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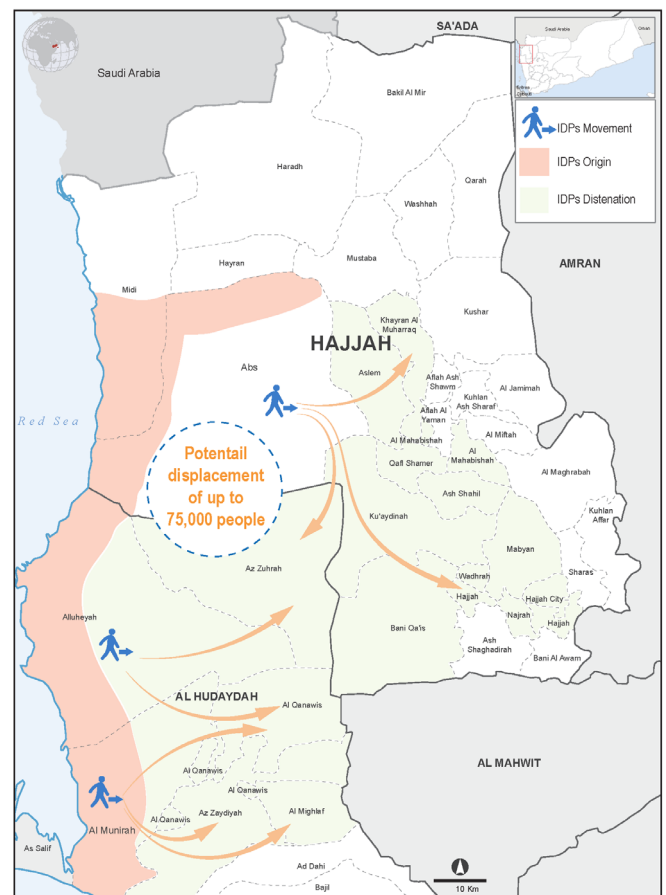
- Humanitarian response and preparedness plan in process in Hajjah, where 33,949 families have been displaced in four months.
- Torrential rain and flooding affect 70,000 people across Yemen, partners have scaled up responses to meet the needs of those affected.
- UN increases its footprint with a new humanitarian hub in Marib City.
- 2,315 of 3,000 migrants detained in Aden have registered for voluntary return - 896 have already returned home.
- Increased import volumes reported in May.

HAJJAH RESPONSE AND PREPAREDNESS PLAN

Hajjah is one of the most conflict-affected governorates in Yemen. Between February and May, fighting displaced 33,949 families (about 203,694 people). Displaced families are scattered across more than 300 sites. In the face of such displacement, humanitarian partners have scaled up their response and are developing a preparedness plan to respond to any future large-scale displacement.

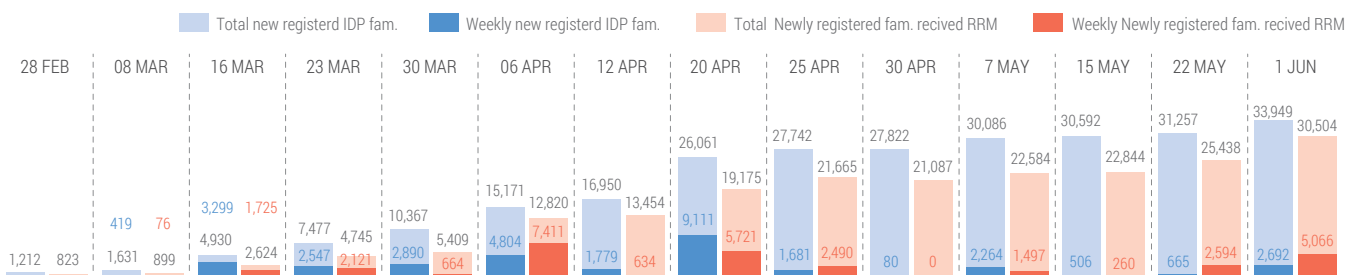
Through the Rapid Response Mechanism (RRM), displaced families are already receiving food assistance (see table below). As of 1 June, partners have provided 30,504 families with RRM kits and 20,463 families with food. Of the 12,560 families targeted, 4,565 families were provided with Multi-Purpose Cash Assistance (MPCA); 6,235 families of the 16,975 targeted families were provided with shelter assistance, and 9,628 of the 20,300 targeted families received non-food items (NFIs). Of the 12,800 families targeted, 4,060 were provided with sanitation services, and 13,242 were provided with clean water. Partners faced difficulties in reaching all displaced families as they are scattered across the 300 settlements identified. Other challenges included delays in transporting supplies from warehouses to distribution points, restrictions on the transport of supplies, lack of stocks of some supplies and damage to facilities, as well as the limited capacity of implementing partners, and delays in receiving beneficiary lists.

Population movement in Hajjah Governorate



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Timeline of RRM response to newly displaced families in Hajjah Governorate



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To ensure a heightened level of readiness, partners are developing a Hajjah Preparedness Plan that will provide life-saving assistance to those displaced within 72 hours. The Plan covers a response for up to 30 days, thereby allowing time for the response to be incorporated into a revised Humanitarian Response Plan. The Plan estimates that 75,000 more people could be displaced, mainly to northern areas of Al Hudaydah Governorate. It covers first line humanitarian response in all districts in Hajjah Governorate and in the northern districts of Al Hudaydah Governorate using existing and pre-positioned humanitarian supplies.

In the Plan, Clusters identified a set of key activities, some of which are already underway. These include:

- pre-positioning 10,000 RRM kits, food baskets, NFI packages and consumable hygiene kits and 7,000 emergency shelter kits (ESKs);
- constructing 3,500 latrines in Hajjah and Al Hudaydah;
- putting in place sufficient resources to truck 550,000 litres of water a day;
- ensuring WASH Rapid Response Teams (RRTs) can chlorinate water supplies and undertake related WASH response activities;
- pre-positioning health kits and 168,300 litres of fuel to run health facilities for 3 months; and
- dispatching ready-to-use therapeutic food and medicines.

Other vital preparations include locating up to four warehouses in Hajjah Governorate for storing emergency stock; identifying local partners to conduct registration and distribution activities; and safeguarding the provision of basic services by supporting vital installations with, for example, fuel and financial incentives for public sector workers.

HEAVY RAINS AND FLOODING AFFECT 70,000 PEOPLE ACROSS YEMEN

Torrential rains and flooding in different areas of the country in recent weeks culminated in widespread flooding in southern governorates during the second week of June and affected close to 70,000 families across the country. As of 10 June, the authorities in Aden (the Executive Unit for Internally Displaced Persons), had identified more than 3,000 displaced families (18,000 people) in Aden, Lahj, Taizz and Hadramaut, who were affected by heavy rains and flooding between 7 and 9 June. In northern governorates, the authorities in Sana'a reported rain and flooding over recent weeks have left 8,300 families (about 50,000 people) destitute. Hajjah Governorate was the worst hit, with the authorities reporting that more than 8,000 families (almost 48,000 people) were affected.



Humanitarian partners have conducted assessments and are responding. Initial information indicates that shelter, food, NFIs and cash assistance are urgently needed. For further information about needs and the response, see: <https://reliefweb.int/report/yemen/yemen-flash-floods-flash-update-no-1-11-june-2019> and https://reliefweb.int/sites/reliefweb.int/files/resources/Floods_flash_update_2.pdf

UN INCREASES ITS FOOTPRINT WITH A NEW HUB IN MARIB

As part of a plan for the UN to extend its reach across the country, a new humanitarian hub is being developed in Marib. The governorate is just 70 kilometres east of Sana'a, but because of its proximity to areas of conflict, it takes over eight hours to reach by road and two days by

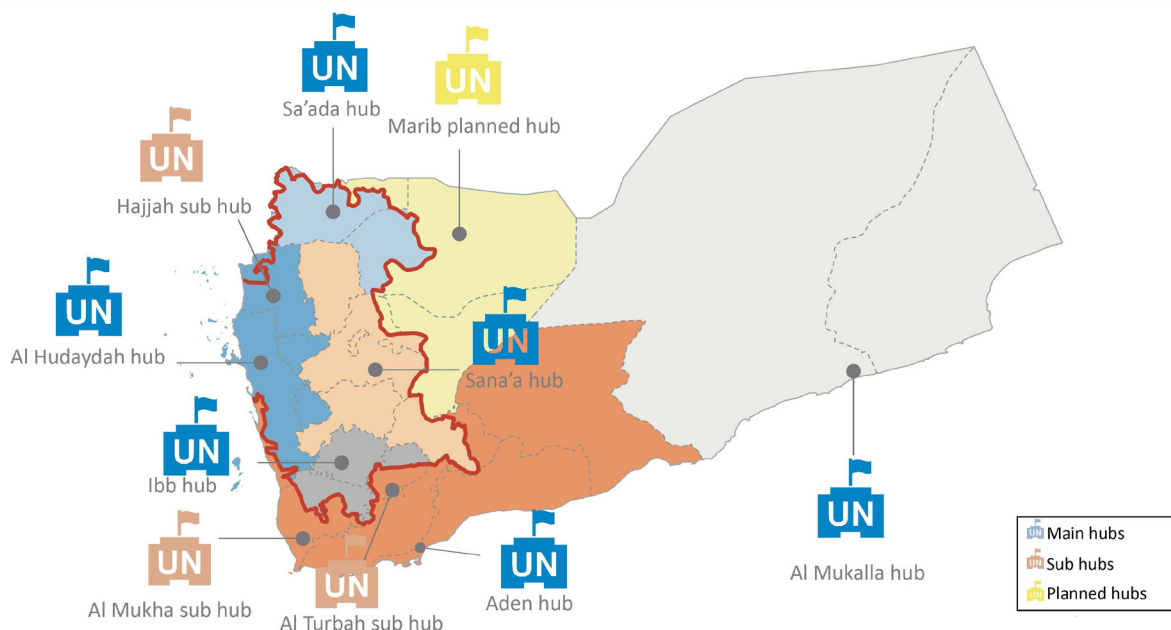
air, as there are no direct flights. Many displaced people arriving in Marib City are in dire need of assistance, along with residents of the City; the Humanitarian Needs Overview for 2019 indicated that 80,000 of the 160,720 population of Marib City were in acute need.

Over 50,000 people live in IDP sites in Marib City, which are among some of the largest in Yemen, according to IOM. In addition, over 70,000 people live in scattered displacement sites outside the City. Most of the IDPs have received little or no humanitarian assistance. Following an assessment in mid-March, IOM deployed a team to the City to set up a permanent operational hub presence to respond to acute needs among the displaced and host community. This new hub will benefit all humanitarian organisations and will be partially operational in August and fully functional in three to four months. Further assessments

are underway along with plans to implement emergency support to vulnerable communities, initially in the shelter, camp coordination and camp management, NFI, health and WASH sectors.

Once operational, the Marib Hub will bring the number of operational UN humanitarian hubs to seven in Yemen, with the other hubs being: Sana'a, Al Hudaydah, Sa'ada, Ibb, Aden, Al Mukalla. Sub-hubs are under development in Al Mukha, At-Tuhayta and Ibb.

UN Humanitarian Hubs Delineation (Sub-hubs to come online)



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MIGRANT DETENTIONS AND RETURNS IN SOUTHERN GOVERNORATES

In April, the authorities in Aden, Lahj and Abyan began rounding-up migrants, predominantly Ethiopian nationals, and detaining them. At its peak, at the end of April/beginning of May, up to 5,000 migrants were held - approximately 2,500 at a sports stadium in Aden, 1,400 at an operational military camp in Lahj Governorate and 500 at a stadium in Abyan - none of the sites were fit for human habitation. Over 200 acute watery diarrhoea (AWD) cases and 8 deaths from AWD complications were reported at the military camp in Lahj. The sites in Lahj and Abyan were closed in May. Approximately 3,000 migrants are currently detained at the 22 May Stadium in Aden.



IOM health team conducts malaria testing at 22 May Stadium. ©IOM

SIGNIFICANT NEEDS IN MA'ABAR INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS SITE, DHAMAR GOVERNORATE

On 15 May, an inter-agency mission visited the Ma'abar IDP site, roughly 23 km from Dhamar City in Dhamar Governorate to better understand the needs of the displaced population living at the site. Ma'abar was set up in 2018 by families displaced by fighting in Al Dhale'e, Al Hudaydah and Taizz governorates in a partially-constructed

sports stadium. The mission included UNICEF, UNFPA, FAO, UNHCR, OCHA, Norwegian Refugee Council, a local partner and government authorities. It was a follow-up to an earlier mission in December 2018, which identified unmet needs among 32 families who were living on the site at that time, plus 20 other families living in an

adjacent building. There are now 142 displaced families living at the site, including about 35 newly displaced families who are sharing shelters with relatives.

The mission was informed that there were delays in implementing humanitarian activities at the site. The reasons for this include delays in the authorities granting permission for one partner to work in Dhamar Governorate, and a transfer of responsibilities between two implementing partners.

Key findings from that mission: 48 families who arrived at the site in January are yet to receive assistance including RRM kits; there are problems in getting permission to distribute emergency food assistance to families; health awareness and malnutrition assistance is inadequate; protection needs are high and there are no schooling facilities leaving 179 school-age children with no education.



Ma'abar IDP site. © Sama Al-Yemen Development Foundation.

Recommendations: urge sub-national education coordination among partners; expedite verification of the number of IDPs for RRM and other food assistance; ensure that a mobile team is reactivated and provides IDPs with basic services, including health services. In addition, NFIs and emergency shelter kits should be provided urgently; transfer of protection services to be expedited; and one organization should be responsible for coordinating integrated interventions and livelihood activities.

RAPID RESPONSE MECHANISM ASSISTANCE FOR FAMILIES FROM AL HUDAYDAH HUB AREA

Humanitarian partners continue to respond to families displaced from Al Hudaydah Hub area by providing essential emergency items through the Rapid Response Mechanism (RRM). In May, UNFPA reported that humanitarian partners provided RRM assistance to a total 25,259 families throughout the country: 11,945 in the Al Hudaydah Hub area; 3,352 families in areas covered by the Sana'a Hub; 4,323 families in the Aden Hub area; 3,642 families in the Sa'ada Hub area; and 1,997 in the Ibb Hub area. A total of 275,284 families were provided with RRM assistance since the RRM was launched in June 2018.

RRM Response June 2018 - 31 May 2019

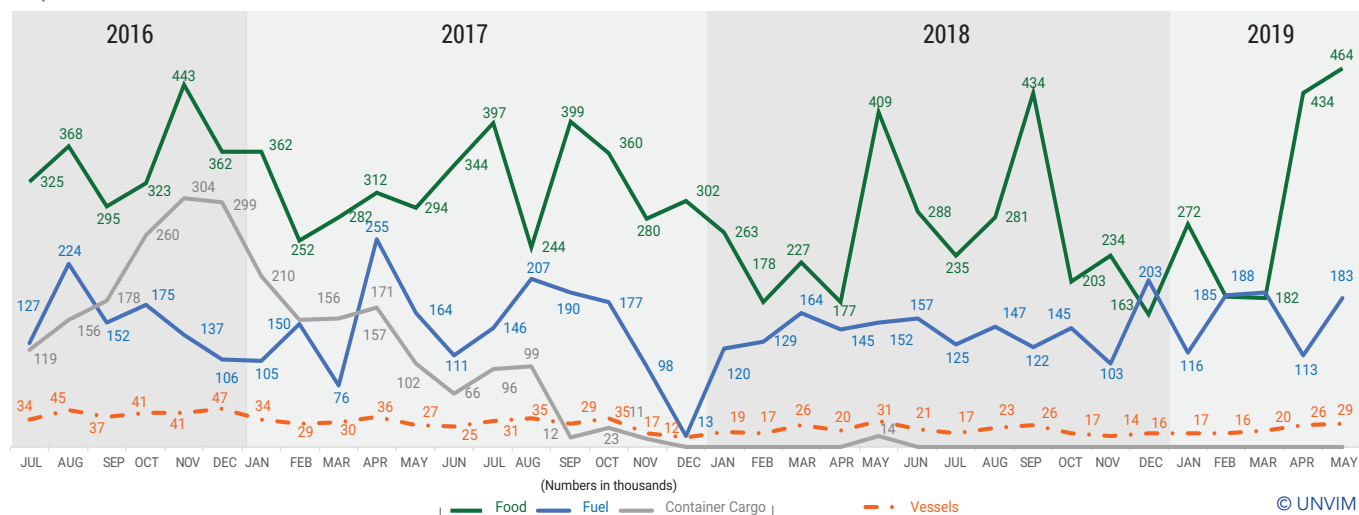
| Period covered | Registered IDP families | Families assisted with RRM | Hub |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|-------------|
| June 2018 - 31 May 2019 | 16,7430 | 165,959 | Al Hudaydah |
| | 38,901 | 37,016 | Aden |
| | 15,120 | 11,978 | Ibb |
| | 44,500 | 47,318 | Sana'a |
| | 10,100 | 13,013 | Sa'ada |
| Total | 276,051 | 275,284 | |

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INCREASED IMPORT VOLUMES REPORTED IN MAY 2019

In May, fuel and food commodities imports increased. Following restrictions on imports of fuel earlier in the year, fuel imports increased by 62 per cent to 183,233 metric tons (MTs), while food imports, which were already quite high, increased by 7 per cent to 463,647 MTs. In May, food imports were at the highest level since UNVIM monitoring began in 2016. Total fuel and food imports for May were 646,880 MTs, an 18 per cent increase since April.

Imports via UNVIM



UN VERIFICATION AND INSPECTION MECHANISM FOR YEMEN

Al Hudaydah and Saleef ports remain operational. Between 21 May and 11 June, 16 vessels berthed in Al Hudaydah port and two berthed at As Saleef port, discharging a total of 349,764 MT of supplies - 184,162 MT of food commodities and 164,602 MT of fuel supplies.



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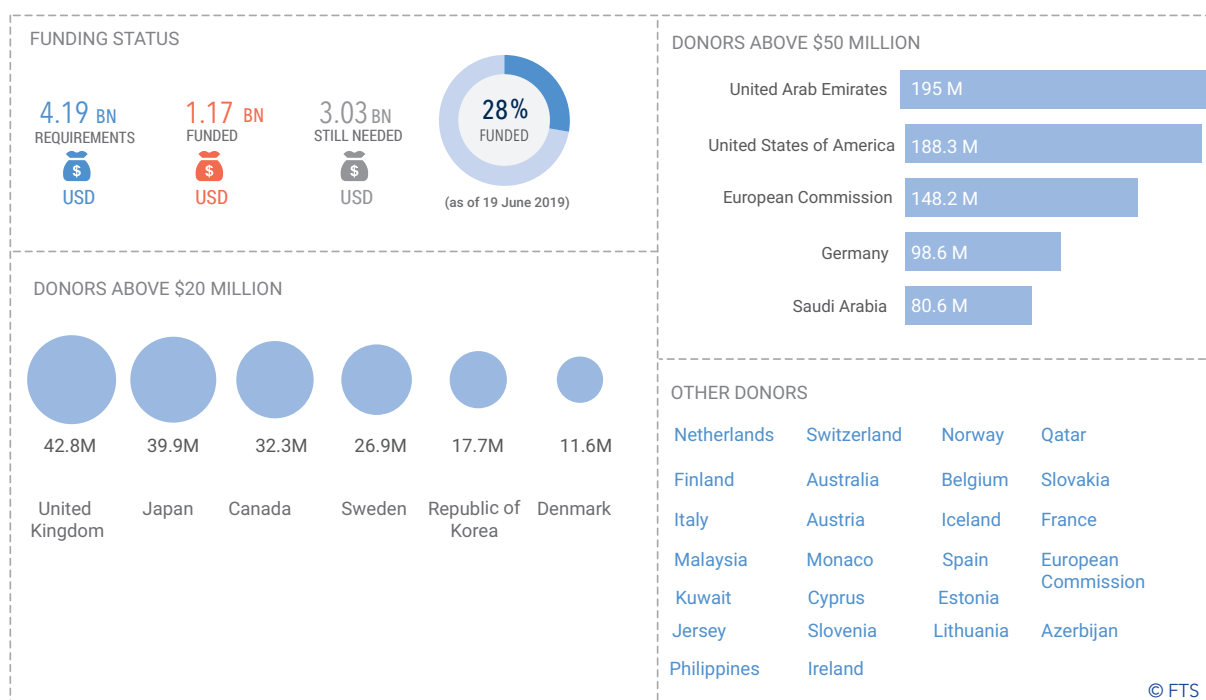
Al Hudaydah 277,414 MT

Saleef 72,350 MT

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FUNDING OF THE YEMEN HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE PLAN AS OF 17 JUNE 2019

The Yemen Humanitarian Response Plan (YHRP) continues to be seriously under-funded. As of 19 June 2019, it was 28 per cent funded, compared with 52 per cent funded at the end of June 2018. Partners continue to appeal to donors to provide funding as a matter of urgency to safeguard humanitarian programmes across the country.



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