma'rib through its leadership of the CCCM and Health sub-national clusters, co-leadership of the WASH sub-national cluster, Ma'rib-based focal point of the protection cluster, and as S-NFI Contingency Pipeline Manager.



A newly displaced family receives shelter emergency support in Al Somaya'a displaced site in Ma'rib © IOM 2021 / E. Al Oqabi

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