## **General Context**

Over the month, the violence continues to plague the war-ravaged country which has raised serious protection concerns for civilian lives and resulted in worsening the overall humanitarian situation and the suffering of Yemeni people.

**In Ibb hub,** the overall response has decreased compared to last month due to the new lengthy coordination requirements demanded by NAMCHA (National Authority for the Management and Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs and Disaster Recovery) in addition to the slow internal procedures of Partners and the challenge Partners are encountering to deliver the response in multiple locations in this more restrictive environment .

In the southern part of Taizz, the internal clashes that have taken place inside Taiz city (Al Mudhaffar, Al Qahirah and Part of Salh districts) have affected the security situation and resulted in the suspension of some NGOs programs and presence in the city. It was observed that the vulnerability among host community have increased recently which led to hostility against IDPs as the humanitarian programs are often focusing mainly on IDPs.

**In Al Hudaydah hub,** there were new displacements reported in Al Hudaydah city, Al Garrahi, Jabal Ra's and Zabid districts. It was reported that two IDP hosting sites were targeted by airstrikes in Al Hudaydah city and Hays district which resulted in a number of casualties and injuries among sites residents.

**In Sana'a hub,** the active fighting in Nata' district (Al-Baydha) hindered the humanitarian access to the affected population. Further the heavy rain across the hub affected 54 families in Faj Atan area (Amanat Al Asimah), IDP families settled in hosting sites in Al Qaflah district (Amran) and resulted in the collapse of the dam located in Rahabah district (Marib) and damaged the local farmlands.

**In Sa'adah hub,** the humanitarian situation continues to deteriorate in Sa'adah and Al Jawf governorates due to the continuation of airstrikes and fighting on the ground further exacerbating the already deteriorated humanitarian situation with new influx of displacements and almost daily loss of civilian life, injury to civilians and damage to civilian objects.

In Aden and Al Mukala hubs, the security situation in Aden remains very fragile. It was reported that 781 IDP families have been displaced due to the continuation of displacement waves that are coming mainly from areas along the western coast frontlines such as Hays, Al Khawkhah and Al Garrahi districts in Al Hudaydah governorate with smaller numbers of IDPs coming from Mawza and Al Wazi'iyah in southern part of Taizz into Tuban and Al Hawtah districts in Lahj governorate. The majority of IDP families continue to be settled in Abyan, Lahj and Aden governorates.

# **Recent Situational Developments**

The National Shelter/NFI/CCCM Cluster organized the general monthly meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> of April to brief Partners on the preparedness plan process, NGOs Co-Coordinator, Donor Pledging Conference and Fast Tracking of YHRP 2018 as well as to discuss Al Hudaydah and Taizz displacements and response, the Cluster Strategy for the first HPF 2018 allocations and Information Management issues. Another dedicated meeting organized with the Cluster Information Management Focal Points on 11<sup>th</sup> of April to discuss the new Cluster reporting database in Activityinfo, reporting challenges and shortcoming in addition to needs assessments. The Cluster released its factsheets which covered the Shelter/NFI and CCCM programs implemented during the first quarter of 2018. NCCT (National Cluster Coordination Team) delivered presentations about the integrated response methodology and areas of collaboration in the sites during the general meetings of Protection, Education, WASH, Nutrition and Health Clusters. It aimed to get the buy in from other Cluster Partners to spear head the implementation of a coordinated integrated response in IDP Hosting Sites. NCCT also attended bi-weekly meetings of ICCM (Inter-Cluster Coordination Mechanism), and weekly meetings of the HCT (Humanitarian Country Team) as well as Inter-Cluster IM Working Group (IMWG) and other Ad Hoc meetings.

NCCT developed a comprehensive preparedness plan that presented to the HC (Humanitarian Coordinator) and the Lead Agency UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency. The plan was developed in consultation with SNCCs (Sub-National Cluster Coordinators) responding based on the worst case scenario agreed by the humanitarian community. ADO (Abs Development for women and Children) represented the Shelter/NFI/CCCM Cluster in a workshop organized by OCHA on the 14 th of April to discuss the modalities for the community feedback mechanism.

#### **KEY FIGURES**

Total population in need

# 5.4 million

Total population with acute needs

# 2.6 million

Cluster targeted population

# 3 million

Population assisted

268,791



Total funding required:

\$ 195 M

■ Funded ■ Gap

# PEOPLE ASSISTEED MONTHLY TREND



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**SNCC (Sub-National Cluster Coordinator) in lbb hub;** the Sub-National Cluster organized their monthly meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> of April to discuss Partners completed and planned activities, needs assessments, criteria for prioritizing locations and targeting beneficiaries, identification of Key Resource Persons (KRPs) and assistance for host community. Due to the ongoing clashes in Taizz, the roads leading to Al Wazi'iyah, Mawza, Jabal Habashy districts were closed. It was reported that 66 IDP families displaced in Dhi As Sufal and Al Dhihar districts (Ibb) from Taizz, Al Hudaydah and Dhamar also 142 IDP families were displaced from Lahj and within Taizz governorate and settled in Dimnat Khadir district (Taizz). DEEM Foundation conducted needs assessment for 99 IDP families in Salh district (Taizz). HFY (Humanitarian Forum Yemen) was not able to receive the necessary clearances to proceed with its planned distributions in Dimnat Khadir district (Taizz).

**SNCC In Taizz;** the Sub-National Cluster organized the monthly meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> of April to discuss the Sub-National Cluster Preparedness plan and the Cluster strategy for the first HPF 2018 allocations. MASAR and Al MAWRED Foundations conducted needs assessment in As Silw district to identify the urgent humanitarian needs of IDPs and returnees. The results of the assessment revealed that there are more than 500 IDP families displaced in the area, 50 houses were fully destroyed and 70 houses were partially destroyed resulting in the families dire need for Shelter, WASH and Food assistance. My Freedom Organization for Youth Rights undertook needs assessments in the IDPs hosting sites of Mawza district. The main observation was that 642 families displaced during period from Jan to the end of April 2018 and they are living in open space and require urgent Shelter, WASH and Food assistance. SNCC attended



a meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> of April called by UNDSS and OCHA to discuss the challenges and access constraints in the southern part of Taizz. The outcome of the meeting highlighted the importance of establishing other Sub-National Clusters in the southern part of Taizz and used the Shelter/NFI/CCCM Cluster as an example of the only Cluster currently operational there. It was reported that the road between Taizz city and Al Turbah were closed many times due to clashes between armed groups in some location on the road which affected the access to affected population in Al Ma'afer, Al Mawasit, Al Misrakh districts. NMO (Nahdah Makers Organization) did not receive the necessary clearances to undertake the distribution of NFIs to the IDPs settled in Mawza district (Taizz).

**SNCC Al Hudaydah hub;** the Sub-National Cluster arranged the monthly meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> of April to discuss new displacements in Al Hudaydah and Partners emergency responses. SNCC attended a coordination meeting organized in Hajjah governorate in the presence of other Sub-National Clusters and local authority in-which SNCC presented the Sub-National achievements. Also the SNCC attended the RCT (Regional Coordination Team) meeting on the 29<sup>th</sup> of April which discussed the lessons learned from the attempt of evacuating 800 families trapped in conflict zone in At Tuhayta district where only one family agreed to be evacuated. ADO conducted needs assessment for 3,215 IDPs families in Abs district. DRC carried out needs assessment for 49 IDP families in two spontaneous settlements (Hajjah).

SNCC Sana'a hub; the Sub-National Cluster held its monthly meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> of April to discuss the assessment conducted by YRCS (Yemen Red Crescent Society) for the newly displaced persons who have settled in Harf Sufayn district (Amran) and the Cluster strategy the Cluster strategy for the first HPF 2018 allocations also Partners were consulted on the need of identifying Co-Coordinator for the Sub-National Cluster. YRCS conducted needs assessment for 311 IDP families affected by heavy rain in Almekhdarah, Almekhdarah Alshargah, Jafar Alaafrah, Bair Alsharhy, and Aldhehar & Almefkhath IDP hosting Sites in Al Qaflah district (Amran). ADRA and CSSW conducted needs assessment for 20 IDP families who have lost their shelters as a result of fire incident happened in their site in Marib governorate.



Another needs assessment carried out by ADRA and CSSW to assess the need of families affected by the collapse of Ma'ain Dam in Rahabah district (Marib).

**SNCC Sa'adah hub;** the Sub-National Cluster organized their monthly meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> of April to discuss he first HPF 2018 allocations, preparedness plan and the Sub-National Cluster achievements and plans for the upcoming months. NAMCHA in Sa'adah reported that 1,271 IDP families have recently displaced from the districts of Qatabir, Shada'a, Ghamr and Kitaf wa Al Boqe'e (particularly in A'al Salim sub-district). NAMCHA in Al Jawf also informed Partners that they are in the process of collecting accurate data about IDPs that could be used by the humanitarian community. SNCC attended the RCT meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> of April in which SNCC presented the Sub-National Cluster achievements and planned activities.

**SNCC Aden hub;** the Sub-National Cluster held their monthly meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> of April to discuss the contingency plan and the draft guideline for alternatives to camps and the Cluster strategy for the first HPF 2018 allocations. Another dedicated meeting was organized on 19<sup>th</sup> of April to discuss the preparedness plan. A training was facilitated by the National Cluster Coordination Team (NCCT) on the 12<sup>th</sup> of April through video teleconferencing for the Sub-National Cluster Partners to introduce writing better project proposals using the Pooled Fund proposal a practical example and the techniques of the Monitoring & Evaluation. A profiling of IDPs in spontaneous settlement revealed that IDPs are desperately in need for livelihood opportunities to support themselves and afford to have access to basic households needs also the Marginalized group (Muhamashin) have almost no opportunities to rent houses due to the fact that they are discriminated against. it was observed that assisting host communities have reduced the tensions raised previously between IDPs and host community.



# **Response Overview**





### **Assistance delivered and impact:**

**Ibb hub**: UNHCR through its implementing YWU (Yemen Women Union) in Dhi As Sufal district (Ibb) for 37 newly displaced families and 500 families were assisted with EESKs (Enhanced Emergency Shelter Kits) in Maqbanah district (Taizz). These assistance were provided to families were forced to leave all their belongings behind when they fled in order to ensure that they could live with their families with some dignity until they find a longer term solution. In Taizz, UNHCR through its implementing partner INTERSOS provided cash assistance for rental subsidies to 72 IDP families in Al Mudhaffar district and 135 families in Ash Shamayatayn district also BCFHD (Bena Charity for Humanitarian Development) through its implementing partner CHR (Coalition Of Humanitarian Relief) transferred the third round of the cash assistance for rental subsidies to 200 IDP families in Ash Shamayatayn district. The targeted beneficiaries are families who are facing evictions threats, most vulnerable families who are cannot afford to continue paying the rent amount and families who are living with other families in the same rented accommodation (crowded). Those families used to receive cash assistance for food that were provided previously by other NGOs but the families used to pay the rent instead of purchasing food. The cash for rental subsidy helped the families to pay their monthly rent payment and utilize the balance to access other pressing households needs.

Al Hudaydah hub: NFIs distributions were completed by UNHCR through its implementing partner Jeel Albena Foundation for 662 newly displaced families in Al Hudaydah city, 1,169 families in Al Qanawis district and ,017 IDPs familiess in Ku'aydinah district. Also IOM through DRC distributed NFIs for 96 IDPs families in AlHudaydah City (Alsaleh compound) and 341 IDPs families in Jabal Ra's district. The families were in urgent need for the essential household items to survive as they have displaced without any personal belongings. UNHCR through Jeel Albena Foundation distributed EESKs to 716 families in Al Qanawis district. The kits provided the families with a temporary shelter that offers a secure and healthy living environment with privacy and dignity.

Sana'a hub: UNHCR through its implementing partners ADRA and YRCS distributed NFIs for 507 IDP families Amanat AI Asimah, 208 IDP families in Dhamar, 24 IDP families in Sana'a and 122 IDPs and host community families in Amran. These kits reinforced the families coping strategies by ensuring access to their basic household needs.

Sa'adah hub: UNHCR through its implementing partner YDF (Yemen Development Foundation) completed the distribution of 123 EESKs in Kitaf wa Al Boqe'e district and 1,500 IDPs families were assisted with NFIs also 239 families provided with EESKs in Baqim district. Al Ekram Foundation distributed clothes to 431 families and targeted mainly the marginalized group in Sa'adah City. The distributions ensured that the families have sufficient individual, general household, and shelter support items to ensure their health, dignity, safety and well-being. UNHCR provided cash for rental subsidies to 500 families in Razih district in order to sustain their living for a period of time, provide them with protection from the elements, space to live and store belongings as well as privacy, comfort and emotional support.

Aden hub: The cash for rental subsidies grants were transferred by UNHCR through its implementing partner INTERSOS to 223 families in Aden: 128 IDP families in Dar Sad district, 2 returnee families in Al Mualla district, 91 IDP families in Al Buraiqeh district and 2 returnee families s in Craiter district; In Lahj: 61 IDP families Tuban district and 31 IDP families in Al Hawtah district were assisted. SHS (Society for Humanitarian Solidarity) also assisted 200 IDP and host community families with cash for rental subsidies in Shabwah. This included 124 IDPs families and 45 host families in Al-Naseb area also 27 IDPs families and 4 Host community families in Al-Salam neighborhood in Ataq district. The cash grants provided hope to displaced families who are facing eviction after falling behind with accumulated rent. NMO on behalf of UNHCR provided NFIs to 818 IDPs families living in spontaneous settlements in Tuban district. Most of the families were assisted before but due their shelter conditions and the surrounding environment, their NFIs require constant replenishment. NRC provided EESKs to 196 IDP and host community families in Al Qabbaytah district. The distributions targeted the most vulnerable newly displaced families.

