

WEST COAST RESPONSE UPDATE

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SITUATION OVERVIEW

Despite the reduction in the overall conflict in Yemen since the start of the truce in April 2022, the operating environment for humanitarian organizations continues to worsen in the west coast of Yemen, with increased carjackings, checkpoints and detention of field staff, and low-level fighting between armed groups.

Since April, there have been no significant territorial advancements in the west coast, as security forces from the internationally recognized government (IRG) and de-facto authorities (DFA) have reinforced their positions along the frontlines. Nonetheless, the west coast remains a hotspot for drone strikes and reconnaissance in Yemen. Throughout June, accusations of lethal drone strikes were reported in Maqbanah, Hays, Mawza', and At Tuhayta districts. The widespread presence of landmines have killed and maimed civilians, especially children, and prevented the return of displaced persons from Hays and Maqbanah districts.

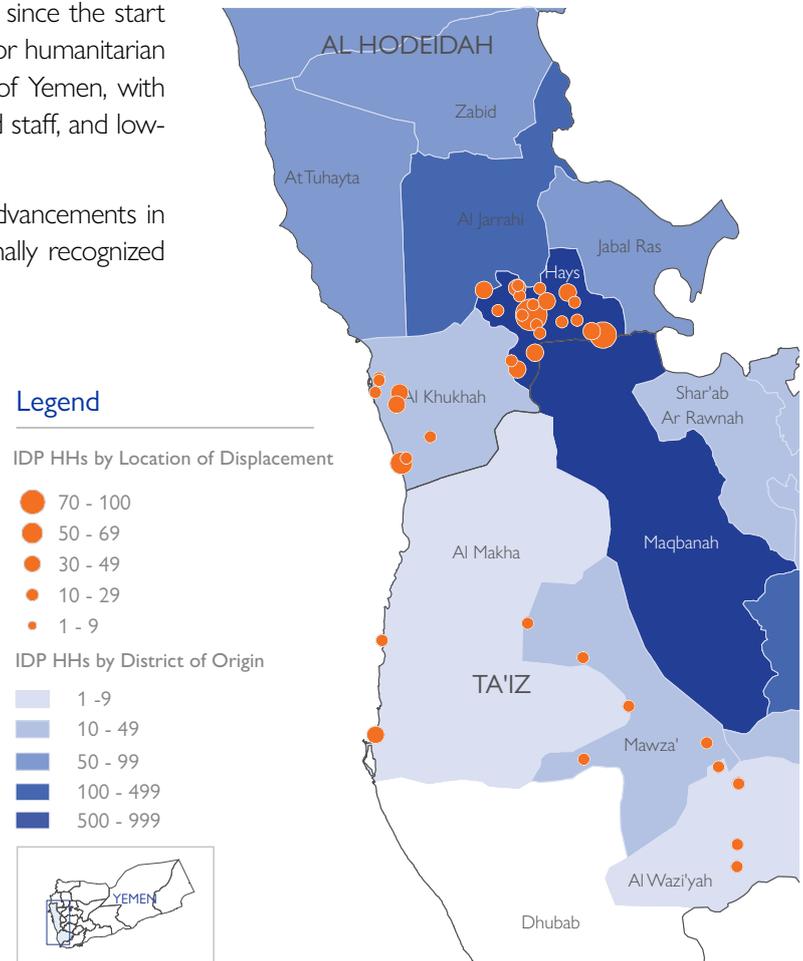
IOM's Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) estimated that 416 households (HHs) were displaced towards Al Hodeidah governorate (357 HHs) and Ta'iz governorate (59 HHs) between April – June 2022. The number of displacements has decreased since the first quarter of 2022, where 1,596 HHs were displaced, which can be attributed to the holding of the truce. In the

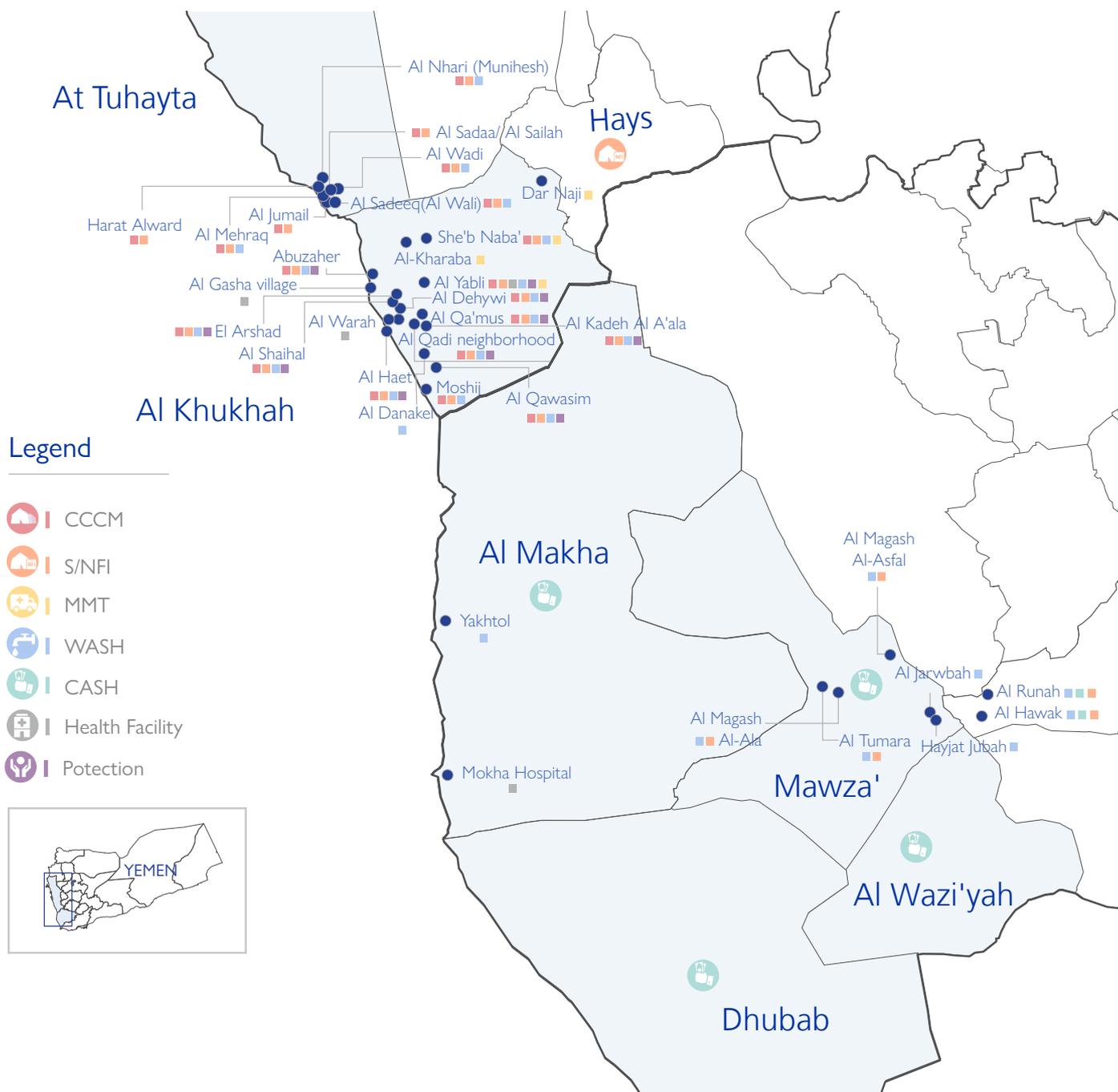
second quarter of 2022, displaced households primarily moved for better access to humanitarian services and safer locations. The primary needs in areas of displacement include food assistance, financial support, and shelter/non-food items (S/NFI).

In Mawza' and Wazi'yah districts, all international organizations suspended movements due to an increase in carjackings targeting INGOs vehicles. On 16 June, armed men seized a vehicle used by an INGO in the Abu Zahr area, north of Al Khukhah city.

Additionally, checkpoints on main roads and within displacement sites, mainly in north Al Khukhah district, have prevented organizations from moving freely. Local authorities have frequently requested field staff to obtain additional permit approvals from security forces, share beneficiary lists, and provide pictures of staff identification documents. Staff have been detained for hours and had items confiscated by local authorities. IOM and OCHA are working in concert to reduce the instances of detention and convey the principles of humanitarian access with local authorities. In Hayma area, in south At Tuhayta district, Al Hodeidah governorate, humanitarian organizations have not been able to access displacement sites since mid-June due to the unstable security situations and the intention of security forces to relocate people living in the area. This has impacted more than 10,000 internally displaced persons (IDPs) and host community members in 10 sites.

Despite the challenges and limitations, IOM's field teams remain flexible and have continued to implement camp coordination and camp management (CCCM) assistance, S/NFI distributions, water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) support, health services, protection assistance, and cash programming in Al Khukhah, At Tuhayta, Al Makha, Mawza' and Wazi'yah districts. In an effort to improve the sustainability of its lifesaving assistance, IOM is seeking to improve its provision of durable assistance to displaced and host communities and support the early recovery of communities transitioning from emergency conditions to stability.





IOM RESPONSE IN WEST COAST

IOM continues to operate as the largest UN agency on the west coast with more than 90 national and international staff present, in addition to 35 incentivized health workers, 24 incentivized community mobilizers and 74 protection volunteers. IOM expanded the reach of its field presence from 15 to 19 displacement sites by providing a comprehensive package of multisectoral humanitarian assistance including, but not limited to, IOM’s CCCM, WASH, S/NFI, protection and health support in Al Khukhah and At Tuhayta. In these 19 sites, IOM works with established partners in these areas to cover gaps where needed. IOM is also delivering WASH and S/NFI assistance in four sites in Mawza’, deployed mobile medical team (MMTs) in Al Khukhah, and provided one-off cash and S/NFI assistance to new IDPs in several areas in Ta’iz districts.

By the end of the second quarter of 2022, IOM reached 9,896 HHs or 58,861 IDPs and host community members in a total of 28 sites, several IDP-hosting villages, three health facilities and one hospital in Al Khukhah and At Tuhayta districts in Al-Hodeidah governorate and Al Makha, Dhubab, Mawza’ and Wazi’yah districts in Ta’iz governorate.

IOM inaugurated the Al Makha Water Project, which plans to equip Al Tubailiah water field by installation of five pumping units, construction of a collective water tank of 425 M3, rooms for equipment and guards, fences, and to rehabilitate the existing tower water tank in Al Makha city. This project will provide sustainable access to drinking water to around 52,000 individuals. Furthermore, IOM provided water trucking in four IDP sites, benefiting 5,850 individuals with 2,431,000 liters. The hygiene promotion team reached 1,247 individuals through 9 public awareness sessions during HK distribution that targeted 2,452 HH with 2,452 BHK and 920 CHK in 8 sites.

In 19 IOM-managed sites, IOM responded to the increased risks of fires during the summer by improving kitchens and cooking areas for 395 HHs. IOM mitigated flood risks by filling and installing sandbags in two sites and providing daily care and maintenance for site and community infrastructure in three sites.

IOM provided in-kind S/NFI assistance to 1,189 HHs between April and June 2022. In addition, cash for shelter rehabilitation support was provided to 357 HHs in maintaining and rehabilitating their own shelters in three sites. Also, IOM developed a new design and constructed a prototype for a transitional shelter based on lessons learned from previous interventions. As part of the Rapid Response Mechanism (RRM), IOM provided one-off multipurpose cash assistance (MPCA) to 854 HHs located in Al Makha, Mawza, Dhubab and Wazi'yah districts.

Building on its existing health support in the west coast, IOM delivered health services through two health facilities in Al Khukhah district and provided Mobile Medical Team (MMT) support in three sites in Shaab Naba, Daar Nagj and Kharaba IDP settlements. IOM also supported the Al Yabli health center to support increased outreach to nearby IDP settlements and provide health services once or twice a week. Furthermore, IOM also supported the only Diarrhea Treatment Center (DTC) in the West Coast in Al Makha Hospital with healthcare worker incentives, the provision of medicines and medical supplies, and coverage of operational costs (such as water, fuel, repairs, etc).

Finally, IOM set up the COVID 19 lab in Al Makha hospital and has since continued to support with pay of laboratory technicians, covid testing supplies and PPE.



An IOM water point funded by the government of Canada serves communities in Al Dehywi site. © IOM 2022/Angela Wells

PROGRAMME ACHIEVEMENTS

CAMP COORDINATION & CAMP MANAGEMENT

- **8,161 HHs** or **40,129 IDPs** and **host community members** were supported in 19 IOM-managed sites.
- **927 HHs** registered in IOM-managed sites, of which **249 HHs** were new arrivals.
- **20 women** were trained on sewing as a part of women empowerment activity.
- **395 HHs** were targeted with cash for kitchen improvement, benefiting **591 HHs** total.
- **An awareness campaign on fire risks** was conducted in three IOM-managed sites reaching **1,652 HHs**.
- **14 community mobilizers** received capacity building training on CCCM reporting tools to monitor and report needs, gaps in services, as well as flood and fire incidents.

SHELTER & NON-FOOD ITEMS

- **564 emergency shelter kits** distributed.
- **625 NFI kits** distributed.
- **357 HHs** provided with cash for shelter rehabilitation support.
- **516 HHs** verified and registered through need assessments for future provision of durable shelter solutions.

WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE

- **2,452 HHs** benefited from **2,452 BHK** and **920 CHK** in 8 sites.
- **1,247 individuals** reached through **9 public awareness session** during HK distribution
- **2,141 individuals** participated in 140 group based participatory hygiene promotion sessions led by the Community Hygiene Promoters.

CASH ASSISTANCE

- **854 HHs** received one-off multi-purpose cash assistance in four districts in Ta'iz governorate.

HEALTH

- **5,899 clinical consultations** conducted.
- **1,785 children** screened for malnutrition.
- **1,372 individuals** treated for acute watery diarrhea among them 120 severe cases required emergency care.
- **484 pregnant women** reached with antenatal care services among them 50 pregnant women were provided with safe delivery kits.
- **116 COVID-19 tests** conducted.
- **540 individuals** received Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS).
- **5,015 individuals** reached with Risk Communication and Community Engagement (RCCE) activities.

PROTECTION

- **Individual Protection Assistance (IPA)** provided to **8 families** to mitigate protection risks and cover basic needs in Al Khukhah district.
- **9 community-based protection networks (CBPNs)** established. Informational awareness campaigns were launched, benefitting 243 HHs.
- **90 HHs** screened during vulnerability assessments in Al Ha'et, and El Arshad site.
- **39 IDPs** benefited from Psycho-Social Support (PSS) sessions in Al Yabli, Hay Al Qadi, and Al Shaihal sites.
- **38 HHs** registered for case management services.
- **2 protection** training sessions conducted for 70 protection volunteers
- **43 HHs** identified as at risk of eviction, provided with legal counselling and referred for S/NFI assistance.

ACCOUNTABILITY TO AFFECTED POPULATIONS

- **173 complaints/feedback** received and referred internally to IOM's different units and externally to partners.



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