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CURRENT SITUATION

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

More than 1.5 million people have been affected by the conflict and more than 1.2 million people are internally displaced.

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.”

- 20.4 million people are in need of water, including 9.4 million people who have had their access to water cut or severely disrupted since the escalation in the conflict.
- 2.5 million children are at risk of developing water-related illnesses.

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 CURRENT RESPONSE

EMERGENCY LIFESAVING WATER SUPPLY TO CONFLICT-AFFECTED FAMILIES

MAY 2015 - AUGUST 2015

Location: Aden and Taiz Governorates

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

This project aims to improve water supply to internally displaced persons.

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES:

Provide 4,000 internally displaced people with drinkable water in 20 locations (10 locations in each governorate).

ACHIEVEMENTS:

Tanks have been installed in 10 locations in Taiz and 10 locations in Aden. Each location provides at least 8,000L of potable water per day, and three wells were equipped to provide the water supply. Water quality tests have been completed.

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

EMERGENCY RESPONSE FOOD ASSISTANCE TO CONFLICT AFFECTED FAMILIES

MAY 2015 - SEPTEMBER 2015

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

This project aims to provide emergency food packages for vulnerable families in Marib, Lahj, Aden, Taiz, Sana'a and Dhammar Governorates.

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES:

Provide 5,220 households with food assistance including: flour, rice, beans, sugar and vegetable oil.

36,540 PEOPLE ARE EXPECTED TO BE HELPED THROUGH THIS PROJECT.

IRUSA PAST PROJECTS

COMPLETED: EMERGENCY MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

APRIL 2015 - MAY 2015

Location: Aden Governorate, southern Yemen

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

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

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES:

Provided three main government hospitals and emergency health units in the Aden governorate with life-saving medical supplies.

4,000 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 logistically 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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