



Highlights

Closed shops and empty market in Lawder district, Abyan, Yemen (Photo: IOM Yemen)

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■ On Monday 20 April, IOM decided to temporarily suspend its evacuation operations in Yemen, due to growing difficulties faced in operating flights out of Sana'a airport. The organization is calling all parties to the conflict to facilitate the evacuation of foreign civilians in accordance with UN Security Council Resolution 2216, adopted on 14 April.

■ Over 10,000 people have so far fled from Yemen to the Horn of Africa. An April 20th attack on a UN vehicle in Garowe has added strain to the already complex operation for the government and humanitarian actors in Puntland, but has not diminished assistance to arrivals.

Situation Overview

On Tuesday 21 April, Saudi Arabia announced the end of the coalition's Operation Decisive Storm, after a month long military campaign against Houthi positions in Yemen. The coalition indicated a new initiative was underway, Operation Renewal of Hope, focused on the political process. Despite the announcement airstrikes were reported to have resumed in Sana'a, Aden and Taiz city on Wednesday 22 April.

As of 20 April over 1,000 people are estimated to have been killed, and nearly 4,400 injured due to violence in Yemen (WHO). Overall displacement estimates continue to be difficult to verify due to the absence of a displacement tracking system in country. WFP estimates that the number of food insecure people in Yemen has increased to 12 million people. The closure of ports and other restrictions on imports continue to severely hamper the availability of food and other essential commodities in the country.

On Monday 20 April, the IOM office in Sana'a suffered significant damages following a large explosion in a nearby depot targeted by an airstrike. Teams based outside of Sana'a continue to operate but with significant constraints relating to lack of fuel and cash.

An inter-agency Flash Appeal for Yemen was launched on 17 April requesting \$273.7 million to cover the most urgent humanitarian needs until the end of June. IOM's Displacement Tracking and Monitoring, NFI, shelter, WASH, Health and migrants assistance - including some elements of the TCN evacuation operation - are included in the appeal.

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IOM RESPONSE

HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITIES IN YEMEN

Assistance to Migrants in Yemen

Hundreds of migrants continue to arrive in Haradh city (Northern Yemen). 50 migrants have arrived in IOM's Migrant Response Center in Haradh since last week. IOM is now providing shelter and WASH facilities to over 500 migrants as well as food rations, water, and medical assistance. Due to fuel shortages, affecting the normal movements of trucks for sewage disposal, deliveries of food and water, as well as movements of staff, it is becoming more and more difficult for IOM teams to manage the Center, and to cope with the new arrivals in Haradh city, where IOM staff report markets have been looted and all shops remain closed.

The Sana'a facility which was hosting 600 irregular migrants was closed by authorities in charge of its management, following structural damages to the building, caused by recent airstrikes. Migrants have been released without coordination with IOM or other partners, which renders the tracking of these irregular migrants extremely difficult.

In Aden, IOM continues to provide daily food rations to 110 migrants at the mosque in Basateen (all males, with 20 unaccompanied minors) despite continuous airstrikes and street clashes, as well as severe food, fuel, water, and electricity shortages in the city.

In Aden and Sana'a, IOM is providing shelter for migrant children and women presenting particular vulnerabilities or medical needs. Two of the children have since been evacuated and returned to their country of origin by IOM.

IOM operations at Al Tuwal and Al Boq—along the Yemeni and Saudi borders—continue to be on hold as the area is not safe for IOM staff to access. Reports indicate Yemeni nationals continue to be returned from Saudi Arabia.

NFI, Shelter and WASH

This week, IOM teams in Sana'a, Abyan and Aden started distributions of NFI and shelter kits, and continued provision of WASH assistance in hospitals and public spaces – mostly schools - hosting IDPs. Humanitarian assistance continues to be hampered by access issues, as a result of continued armed clashes.

Aden

In Aden, worrying field reports indicate snipers have targeted the only accessible health facility in Al Mualla, destroying its water tank. IOM is planning to install two water tanks inside the facility.

IOM installed a 2,000 litres water tank in the Al-Qalaa health facility.

IOM teams have been able to distribute NFIs to 60 households currently seeking refuge in two public schools (30th November and Al-Fahr schools). WASH facilities in these two schools had been previously installed or upgraded by IOM.

IOM water trucking continues to supply the Basheeb hospital.

Abyan

On 18 April, IOM teams started distributions of NFI kits, tarpaulins and ropes as well as jerry cans to 170 vulnerable families living in the open in Khanfar district.

In Abyan governorate, IOM is providing water trucking to one school in Zinjubar district, 12 schools in Khanfar district and two schools in Lawder district reaching out nearly 500 families.

In addition IOM installed nine water tanks and rehabilitated WASH facilities in four schools hosting IDP's in Khanfar (Tomaisi school) and Zinjubar district (Hosn, Khamlia and Ibn Khaldoon schools)

Al Dhale

On 22 April, IOM started daily water trucking for IDPs and host communities in Al Dhubayiat area (10,000 of liter per day). This is the first humanitarian intervention since the escalation of conflict in the area. Al Dhale'e has had no water and electricity for over one month.



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(Photo: IOM Yemen)

Health

The IOM health teams (fixed clinics and mobile medical teams) continue their work in Aden, Abyan, Lahj, and Haradh assisting IDPs, TCNs and affected civilians.

Seven IOM physicians and four nurses continue to be based at the "22 May" Hospital in Aden and at the "Alwihat" Hospital in Lahj. In Aden, one IOM nurse works with the MSF surgical center to address the overwhelming numbers of inpatients requiring urgent surgery. This week, IOM health staff could not access the Alqatei Health Center in Aden due to active fighting in the area.

IOM in partnership with the Yemeni Red Crescent (YRC) continues providing health care services to migrants at Babel-Mandeb area in Taizz governorate. YRC, with support from IOM, has set up a fixed clinic with one physician and two medical assistants.

In Abyan, five IOM medical assistants and six midwives are providing health care to IDPs in 13 schools located in Zinjubar and Khanfar districts, as well as obstetric support at Al-Razi Hospital.

TCN EVACUATION OUT OF YEMEN

So far IOM has assisted over 400 TCNs from over 20 countries to leave Yemen through three flights rotation. IOM organized two evacuation flights from Sanaa to Khartoum (Sudan), carrying nearly 300 persons. The first flight took place on 12 April and the second on Tuesday 14 April. A third flight was organized on Sunday 19 April from Sana'a to Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, via Djibouti, evacuating nearly 140 TCNs.

On Monday 20 April, IOM decided to temporarily suspend its evacuation operations in Yemen, due to growing difficulties in operating flights out of Sana'a airport. On 14 April, the UN Security Council adopted Resolution 2216, reaffirming, inter alia, the need for all parties to "facilitate the evacuation by concerned States and international organizations of their civilians and personnel from Yemen". To date, these operations however have been systematically hampered by a number of obstacles. Security conditions within and around Sana'a airport have also worsened, affecting the ability of IOM staff to operate on airport grounds. Renewed discussions with partners on the ground and in the region over the course of this week should however create conditions for a swift resumption of flight operations in the coming days.

As of 23 April, IOM has received requests for humanitarian evacuation from over 50 governments. Nationals from East Africa, the Middle East, Europe, North America and Asia represent the bulk of the requests received thus far. The European Commission, the US, Germany and the Republic of Korea have so far confirmed financial support to IOM's evacuation operations.

SPONTANEOUS ARRIVALS ACROSS HORN OF AFRICA

As of 20 April, an estimated 10,263 people have arrived in Somalia and Djibouti from Yemen.

In Djibouti IOM staff deployed at all three entry points (Djibouti Airport, Port of Djibouti and Port of Obock) have reported that 8,344 people arrived through boats and charter flights. Out of those, there were 5,104 TCNs, 2,151 Yemenis, and 1,089 Djiboutians. 62 nationalities have been registered in total. IOM Djibouti has assisted 156 TCNs with visa support, transfer, transit accommodation, and onward air and ground transportation.

The very limited availability of temporary accommodation in Djibouti remains a challenge for TCNs awaiting onward transportation. Discussions are ongoing to establish a second IOM Transit Center there.

49 Yemenis arrived in Obock and are being accommodated at the IOM Migration Response Center, while a refugee camp in Obock is in the process of being established. Additional

upgrades for transit accommodation at the Migration Response Center have been completed.

Arrivals in Somalia

In Somaliland, the total number of arrivals is 1,140, consisting of mixed populations from Somalia (both migrants and refugees), Yemeni nationals and third country nationals from Ethiopia, Djibouti and Syria. Three Somali migrants have been assisted with transportation to Burco, and two Somali migrants reached home in Garowe through onward transportation. An Ethiopian migrant is being issued travel documents and will travel back to Ethiopia with IOM support.

In Puntland, the total number of arrivals is 1,132. IOM continues to coordinate with the government and members of the Yemen Task Force for transit from sea port to reception center in Bosasso. IOM is also providing water and dates for new arrivals at the port. Additionally, IOM has supported 26 migrants with onward transportation from Bosasso on 22 April. Further IOM is now responsible for all WASH activities at the reception center in Bosasso. An April 20th attack on a UN vehicle in Garowe has added strain to the already complex operation for the government and humanitarian actors in Puntland, but has not diminished assistance to arrivals.



IOM staff providing assistance to migrants arriving in Somalia
(Photo: IOM Somalia)

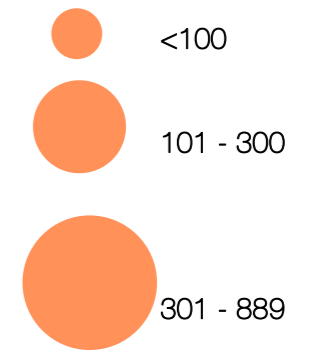
The IOM-UNHCR led task force is continuing to develop an inter-agency contingency plan targeting 100,000 arrivals to ensure preparedness for the oncoming months. Further IOM and UNHCR continue to liaise with the Federal Government of Somalia with regards to the potential evacuation of Somali nationals from Yemen .

YEMEN CRISIS RESPONSE

EVACUATION AND CROSS-BORDER MOVEMENTS

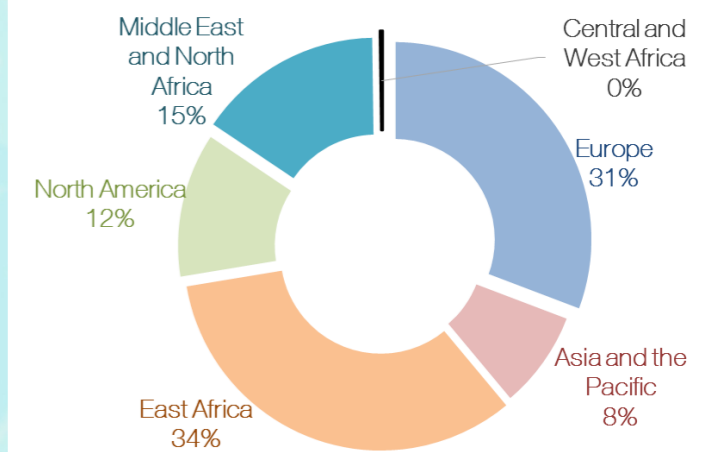
THIRD COUNTRY NATIONALS (TCN)

- ✕ TCNs current locations
- IOM Humanitarian Air Bridge
- TCNs currently awaiting evacuation



••➤ IOM Air Movements from Sana'a

TCN's Evacuated (by the region of nationality)



ARRIVALS ACROSS HORN OF AFRICA

OVER 10,000 INDIVIDUALS ARRIVED FROM YEMEN TO DJIBOUTI, SOMALIA AND ETHIOPIA

- Entry Points
- Ongoing Arrivals to HoA

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