# YEMEN: Al Hudaydah Update

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#### I. HIGHLIGHTS/KEY PRIORITIES

- Fighting has decreased in Al Hudaydah City and some southern districts, but the situation remains volatile.
- Some basic food commodities have become scarce in the markets. Where available, prices have increased.
- Displacement continues with newly displaced families reported within Al Hudaydah and in neighbouring governorates.
- Humanitarian partners are continuing to scale up the delivery of assistance to affected people despite security challenges.

## II. GeneralOverview

Since 22 June fighting has somewhat decreased in Al Hudaydah City as well as in Zabid and Bayt Al Faqiah districts, however the situation remains volatile. Intermittent shelling and airstrikes are reported and a number of roads, mostly in the city, remain closed to civilians.

The conflict continues to displace people within their own districts and to neighbouring governorates including Sana'a, Dhamar and Ibb; some using their own vehicles and others public transport. As displacement continues, humanitarian partners have scaled up coordinated assistance to affected people in all areas hosting displaced



Distribution of RRM kits, Credit: OCHA

families, including rapid response packages that contain ready-to-eat food rations, transit kits and other essential items. However, in some districts, the fighting is limiting access to displaced people.

While civilians are still moving around Al Hudaydah City, shops, bakeries and restaurants remain largely closed thus limiting the availability of supplies in the market. According to the Food Security and Agriculture Cluster, basic commodities including wheat flour, vegetable oil and cooking gas have become scarce in markets. Where available, prices of wheat and vegetable oil have increased by about 30 per cent and that of cooking gas by 52 per cent in the last week.

Electricity is unavailable in most areas of Al Hudaydah City and water shortages are reported due to recent damage to the supply pipes. Sanitation problems are also reported in some IDP sites, which could trigger a cholera outbreak. Repairs, by humanitarian partners, to the water supply pipes and sewage systems in Al Hudaydah City are ongoing to minimise the cholera risk

Al Hudaydah port is operational and accessible. As of 24 June, three commercial vessels were at berth in the port, five were in the anchorage area and one UNVIM-cleared vessel was en route.

# III. Rapid Response Mechanism (RRM)

As of 24 June, more than 3,300 families have received at least one type of assistance through the rapid response mechanism (RRM) at humanitarian service points (HSPs) and transit sites across Al Hudaydah Governorate; distribution is ongoing. In Hudaydah City, UNCHR coordinated with ACF to cover 603 households with NFIs. ACF has started multipurpose cash distributions as well. Another partner is prepositioning stocks to cover 200 families.

Save the Children and the Norwegian Refugee Council completed the distribution of cash-for-food to 600 households in Bayt Al Faqiah District and to 606 households in Hudaydah City. IOM with one UNHCR implementing partner are deploying a mobile team to Ad Durayhimi District to deliver RRM packages and NFI kits.

# IV. Humanitarian Needs and Cluster Responses



### **Food Security and Agriculture**

- WFP has provided immediate response rations (IRR) to 1,207 households (7,242 people) through three Humanitarian Service Points in Zabid, Al Marawi'ah and Bayt Al Faqiah districts, as well as in Al Hudaydah City.
- Additional IRRs and high energy biscuits (HEBs) have been prepositioned in the following districts: Zabid (1,252 IRRs; 3,290 HEBs), Bait Al Faqiah (2,339 IRRs, 3,750 HEBs), Al Mina (1,800 IRRs), Al Hawak (793 IRRs) and Al Hali (1,300 IRRs).
- The regular general food distribution for June, targeting beneficiaries in the three districts of Al
- Hudaydah City through vouchers, is nearly completed.
- IOM completed the prepositioning of 500 food rations to 500 households (HH) to cover the gap inside Bait Al Faqiah.



#### Health

- Mercy Corps has 21 health team members comprising of one doctor; eight community health
- volunteers; six nurses; and four field monitors ready to be deployed to the field as needed,
- Save the Children is supporting 42 health facilities and two diarrhoea treatment centre (DTCs), including seven facilities in Bait Al Faqiah and one in Hawak districts. Save the Children is also paying incentives for 556 health workers and 379 volunteers.
- The International Rescue Committee (IRC) is supporting the emergency obstetric and neonatal care facility in Al Hudaydah City and mobile health teams in Al Marawi'ah District. IRC is also continuing health services in Bait Al Faqiah District through a local partner.
- Action Contre le Faim (ACF) is supporting the Al Slam diarrhoea treatment centre (DTC) in Al Hali with 8KW generator.
- An NGO partner is supporting At Tuhayat rural hospital and Al Mughals Center in At Tuhayat District with outpatient, inpatient, reproductive health services and minor trauma care.



#### **Shelter & NFI**

- In At Tuhayat District, partners are distributing NFIs to 296 households.
- In Al Marawi'ah District, UNCHR is coordinating with partners to cover NFI needs. ADRA is assessing and verifying displaced families.
- Update on stocks Hudaydah: UNHCR has 2,236 complete kits and 4,084 emergency shelter kits; ACF has 121 complete NFIs kits; YRCS has 150 complete NFIs kits; and IOM has 400 complete shelter kits.



#### Logistics

- The Logistics Cluster is assessing the needs of implementing partners at humanitarian service points and transit sites in terms of fuel and storage space.
- An additional quantity of diesel (150,000 litres) is expected to be available in the coming week in Al Hudaydah and Sana'a for humanitarian organisations, to be disbursed on a cost-recovery basis. In addition, 15 Mobile Storage Units (MSUs) will arrive in Sana'a to be deployed to field locations as required; the MSUs are immediately available for loan to humanitarian organisations.
- The Cluster is facilitating the next voyage of the WFP-chartered vessel VOS Theia, carrying cargo on behalf of WHO and UNICEF from Djibouti to Al Hudaydah. The cargo includes seven WHO ambulances and trauma kits and the vessel is expected to departure Djibouti on 25 June.



#### **Protection**

- 1,489 displaced people have been reached with mine risk awareness in Hays, Al Garrahi, Zabid, Bayt Al Faqiah, Ad Durayhimi, Al Mansuriyah districts, and Hudaydah City.
- Protection partners are working in the HSPs and at the Transit Site in Al Hudaydah City to identify vulnerable people. In addition, Save the Children and UNICEF are reaching out to children wounded in the city.

