



On 8 January 2017, IOM Yemen welcomed at Sana'a International Airport, Mrs. Carmela Godeau, Regional Director for the Middle East and Northern Africa (MENA) and Mr. Mohammed Abdiker, Director of the Department of Operations and Emergencies from IOM Headquarter in Geneva. IOM Delegation visit aims at assessing the situation of Yemen and serving as an opportunity to further develop our cooperation with UN sister organizations, non-governmental organizations and Authorities, in order to facilitate our access to vulnerable persons in Yemen, and report adequately to our Member States and donors on the need to increase support of the international community to Yemen.

The release of the 12th report from the Task Force on Population Movement

IOM is the Co-Lead of the task force with UNHCR. Part of IOM's responsibility within the Task Force is to conduct Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) activities in 12 governorates in Yemen, primarily in the south.

The data collected is utilized to develop the TFPN reports on a 2 month cycle. The published reports and data provide the evidence base to support response and strategic planning across the UN and wider humanitarian community.

The 12th report from the Task Force on Population Movement (a technical working group of the Protection Cluster co-led by UNHCR and IOM) is now available, as attached and also uploaded at the following location: <http://reliefweb.int/report/yemen/yemen-task-force-population-movement-tfpn-12th-report-executive-summary-january-2017>

The report provides the latest snapshot of displacement and return data from Yemen, including indicative findings related to displacement, return trends and top priority needs. The report identifies that there are currently 2,007,216 internally displaced people (IDPs) and 1,027,674 IDP returnees in Yemen.

The TFPN aims to inform the humanitarian response in Yemen through the implementation of dedicated displacement/return tracking. In addition to the maps and displacement tables included in this report, the full dataset is provided with this report in Annex 1. This includes pivot tables for both IDP and returnee populations, which allows for the manipulation of the fields included in the dataset to generate specific data.

Everything has a sound, life has a sound ! Thank you IOM

The project "Enhancing conflict affected communities' access to health and psychosocial support throughout war-torn Yemen" contributes to protect and promote the psychosocial wellbeing of the populations, by reducing the emotional impact of their predicaments, with particular attention to most vulnerable segments of the population – women, boys, girls, the elderly and those with special needs.

IOM provided during December 2016 in Sana'a, six hearing device to two females and four males, and seven wheel chairs along with necessary accessories to three females and four males. IOM referred children who exhibit need indicators or ask for a health support (disabled, and deaf children) to available secondary and tertiary care centres. It is understood that in Yemen these services are not always dignified or up to date. In this respect, referral happened only towards previously identified facilities that respect minimum human rights and quality standards and as much as possible, in an out-patient fashion, where IOM facilitated transportation to the facility for the affected person, a family member and an escort. As appropriate and on a needs to know basis, family members and careers received case related information to facilitate understanding and consent.



Abrar, seven years old, deaf girl, said happily after fitting the hearing device for the first time in her life: everything has a sound, life has a sound!

A Five-day training session on "Integrated Management of Pregnancy and Childhood"

IOM Hodeidah has launched on Sunday 29 January 2017 a five-day training session on "Integrated Management of Pregnancy and Childhood". The training is aimed to reduce the increasing rate of diseases among children and pregnant women, especially in Hodeidah governorate, as revealed by a recent report published by the Ministry of Public Health in Yemen. This training session will increase the knowledge of participants and improve the practical skills in this area. A total of 30 medical personnel of the Ministry of Public Health working in various rural hospitals and public health facilities in Hodeidah governorate, benefited of this training. Dr. Hassan Radwan Haider, the Deputy Director General, Ministry of Public Health in Hodeidah, chaired the opening ceremony. The training was generously funded by the People of Japan.



IOM distributes winter kits to thousands of internally displaced persons in Yemen

IOM Yemen distributed a total of 2,625 winter kits to the most vulnerable internally displaced persons (IDPs) in the Taizz governorate, Yemen. The kits will help alleviate the suffering of up to 16,000 IDPs during this harsh winter season, specifically in the districts of Al Mudhaffar, Al Qahira, Salah, Jabal Habashi, Thubab, and Ashamayatain.

These winter kits contain core relief items such as mattresses, blankets, sleeping mats, water buckets, kitchen sets, plastic sheets, ropes, basic shelter equipment, and winter clothes for the family. These distributions were funded by the Federal Government of Germany.

For nearly two years, Taizz has been the centre of intense ground clashes, military confrontations and airstrikes in Yemen. While the fighting drags on, civilians suffer the most. 273,780 individuals are displaced in Taizz alone, placing it among the top five IDP-hosting governorates in the country.

In February 2016, IOM was the first humanitarian organization to successfully access the besieged enclave of the Al Qahira, Salah and Al Mudhaffar districts in the Taizz governorate. IOM supported 2,100 trapped IDPs with critical lifesaving assistance through distribution of shelter and core relief items.

Throughout 2016, and despite restrictions on access to Taizz, IOM successfully reached 23,376 individuals providing them with shelter and core relief support. In addition, IOM implemented a series of lifesaving water and sanitation activities, which included trucking water to vital health facilities and IDPs sites, rehabilitation of water networks, and the provision of new water pumps to support more than 56,000 IDPs and individuals affected by the conflict in the governorate.

"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 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.

