

YEMEN PROJECTS

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CURRENT SITUATION

A long-running conflict in Yemen escalated on March 19.

According to UNOCHA, more than 700 people were killed and close to 3,000 injured from mid-March to mid-April. More than 100,000 people are estimated to have been displaced after airstrikes started on March 26. Many necessities are in short supply, including electricity, water and fuel, and medical centers are overwhelmed. Food scarcities continued to worsen. Wheat flour was no longer available and all bakeries closed down in some communities. UNOCHA reported that “the humanitarian situation is critical.”

Mohamed Salah Eldin, Country Director for Islamic Relief in Yemen, said: “We urgently need to act before we have an acute humanitarian disaster on our hands. When the air strikes began ... they always took place at night. Now they are happening at all times of the day. And people are too scared to leave their homes.”

An Islamic Relief staff member based in Sana'a reported that this is the worst situation he has ever experienced in Yemen: “Even before the recent violence, Yemen was in crisis, but this has now moved to another level. People are living in fear of their lives and with no electricity, very little fuel and food prices escalating. They are really struggling to get by. The level of suffering is almost overwhelming.”

Based on reports from the Islamic Relief Yemen office, Islamic Relief Worldwide stated:

Generally, in Yemen the needs remain concentrated in mass casualty management; protection; water/sanitation; food and non-food items especially for displaced people. In all areas, ensuring a reliable water supply is an urgent priority. The diesel shortage is a serious threat to a continuous flow of water networks, with expectation of fuel supplies of the Local Water and Sanitation Corporation to run out in several days. Food prices are reported to be rising in major cities. Host communities are providing first-line response for displaced people and are reportedly offering food supplies. In many cases, this will not be sustainable, as many affected areas already struggle with food insecurity. Reports from local sources indicate that civilian and public infrastructures continue to be affected by the conflict.

IRUSA RESPONSE: ONGOING PROJECTS

EMERGENCY RESPONSE ASSISTANCE TO CONFLICT-AFFECTED FAMILIES

APRIL 2015 - JULY 2015

Location: Amran Governorate, northern Yemen

OBJECTIVES:

This project aims to provide emergency food packages for vulnerable families in Amran governorate, Yemen.

PLANNED ACTIVITIES:

Provide 1,000 families in the targeted governorate with food packs for 1 month each. Food packages may contain flour, sugar, cooking oil, rice, red beans, milk powder tea and sauce.

7,000 PEOPLE ARE EXPECTED TO BE HELPED DIRECTLY THROUGH THIS PROJECT.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

APRIL 2015 - MAY 2015

Location: Aden Governorate, southern Yemen

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

Facilitate access to health care for individuals in the Aden Governorate via the provision of life-saving medical supplies.

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES:

Provide three main government hospitals in the Aden governorate with life-saving medical supplies.

4,000 PEOPLE ARE EXPECTED TO BE HELPED THROUGH THIS PROJECT.

IRUSA PAST PROJECTS

ON HOLD: SAFETY NET & LIVELIHOOD CO-FINANCING COMMUNITY ASSETS

SEPTEMBER 2014 - AUGUST 2015; CURRENTLY ON HOLD DUE TO SECURITY SITUATION

Location: Sanaa Mareb, Dammar and Hudaida Governorates, Yemen

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

Improve security for vulnerable individuals in Yemen through the rehabilitation and reconstruction of productive infrastructures.

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES:

- Provide food commodities as per the stated food ration and the agreed plan for 94,832 most vulnerable households in 32 districts in the four targeted governorates: 50 kg wheat, 4.8 kg vegetable oil and 10 kg of pulses. (World Food Program activity.)
- Establish 200 community assets (water and irrigation infrastructure, farm access, road, channels, dam and bound formation) during two distribution cycles, in nine selected districts through FFA/FFT (food for assets / training) or FFW (food for work) approach. (In addition to food rations FFA participants will receive an additional \$27 to \$55 stipend depending on the load of work they are carrying. (World Food Program activity.)
- Raise awareness / conduct sensitization sessions on issues of community concerns to the targeted communities and to all those participating in assets creation (messaging would include mainly hygiene, girls' education, nutrition and food preparation). This project is a joint IR Yemen/World Food Program project which requires a 5% match. IRUSA funds support this 5% match. The food items are provided by the WFP whereas major components of tools, machinery and materials as well as awareness raising are provided by IR Yemen with IRUSA funds.

ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE:

Assets related to agriculture completed:

- Stone chains and crescent arcs to protect grazing areas and recharge groundwater.
- Rehabilitation of agricultural canal (1 project, approximately 2,235 meter long)
- 59 Assets related to Agriculture in progress.

Assets related to environmental and health conditions completed:

- 3,500 meters of maiden road strips laid
- Public parks cleaned from garbage and waste, and play equipment painted (2 parks)
- Construction and improvement of area for 1,600 square meter park for children
- Cleaning the city's drainage network (6,631 manholes; total 135,657m long)
- 50 assets related to environmental and health conditions in progress

Assets related to water infrastructure completed:

- Construction of 22 water reservoirs, each with capacity of 653 Sq meter
- Construction of one concrete pillars to support water network
- 52 assets related to water infrastructure in progress

44 assets related to the improvement and rehabilitation of rural roads in progress

Other assets completed:

- Drawing 5 educational and illustrative boards for schools
- Food distribution—659,617 beneficiaries received food rations of 67 kg of assorted staples
- Awareness sessions—Conducted prior to each food distribution, all 659,617 beneficiaries have attended at least one session on one of the following topics: use of iodine salt, breastfeeding, child vaccination, girls' education, personal hygiene.
- 3,000 participants have attended training workshops on one of the following areas: food industry, ICT, livestock rearing, and sewing/embroidery/tailoring

MORE THAN 94,000 PEOPLE ARE EXPECTED TO BE HELPED THROUGH THIS PROJECT.

COMPLETED: WATER & SANITATION PROJECT

OCTOBER 2011-MAY 2013

Location: Lehj Governate, Abyan Province

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

Providing water connections to households, increasing awareness of basic health, hygiene, sanitation and environmental education.

COMPLETED ACTIVITIES:

- Signed agreement with community for community participation and developed an implementation plan with the community.
- Beneficiaries constructed access road of the water tank.
- Completed the construction of overhead water supply tank, pumping unit and installation of 8 km of pipes providing water to 20 villages. Water supply benefits 8,000 families, approximately 40,000 individuals.
- Trained local community members on maintenance and operation of water scheme.
- Held workshops on basic hygiene and improved health practices.
- IR Yemen signed MOU with the local water corporation for the future expansion of services and logistical support.

40,000 PEOPLE WERE HELPED THROUGH THIS PROJECT.

COMPLETED: EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND HUMANITARIAN SUPPORT TO DISPLACED PEOPLE

JUNE 2011 - AUGUST 2011

Location: Aden Governorate, Yemen

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

Provide emergency food and hygiene kits to displaced people and host communities in Aden.

COMPLETED ACTIVITIES:

- Distribution of food items to 1,050 families, 10 schools, and 4 community kitchen sets to 4 schools.
- Distribution of hygiene kits to displaced people within the host community (including toothpaste, soap, toothbrush, nail cutter, combs, towels, bowls, brooms)
- Provide play kits for 10 child friendly places in 10 schools in coordination with UNICEF

7,350 PEOPLE WERE HELPED THROUGH THIS PROJECT

COMPLETED: AL SELO WATER AND HEALTH PROJECT

DECEMBER 2010 - FEBRUARY 2011

Location: Al Selo, Yemen

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

Improving the overall health and hygiene of Al-Selo residents by increasing access to basic health services, safe drinking water and promoting proper personal hygiene practices (This was an extension of a project that ran from 2006 to 2008.) It became apparent that health care was the greater need, and project focused on that.

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES:

Purchase and distribution of the following items:

- 22 central water meters
- Furniture for Al-Duba health center
- Refrigerator for Al-Akhaisha health center
- Lead for X-ray room
- Providing 40 kilowatt generators for Al-Qabelah and Al-Duba health centers
- Cost of transport and field visit and delivery

COMPLETED ACTIVITIES:

- Received the medical equipment and staffing from government.
- Three health centers functioning and providing health services.
- Families from region gained access to health services.

12,000 PEOPLE WERE HELPED THROUGH THIS PROJECT.



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