

HUMANITARIAN UPDATE

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KEY ISSUES:

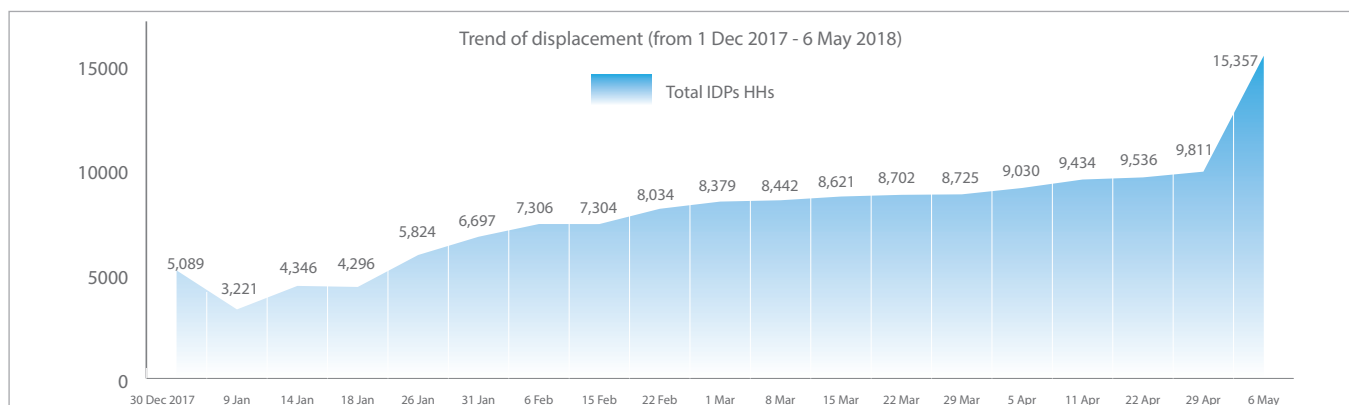
- Six months of conflict have displaced over 100,000 people into areas covered by the Aden hub.
- Decline in food and fuel imports reported in April.
- UNHAS continues to provide critical air service, more than 1,000 aid workers were transported in the month of April
- Deconfliction requests increased in April compared to March.

100,000 PEOPLE DISPLACED TO SOUTHERN GOVERNORATES BY SIX MONTHS OF CONFLICT

Over the last six months, the intensification of the conflict in Yemen's western coast has prompted the displacement of 100,000 new IDPs in areas reached by humanitarian partners based in the Aden hub. Since December 2017, displacement has been reported in Abyan, Lahj and Aden governorates, with close to 5,000 families now residing in coastal areas of Taizz and Al Hudaydah.

The new IDPs have mostly originated from conflict areas of Al Hudaydah, Taizz and Shabwah governorates. Humanitarian partners coordinated rapid assessments to areas with new arrivals and responses to basic needs have taken place in Al Khawkhah, Hays and Al Mokha. However, humanitarian access in districts like Mawza remains difficult. Preparations to respond to additional needs generated by continued fighting in Taizz are ongoing and locations for pre-positioning relief stocks have been identified.

The rapid increase in IDP numbers, although expected, has stretched the capacity of the Aden Humanitarian Coordination Team which had to expand operations into new areas in Abyan, Lahj and Shabwah governorates. Funding and partnerships will be required by the clusters to sustain and complement the existing relief operations and respond to additional population movements.



UPDATES FROM THE HUMANITARIAN HUBS

Sana'a Hub: The Shelter/NFI/CCCM Cluster reports that 294 families (approximately 2,000 people) who were recently displaced from Al Jawf Governorate to Harf Sufyan District in Amran Governorate will receive non-food items and emergency shelter kits as emergency assistance. In Al Bayda Governorate, fighting was reported in Nati' and Al Qurayshiyah districts. An assessment by a local NGO of 224 recently displaced households found IDPs living in open areas in urgent need of clean drinking water and latrines, shelter, food and education. The district health unit in Nati', which was damaged in recent fighting, needs to be rehabilitated.

Ibb Hub: Clashes have again erupted in Taizz City between government forces and armed groups, forcing several markets to close. Clashes were also reported in Maqbanah district, and north and east of Taizz City. Humanitarian partners fear that clashes could potentially displace up to 22,000 families. During the reporting period, a food distribution programme for 28,000 families was suspended following the killing of an ICRC worker on 21 April in the outskirts of Taizz City. Other humanitarian agencies continue to respond to various needs in Taizz and Ibb governorates. On 2 May, two trucks carrying nutrition supplies that were held in Al Hoban, At Ta'iziyah district, on 26 April, were released.

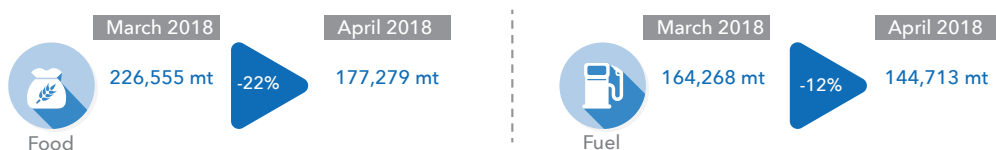
Al Hudaydah Hub: Partners are preparing to deliver two-month food assistance to targeted families among the estimated 900 families living near active military lines in Al Hayma, At Tuhayat District, and to support two nearby health units. Another 113 newly displaced families from Al Hudaydah, Sana'a and Taizz governorates have reportedly arrived in Al Hudaydah City. In Al Mahweet Governorate, 45 displaced families from Nihm District (Sana'a Governorate) have been identified in Shibam Kukaban districts. Following reports of increase in dengue and malaria cases in Al Hudaydah; Al Thawrah and Olfi hospitals will be supported to treat complicated cases; local health facilities will also be supported with supplies to ensure case management.

Sa'ada Hub: Heavy rains and flooding in Al Jawf Governorate on 23-24 April affected about 800 households in Bart Al Anan District. Water wells and farm land were inundated and partially damaged. Humanitarian partners are discussing how to respond to the urgent needs of those affected, particularly the need to provide shelter assistance, medicines, water, food and cash. During the reporting period, aerial bombardment and fighting intensified in Sa'ada, casualties were reported. On 30 April, more than 40 airstrikes were reported, half of them had struck Baqim District.

DECLINE IN FOOD AND FUEL IMPORTS REPORTED IN APRIL

The UN Verification and Inspection Mechanism (UNVIM) reports that in April 2018 monthly commercial imports of food and fuel into Yemen declined by 22 per cent and 12 per cent respectively. The total food imports for April were only about a half of the monthly national requirements (350,000MT), while fuel imports were 27 per cent of the monthly national requirements (544,000 MT). For the fifth consecutive month, no containerized cargo was imported into the country.

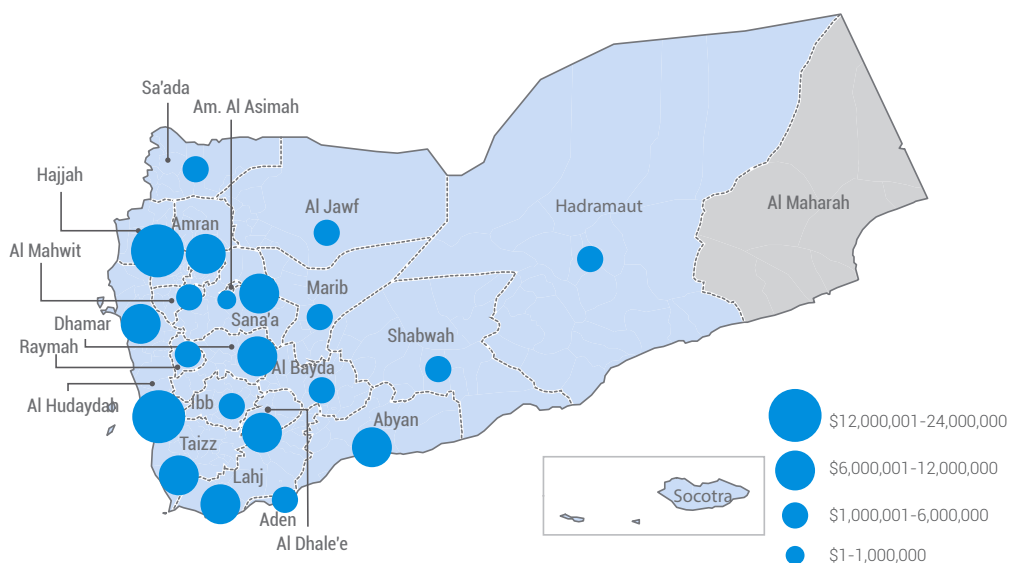
In March 2018, according to WFP's Market Watch report, wheat flour - the primary staple cereal in Yemen - was available in 15 out of 22 Yemen's governorates compared to seven governorates in the previous three months. However, wheat flour remained costly in major markets, including in Sana'a, Aden and Al Hudaydah where prices were 18-31 per cent higher than October 2017. Fuel prices were generally stable but were still more than double the pre-2015 levels.



Source: UNVIM

YEMEN HUMANITARIAN FUND 2017 REPORT

The Yemen Humanitarian Fund (YHF) has released its 2017 annual report showing that contributions amounted to US\$176 million, making the YHF the largest global country-based pool fund. Eight of the 19 Member States that contributed, were new donors. Of the \$126 million allocated, more than 80 per cent went to NGOs (40.8 per cent to national NGOs). In addition to 28 local partners which directly implemented at least one YHF project, 41 other local organizations received indirect funding as sub-implementing partners. The table below indicate how YHF funding was allocated across Yemen.



UNVIM UPDATE

During the period from 25 April to 1 May 2018, eight vessels discharged 154,189 MT of cargo in Yemen's Red Sea ports of Al Hudaydah and Saleef. UNVIM has received no clearance request for container vessels since 9 November 2017. The last container ship sailed from Al Hudaydah port on 7 November 2017.



115,700 MT



38,489 MT



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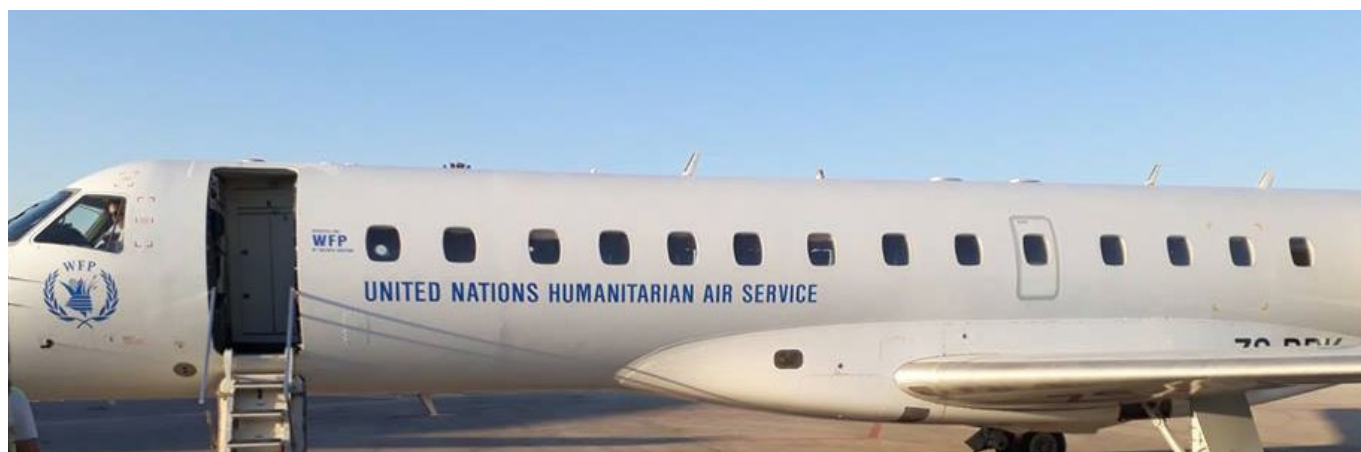
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HUMANITARIAN TRANSPORT SERVICES UPDATE

In April 2018, the UN Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS) transported 1,065 passengers on its twice weekly Djibouti-Sana'a route, thrice weekly Amman-Sana'a and twice weekly Djibouti-Aden. In total, UNHAS operated 30 flights, providing a lifeline to 42 organisations of which 27 were international NGOs and 15 UN agencies. UNHAS also transported some light cargo and conducted one medical evacuation. The WFP-operated service is one of three operators that provide critical humanitarian flights in Yemen – the others being MSF and ICRC.

WFP also operates two humanitarian vessels - the VOS Apollo on the Djibouti-Aden route and the VOS Theia on the Djibouti-Hudaydah route. Since April 2016, these vessels have carried approximately 7,000 m³ of relief supplies (equivalent to 250 20-foot containers); and 2,300 passengers, supporting over 50 humanitarian organisations operating in Yemen.

UNHAS AIRCRAFT

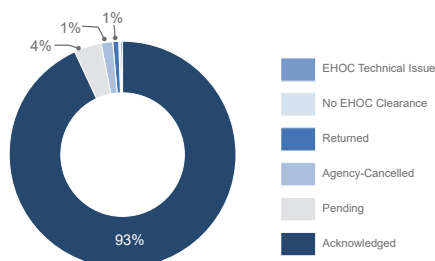


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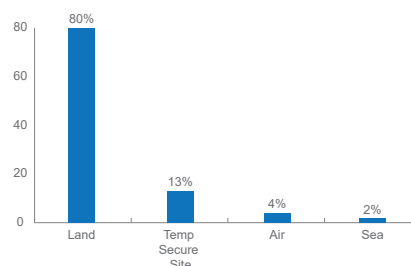
DECONFLICTION REQUESTS IN APRIL

In the month of April, a total of 1,146 deconfliction notifications were submitted to the Saudi-led Coalition, which is an increase of 223 compared to the notifications submitted in March. Of these 1,067 were acknowledged. Nine notifications were returned due to reasons ranging from incorrect information to rescheduling. The majority of deconfliction notifications were used for overland movement, some 2,011 trucks carrying food and non-food items, were deconflicted during the reporting period, with AL Hudaydah ad Sa'ada Governorates accounting for over a half of them.

NOTIFICATION STATUS



TYPE OF DECONFLICTION REQUEST



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