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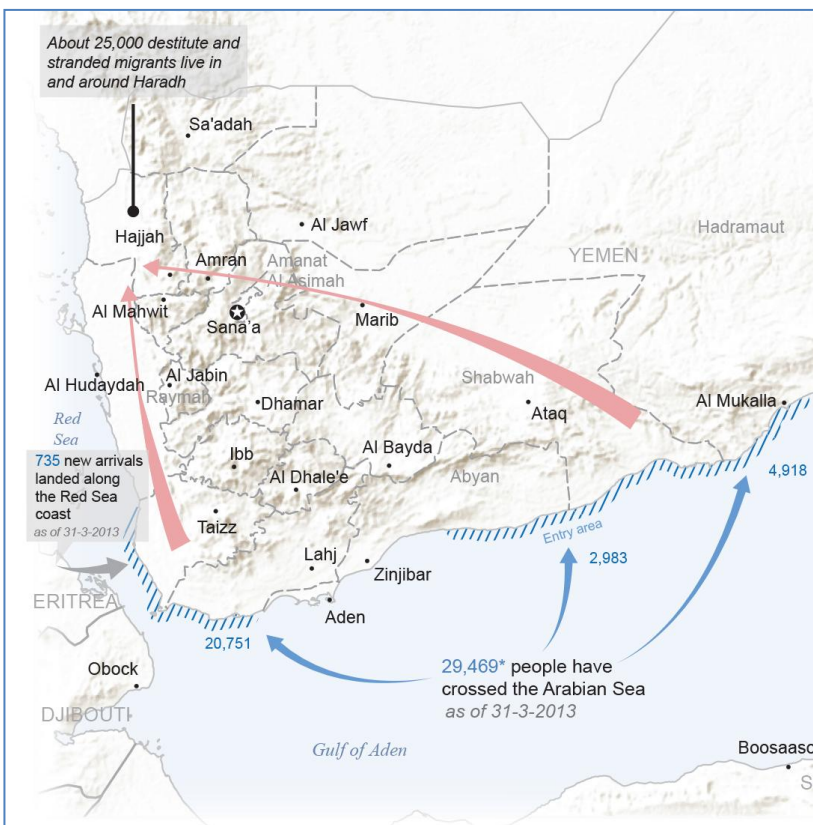
## Situation Report No. 15 29 April, 2013

### Humanitarian assistance to extremely vulnerable migrants in Haradh, Sana'a, Amran, and Aden



Recent changes in Saudi foreign workers legislation and their resumption of fencing the 1,800 km border with Yemen have exacerbated the situation of an already overflowing population of destitute migrants stranded in Haradh, at the border with the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

Concurrently, the Yemeni military authorities have resumed raids on smugglers' camps in Haradh and elsewhere; as of 8 April, hundreds of abused and hungry migrants have been released from the hands of smugglers and are now in urgent need of shelter, food, water and health care.



The migrants freed from the smugglers' camps are currently accommodated at three locations: the Military camp at Al Tuwal border, a purpose built tent next to the detention centre in Amran, and in the open air in the Immigration, Passport and Naturalization Authority (IPNA) centre in Sana'a.

These facilities' food and sanitary conditions are severely lacking adequate food, water and sanitary facilities. Among those released, the proportion of women and is greater than that recorded among the stranded migrants in Haradh.

IOM, MSF, WFP and the Yemeni Red Crescent are currently providing emergency food, health care, clothing and WASH assistance to the migrants accommodated at these locations, and transferring serious cases to the various hospitals. Many among the migrants freed from smugglers' captivity present clear evidence of torture and trauma.

## UPDATE ON IOM EMERGENCY INTERVENTION

### HARADH: AL TUWAL BORDER MILITARY POLICE CAMP

- **Assessment:** a total of 520 migrants/refugees in the camp. On 27 April 92 Ethiopians deported from KSA were registered at IOM premises.
- **WASH:** installation of two 1,000-liter and two 2,000-liter water tanks, distribution of basins.
- **Shelter:** provision of 15 tents, some mattresses, blankets and tarpaulins, construction of temporary roof area.
- **Food:** distribution of 2 meals a day as of 21 April.
- **Health:** since 15 April, 239 migrants received medical treatment by a team of 2 to 3 doctors.
- **Kits:** over 60 dignity kits distributed. Procurement of dignity, clothing and hygiene kits ongoing.



#### Latest news:

- **18 April:** the UN Yemen Humanitarian Coordinator, Mr Ismail Ould Cheikh Ahmed led an assessment to Haradh and concluded that increasing efforts were required to source funding to address the most urgent needs.
- **26 April:** migrants, some of whom resumed the hunger strike demanding to be transferred to Sana'a and then to be returned to Ethiopia, stampeded two IOM staff. After brief hospitalization, stampeded staff resumed working on 27 April, while the number of guards patrolling the camp was increased in order to avoid similar accidents.

### SANA'A: IMMIGRATION (IPNA) FACILITY

- **Assessment:** an estimated total of 1,000 migrants, including 6 women, are accommodated indoors.
- **WASH:** Two 2,000-liter water tanks, installed 6 latrines rehabilitated, trucking of 45,000 lt of water/day, distribution of 959 sanitation kits. Migrants started cleaning the rooms where they are accommodated with provided sanitation products.
- **Shelter:** 130 mattresses, 460 blankets, 50 tarpaulins delivered.
- **Food:** 2/3 meals per day in conjunction with external donations (bread, rice, yoghurt, vegetables, tea).
- **Health:** 559 medical cases treated on site and 57 referred Nashwan hospital in Sana'a.
- **Kits:** 104 women dignity and clothing kits delivered, 1178 men's kits, 3 baby kits.



**Latest news:** on 29 April IOM staff accompanied an ECHO delegation to the IPNA premises to gain direct understanding of migrants conditions and witness support currently being extended, including food distribution, medical assistance and enhanced access to water and sanitation facilities.

### AMRAN: AMRAN CENTRAL DETENTION FACILITY

- **Assessment:** a total of 545 migrants, 495 within the holding facility and 50 temporarily lodged in an *ad-hoc* tent next to it.
- **WASH:** all 545 migrants afforded hygiene kits, access to water and sanitation ensured. Assessment on sanitation facilities conducted.
- **Shelter:** procurement and delivery of 10 mattresses, 530 blankets and 5 tarpaulins.
- **Food:** three meals a day by Yemen Red Crescent (YRC), made available by local military authorities and charity.
- **Health:** since 20 April, 144 migrants (43 women, 101 men) received medical treatment by a team of 2 to 3 doctors.
- **Kits:** procurement and delivery of 84 women dignity and clothing kits, 460 men's kits.



**Latest news:** On 26 April, migrants started a hunger strike, asking to be returned to Ethiopia.

## **ADEN: UN ENCLAVE AND BASATEEN DISTRICT**

- **Assessment:** a total of 315 migrants. 108 close to the UN enclave and approximately 207 currently in Basateen.
- **WASH:** ongoing assessment.
- **Shelter:** assessment for procurement of tents, mattresses, blankets, tarpaulins, ropes, etc. is ongoing. On 28 April, IOM staff assessed rehabilitation and equipment needs to support an IPNA fenced area in Aden, where migrants could be accommodated.
- **Food:** IOM continues providing food and water to migrants in Basateen district and Al Shabat area.
- **Health:** screening of 130 migrants camped close to the UN compound, 19 medical cases referred.
- **Kits:** assessment is ongoing.



### **Latest news:**

- **25 April:** 160 migrants from Al Shabat area were temporarily transferred to Basateen area with six buses, awaiting for the rehabilitation/improvement of the area made available by immigration authorities, where they will be afforded water, shelter, food and dignity/hygiene/clothing kits.
- **28 April:** 108 of the 160 migrants transferred to Basateen district returned to the UN enclave area where they can get better shelter.

### **IOM PLANNED ACTIVITIES:**

- Procurement/delivery of migrant assistance kits to IPNA, Amran detention center and Al Tuwal camp.
- Procurement/delivery of tents and other NFIs for Haradh caseloads.
- Procurement/delivery of shelter, dignity and hygiene NFIs for migrants in Aden.
- Rehabilitation of sanitation facilities in Amran detention center according to 25 April assessment.
- Improvement of the area made available by the IPNA in Aden, where to accommodate migrants.
- Continued provision of water and food to migrants in Haradh, Sana'a and Aden.
- Continue providing basic health care to migrants in Haradh, Sana'a, Amran and Aden.

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