

# WEST COAST RESPONSE ANNUAL UPDATE

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**130,553**

IDPs hosted on the west coast



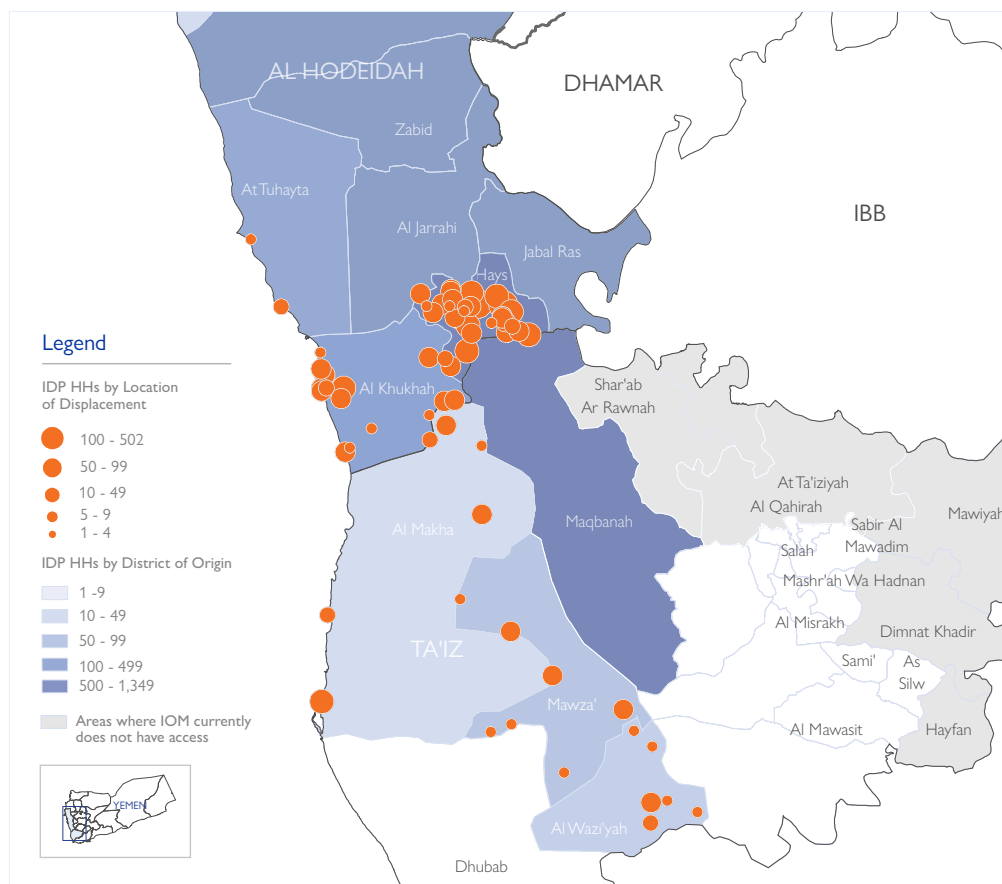
**13,872**

Individuals newly displaced in 2022



**230,000+**

Individuals supported by IOM in 2022



## SITUATION OVERVIEW

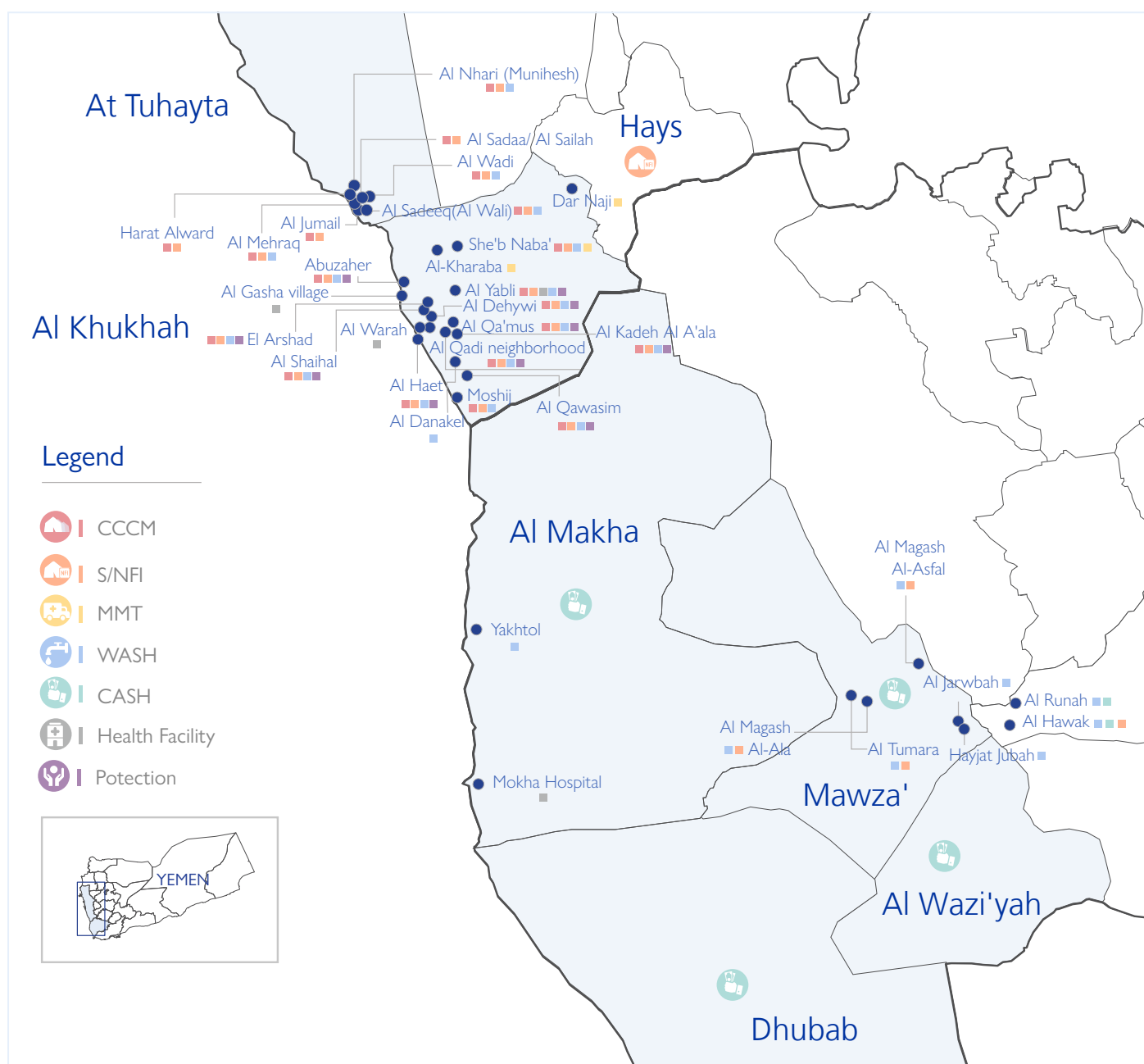
In 2022, the people of Yemen entered their eighth year of conflict. Populations living on the west coast of Yemen remain some of the most severely-affected with critical humanitarian and development needs. The region currently hosts approximately 130,553 internally displaced persons (IDPs) across nine districts in the parts of Ta'iz and Al Hodeidah governorates controlled by the internationally recognized government (IRG). Most of these IDPs are living in a protracted situation in deteriorating displacement sites with sub-standard or no available services.

After the UN-brokered truce was signed in April 2022, the security situation stabilized when compared to the first quarter of 2022, with no significant changes to frontlines. After the truce expired in October 2022, no major escalations occurred in the last part of the year. Sporadic clashes did, however, continue throughout the year in Haymah, Hays and Maqbanah districts, where humanitarian access remained limited.

In 2022, IOM's Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) reported that 2,312 households (HHs), or 13,872 individuals, were displaced in areas along the west coast under control of the IRG. Of these, 2,102 HHs were displaced from Al Hodeidah and 210 HHs from Ta'iz. Between November 2021 and March 2022, the escalation of hostilities in southern Al Hodeidah contributed to a significant shift in frontlines and widespread displacements. Almost all (98%) of surveyed IDPs in 2022 were displaced due to conflict and insecurity, mostly in the first quarter of 2022 when an estimated 1,596 HHs or 9,500 individuals were displaced. The insecurity in At Tuhayta and Hays districts in Al Hodeidah, as well as in north and south Maqbanah district in Ta'iz governorate, forced families to flee, primarily to other parts of Hays and Al Khukhah districts in the north and Mawza' and Al Wazi'yah districts in the south.

Displacement in Al Hodeidah and Ta'iz was more localized than in other governorates; more than half of all displacements were recorded within the same district. Over two thirds of displacements tracked along the west coast in 2022 were concentrated in Hays district (74%) followed by Al Khukhah district (16%). The main needs of newly displaced households on the west coast were food assistance (35%), shelter (24%), financial support (23%), non-food items (6%), among other forms of support. In July 2022, DTM conducted an intention survey, interviewing 2,228 HHs across 24 displacement sites. IOM found that 77 per cent of displaced households intended to remain at their current site without any current or future plans to return or move elsewhere. Around 13 per cent were indecisive and 10 per cent intended to return. However, nearly a third of those with intentions to return did not intend to do so within the following six months.

Access to displacement sites close to frontlines remains restricted, especially in Haymah, Hays and Mawza' districts. In Haymah district, located one kilometre from the nearest frontline, IOM is concerned that over 10,400 IDPs living in 10 displacement sites and host community members would be in critical risk if the security situation deteriorates. The widespread presence of explosive remnants of war (ERW) threatens the lives of civilians in areas near former and current frontlines. In the summer of 2022, heavy rains and flooding moved ERW to unexpected locations including roads, agricultural areas and civilian neighborhoods. Additionally, frequent carjacking incidents in areas like Mawza' and Al Waziyah limited the ability of humanitarian partners to provide much needed assistance to vulnerable communities. There were 13 carjacking incidents targeting humanitarian actors in the west coast in 2022.



## IOM YEMEN'S PROGRAMMING IN WEST COAST

IOM's response on the west coast has expanded significantly since opening its office in Al Makha in January 2021.

Despite various challenges and the funding gap for humanitarian operations, IOM continues to deliver much-needed relief to severely affected communities through a multisectoral approach that combines camp coordination and camp management (CCCM), shelter and non-food item (S/NFI), water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH), health, protection and cash programming.

In 2022, IOM interventions reached over 230,000 people – including vulnerable IDPs seeking refuge in 30 displacement locations across the area and host community members – in Al Khukhah, At Tuhayta, Al Makha, Mawza' and Al Waziyah districts.

IOM continues to operate as the largest UN agency on the west coast with 80 national and international staff present, in addition to 39 incentivized health workers, 18 incentivized community mobilizers, 39 incentivized maintenance mobilizers, and 59 protection volunteers.

In 19 displacement sites in Al Khukhah and At Tuhayta, IOM provides a comprehensive package of multisectoral humanitarian assistance which includes CCCM, WASH, S/NFI, protection and health support. In these sites, IOM works with established partners to cover gaps. IOM also delivers WASH and S/NFI assistance in four sites in Mawza', deploys mobile medical team (MMTs) in Al Khukhah, and provides one-off cash through the Rapid Response Mechanism across the west coast.



A member of IOM's health team provides primary health care services to families on the west coast. © IOM 2022/Majed Mohammed



## CAMP COORDINATION CAMP MANAGEMENT (CCCM)

IOM improved the delivery of humanitarian assistance and coordination of the response for more than 40,000 individuals living in IOM-managed displacement sites through its dedicated CCCM field teams and community mobilizers. IOM's CCCM field teams spearheaded the coordination of IOM's multisectoral, integrated response within displacement sites, which promoted a holistic approach to site management and reduced gaps in urgently needed services.

IOM registered newly displaced households following widespread displacements and conducted site-condition monitoring, service and partner coordination, referrals of gaps, and advocacy on housing, land and property (HLP). IOM also supported community-led projects that focused on fire risk reduction, latrine rehabilitation and more. Consulted communities indicated that cash for kitchen improvement would assist with safe cooking practices and fire reductions. IOM provided families with material and cash assistance to improve their kitchens and carried out awareness campaigns about safe cooking practices, solar panels and electrical fire prevention with 2,191 HHs or 10,683 individuals. Furthermore, IOM implemented a community-led project of cash for latrine rehabilitation in Al Yabli site supporting 182 families, including persons with disabilities, with improved safe access to latrines.

In response to widespread flooding in 2022, IOM provided emergency response and flood mitigation activities as part of its site care and maintenance activities. IOM's field teams installed soil embankments, retentions/gabion walls and sandbags in two IOM-managed sites benefiting 1,339 HHs or 6,258 individuals. IOM also upgraded site infrastructure by constructing two community centres which can be used by the community for meetings and recreational activities like painting, mental health sessions, women-focused activities, and conflict resolution activities. IOM also distributed solar panels for lights close to latrines to reduce gender-based violence risks for 600 HHs.

To enhance meaningful community participation, support localization efforts and promote women's involvement in sites, IOM conducted 25 focus group discussions/community consultations and provided trainings for 154 site committee representatives, Executive Unit focal points, and eight IOM staff on site coordination and management, first aid, IOM's code of conduct, protection mainstreaming and CCCM reporting tools. Also, IOM provided income-generating opportunities to 215 women and girls in IOM sites through trainings on weaving Azaf and drawing henna tattoos.

In 2023, IOM's CCCM teams will continue the provision of site management and coordination activities for displaced families residing in sites. IOM will prioritize providing HLP support to assist IDPs when faced with evictions. IOM will also mitigate flood and fire risks through household and site infrastructure upgrades. Field teams will conduct awareness sessions on conflict mitigation for the reinforcement of community social cohesion.



**40,042**

Individuals residing in **19** IDP-hosting sites with site coordination and management activities



**4,298**

New arrivals with registration in IOM-managed sites



**102**

CCCM staff, authorities, and site committee members with trainings on site management



**2,373**

Households with support through seven community-led projects



**15,033**

Individuals with awareness raising and information dissemination campaigns



**3,426**

Households with cleaning campaigns and distributions of cleaning equipment



**124**

Camp committee members with first aid trainings



**582**

Households with the distribution of **12** maintenance toolkits, **405** plastic sheets, and **600** solar power systems



**4,374**

Households with site care and maintenance activities such as shelter maintenance, water points maintenance, flood protection work, latrines and pumping maintenance in **14** IDP sites





## SHELTER/NFI

With the overall objective of providing safe, dignified, and sustainable living conditions and shelter solutions in IDP settlements, IOM carried out its first line emergency response activities in the west coast following the onset of emergencies in formal/informal settlements where shelter conditions are inadequate. IOM also provided its second line emergency response where the resilience of IDPs is improved through the provision of medium or long-term shelter solutions. The S/NFI team conducted needs assessments, focus group discussions, and key informant interviews with community leaders, site focal points, and IDPs representing different groups of the target population to identify the needs prior to the response.

In 2022, under its direct implementation and through implementing partners, IOM reached 5,077 HHs or 35,539 individuals with its different types of interventions, including emergency shelter kits (ESKs), NFI kits, plastic sheets, nylon ropes, cash and materials assistance for shelter rehabilitation and transitional shelter support. The S/NFI activities targeted new displacements, disaster shocks, and flood affected-populations and covered response gaps in displacement sites and host communities living in sub-standard shelters and inadequate living conditions in Al Khukhah, Al Makha, Al Wazi'yah, At Tuhayta, Dhubab, Hays, and Mawza' districts.



**3,130**

ESKs distributed for crisis-affected households



**443**

Plastic sheets distributed to IDPs impacted by floods and high winds



**19**

Households with materials for shelter rehabilitation



**3,096**

NFI kits distributed to new arrivals, protracted IDPs, and flood and fire-affected families



**669**

Households with cash for shelter rehabilitation



**50**

Households with transitional shelter construction



Displaced families collect shelter rehabilitation materials on Yemen's west coast. © IOM 2022/Majed Mohammed



## PROTECTION

In the west coast, IOM's protection teams established and strengthened community-based protection network in 10 sites and built their capacity on fundamental human rights, GBV prevention, child protection concerns, and available services, and protection concerns. IOM provided an integrated protection response in these sites by conducting protection monitoring, providing psychosocial support (PSS) sessions, supporting with referrals for legal assistance, delivering case management activities, distributing emergency relief items, and screening children for educational support. IOM also provided over 600 individuals with individual protection assistance (IPA) and cash for protection to mitigate protection risks.



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Displaced families with IPA and cash for protection to cover basic needs



50

HHs at risk of eviction with legal counselling, referrals and S/NFI assistance



152

IDPs with referrals for legal aid to partners



54

Individuals with PSS sessions



510

IDPs with case management



1,022

Households with emergency relief items



539

Children with screening for educational support in Al Yabli site



5,708

Individuals in 10 displacement sites with information awareness campaigns on IDP rights and protection service availability



IOM's protection team celebrates International Human Rights Day on Yemen's west coast. © IOM 2022/Majed Mohammed





## WATER, SANITATION, HYGIENE (WASH)

In 2022, IOM provided critically needed WASH support to IDPs and host community members across the west coast. To improve access to safe and sustainable water supply, IOM rehabilitated and expanded water supply networks, ensuring increased access to drinking water among displaced and conflict-affected groups. IOM also prioritized rehabilitating household latrines, providing solid waste management support, strengthening risk communication and community engagement, and delivering hygiene promotion sessions and hygiene kit distributions.

In six sites without access to drinking water, IOM provided 11,840,000 liters of safe water to 1,240 HHs or 5,856 IDPs through water trucking in Al Khukhah and Mawza' districts. IOM supported with the transition away from water-trucking to sustainable water interventions by constructing five durable water supply systems (solar pumping units, water tanks, transmission lines, water points, etc.) that will support 22,304 HHs or 131,468 individuals. These water supply projects not only supported displaced households, but also connected health facilities and host communities to drinking water.

As part of its sanitation and hygiene activities on the west coast, IOM constructed 564 latrines for 879 HHs or 4,847 individuals in seven sites and rehabilitated 172 latrines for 278 HHs or 1,375 individuals in one site. Around 105 cubic meters of solid waste were removed from six displacement sites benefiting 2,288 HHs or 11,054 people. Additionally, IOM distributed 11,586 consumable hygiene kits and 7,284 basic hygiene kits in 21 sites reaching 9,209 HHs or 55,254 individuals. The Organization also provided hygiene promotion awareness sessions, and Participatory Hygiene and Sanitation Transformation learning sessions to 22,670 individuals in 23 sites.

In 2023, IOM will continue its emergency and development assistance to address the critical water needs on the west coast. IOM will improve durable water supply infrastructure including the rehabilitation and expansion of water schemes through the installation of solar pumping systems, construction of water tanks (reservoirs), transmission lines, water networks and water distribution point. IOM is in the process of constructing three large-scale water supply projects which will support 2,846 HHs or 14,320 individuals for nine sites. IOM plans to ensure safe and dignified sanitation and hygiene conditions through the construction of about 160 latrines appropriate risk communication, community engagement and hygiene promotion coupled with hygiene kits distributions and hygiene awareness and promotion, and solid waste management activities.



**131,468**

Individuals with rehabilitated water supply systems.



**55,254**

Individuals with hygiene kit distributions



**22,670**

Individuals with hygiene promotion



**11,054**

Individuals with solid waste management



**1,2400**

Households lacking access to sustainable water networks with **11,840,000** liters of safe water through water trucking



**11**

WASH committees with training and support on the management, operation and maintenance of water supply projects

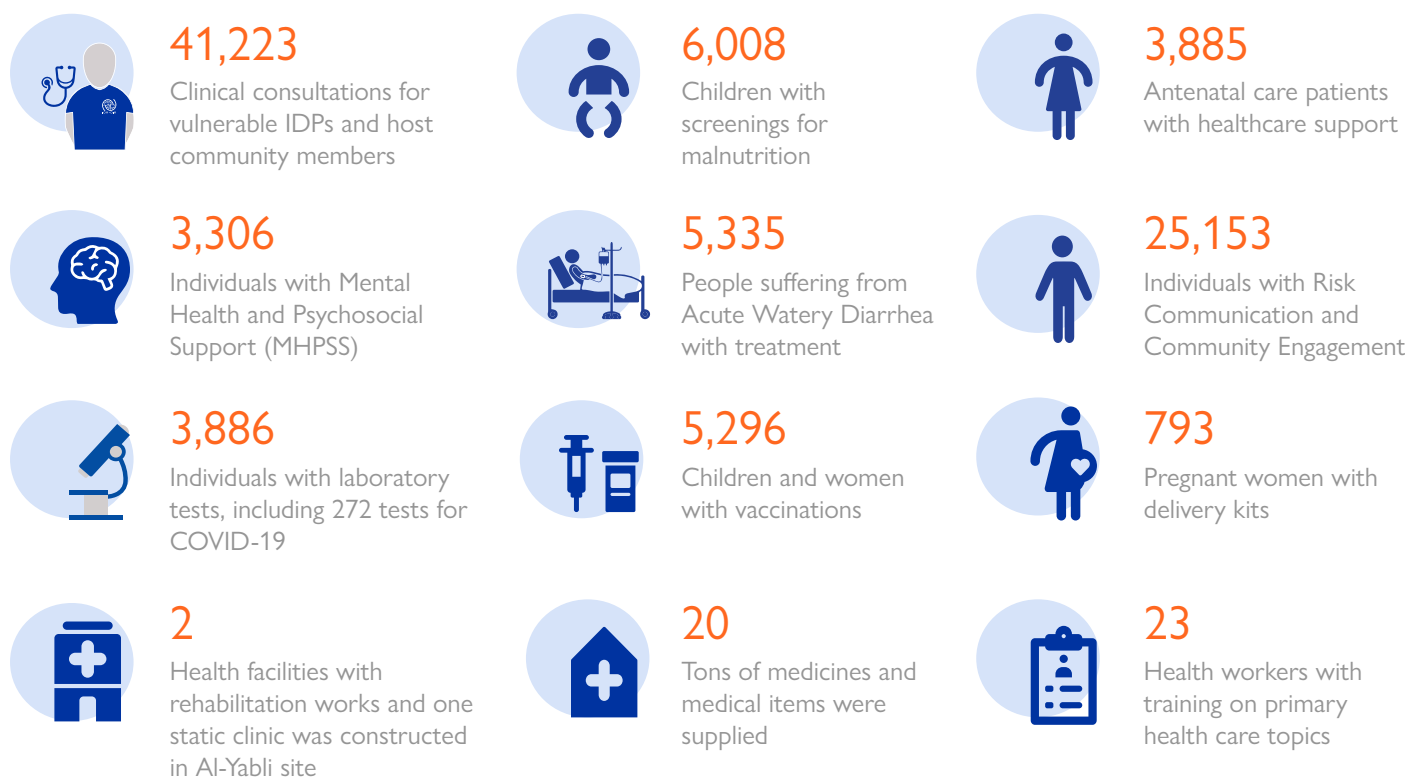


An IOM water point serves communities in Al Dehywt site.  
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## HEALTH

In 2022, IOM improved accessibility to essential health services for displaced people and conflict-affected communities along the west coast through the restoration of two health facilities and construction of one temporary clinic in Al Yabli site. Moreover, IOM supported three mobile medical teams in Al Khukhah and Mawza' districts to deliver basic health care services to hard-to-reach communities. IOM provided medicine, medical supplies and financial support for more than 50 health workers, as well as furniture and medical equipment in health facilities. Through these interventions, more than 40,000 IDPs and community members have been reached with clinical consultation services.

Furthermore, in line with the recommendation of the Health Cluster for climate-resilient health systems, IOM supported four health facilities with solar system installation during 2022. IOM also continued supporting the only Diarrhea Treatment Centre in the west coast in Al Makha Hospital with healthcare worker incentives, provision of medicine and medical supplies, and coverage of operational costs. IOM continues to support the COVID-19 laboratory in this hospital with incentives for laboratory technicians, COVID-19 testing supplies and personal protective equipment.



An IOM doctor provides medical assistance to migrants on the west coast. © IOM 2022/Majed Mohammed





## CASH-BASED INTERVENTIONS

Throughout the year, IOM provided multi-purpose cash assistance (MPCA) to 4,240 HHs or 21,426 individuals who were newly displaced, live in protracted displacement or have been affected by the conflict and natural disasters. The provision of cash assistance aimed to allowed families to meet basic needs including food, water, shelter, rent, health and transportation.

The response was focused in Al Khukhah, Al Makha, Al Waziyah, Dhubab, Mawza' districts. In addition, IOM participated in the monthly joint market monitoring initiative led by REACH in collaboration with the Cash and Market Working Group in Yemen. The activity aimed to monitor overall market functionality, prices and availability of all components within the minimum expenditure basket.



**3,086**

Households or **15,723** individuals with one-off MPCA



**1,154**

Households or **5,703** individuals with multiple rounds of MPCA



Displaced women learn new handicraft skills to earn an income and increase their resilience. © IOM 2022/Majed Mohammed

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