

IOM Staff assisting an elderly person board an IOM evacuation ship out of Aden, Yemen Photo: IOM Yemen /Aden

IOM Yemen evacuates Ethiopians and Somalis to Djibouti

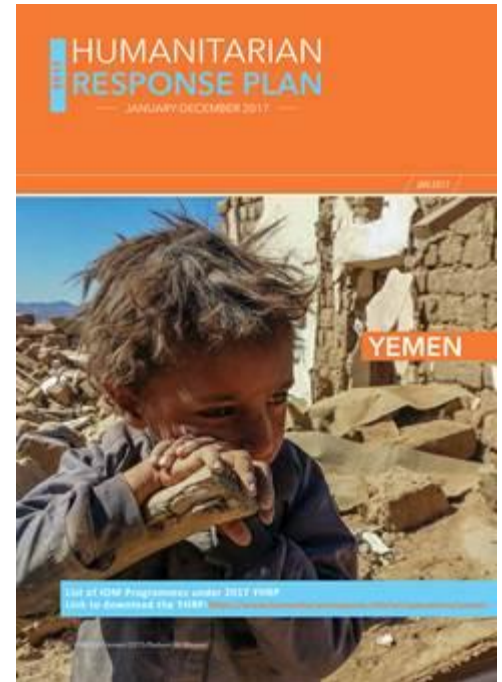
Due to severe humanitarian concerns in Yemen, IOM has accelerated its humanitarian evacuation operations helping Ethiopian stranded migrants and Somali refugees to safely return home. IOM is utilizing two port cities, Aden and Al Hudaydah, for all returns by sea, while it is preparing humanitarian evacuation by air. It is foreseen that more than 6,000 stranded Ethiopians remain in need of humanitarian evacuation, while additional programmes are developed with its sister refugee agency, UNHCR Yemen, for the voluntary repatriation of Somali refugees.

IOM Yemen is launching its 2017 Yemeni Youth Year (YYY) calling for a focus on the Youth in all its programmes



Half of Yemen 27 million population is under the age of 18. Over 20% of Yemenis are aged between 15 and 24, and this will increase by 69% by 2025, according to UN estimates.

This represents the second fastest growth rate in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region. Yemen also has high rates of illiteracy and together with Egypt and



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Iraq, makes up three-quarters of the 10 million illiterate youth in the region – two-thirds of which are girls.

Regardless of the protracted conflict in Yemen, certain localities of the country have experienced limited conflict and displacement. Furthermore, according to IOM analysis, an estimated 1,048,896 displaced persons have returned home, across 19 governorates, since March 2015. Majority of the areas of return are volatile and exhibit a trend of economic crisis coupled with political violence and terrorism still. IOM decided to focus its attention to rehabilitation and reconstruction programmes, and is launching calls for integrated quasi-emergency-transitional to development initiatives of socio-economic and educational nature targeting female and male youth.

Youth stability and active engagement contribute to build a better future for Yemen. The lack of attention, illiteracy, unemployment besides the surrounding circumstances and the suffering would abolish their innovation.

IOM Yemen believes that considering the youth as agents of change and empowering them to feel and act accordingly would imply the positive changes of the future of Yemen.

Thousands of families from Al Mokha city seeking refuge

Military operations between opposing parties have intensified along the Western coast of Yemen in the governorate of Taizz since the first week of January. This has resulted in active fighting in Dhubab and Al Mukha districts. The Task Force for Population Movement (TFPM), co-led by IOM and UNHCR, has identified through the Emergency Tracking methodology more than 25,000 people displaced from those two Districts.

In response to the large-scale displacement and growing humanitarian need, IOM took part in one-day inter-agency mission to assess the humanitarian situation in Al Mokha District with a focus on the IDP settlements. The mission comprised of staff from IOM, UNHCR, UNICEF, OCHA and UNDSS. The purpose of the mission was to assess the security situation in Al Mokha District, identify the needs of IDPs in Al Jarahi, Hays and Al Nujaiba, and monitor movements of population. Since, IOM has worked and continues to work to mobilize a humanitarian response for those affected by the conflict along the Western Coast of Taizz.



IDP family from Al Mokha city seeking refuge among the host community in Al Nujaiba ©IOM Yemen/2017



IOM Yemen has published its Annual Report 2016, which describes the types of actions undertaken in Yemen, through daily humanitarian activities in 18 of the 22 Governorates. To know more, please download the Report at:

[IOM Yemen Annual Report 2016](https://www.iom.int/countries/yemen) or
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Quote of the day

“We cannot remain indifferent to the increasing needs of the displaced Yemeni populations from and in Taizz. We find them completely destitute. They have lost their houses, belongings and jobs. I have a profound admiration for the Yemeni



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capacity to cope with such traumas and for the immense resilience and hospitality of the host families and communities,” said the IOM Chief of Mission to Yemen, Laurent de Boeck

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IOM in Hajjah and Sa’ada



©IOM Yemen/2017 / IOM Yemen Chief of Mission, IOM Hudaydah Head of Office, DTM Officer and two drivers in the mountainous roads of Hajjah

IOM Yemen visited the Governorates of Sa’ada and Hajjah, in the North of the country, close to the conflict zones. The visit from Sana’a allowed the team to meet and discuss with their IOM Sa’ada and IOM Hajjah colleagues, operating mobile clinics and providing Non-food Items (NFI), hygiene and sanitation support to thousands of IDPs and migrants monthly.

Hajjah Governorate alone is counting more than 120,000 displaced households, while the mountainous landscape does not always allow easy access to all people in need. The food and NFI remain insufficient, and IOM is analyzing its capacities to increase its support to these two areas of high concerns.

IOM Yemen and the Yemeni Red Crescent



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IOM Chief of Mission visited one of the clinics in Hajjah operated by the Yemeni Red Crescent (YRC). IOM is discussing how IOM and YRC can further develop their cooperation to increase mutual response to the IDPs in Yemen. YRC is operating in every Governorate where IOM has a presence, and joint actions would benefit both the Yemeni hosting communities and the displaced population.



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