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**Rapid Needs Assessment
Al Mokha Displacement to Lahj**

*Al Madarebah District, Lahj Governorate
28 January 2017*

A. Background

The assessment was done in the backdrop of the Al Mokha movement of affected people into al madharebah and Ras Alarah District in Lahj Governorate. The assessment team was formed composed of the representatives from the WASH, Gender and Protection with a participation of one of the community health volunteers. The assessment was conducted on 28 January 2017.

B. Location of the Displacement

The displaced population mostly in Al Nabiah Village but there are also IDPs in the surrounding villages of Muthalath , Alnabiah , Alwadean , Almehraq, Albirat. The area is about 25 kilometres from the main road (Ras Alarah). There are **174 households** displaced originated from the villages of Hunishiah, Alahiouq, Kahbob and Alhuriqiah from Al Mokha. The host communities have the population of around 2,000 individuals. These areas have been affected by the conflict since 2015 but recently displacement has affected again due to the escalation of the conflict in Al Mokha in Taiz Governorates.

Overall situation

C. Water

In Al Nabiah village, there are 7 water wells and 5 are manual and 2 have submersible pumps but no longer functioning. There is a water pump and a water tank but due to lack of fuel does not work. There is no water distribution network. Women and older children are usually the ones fetching water using donkeys or carry over their heads. Though quantity of water is enough to serve the new arrivals, however, the water sources need to be rehabilitated or immediate provision of water is required.

Recommendations

- Immediate water provision for new IDPs arrival.
- Water quality test
- Provision of protection/apron to the 5 hand dug wells.
- Provision of rope for the hand dug wells.
- Technical assessment for the 2 motorised pumps and fuel support for operation.
- Provision of water network distribution points to bring water closer to the IDPs



D. Sanitation

The host communities have their own family latrines. However, the IDPs do not have latrines. They defecate in the bush/open field.

Recommendations

- Provision of emergency latrines

E. Health and Hygiene/NFI

There is a health facility in the area but no longer functional because there is lack of human resources. The patients are being transferred to Ras Alarah (1 hour drive). There are reported cases of diarrhea and skin diseases. They have basic utensils and old water containers.

Recommendations

- Health and hygiene awareness
- Essential NFIs/hygiene kits such as the water containers, soaps, menstrual materials, etc.



F. Shelter and Food

The IDPs are mostly living in tents distributed by Emirates Red Cross while others are hosted by the host communities. There is a school but closed due to the conflict and teachers are afraid to report.

Recommendation

- Assess for additional support should the displacement takes longer
- Blankets, mats, and kitchen utensils
- Food distribution

G. Presence of Humanitarian Actors and Interventions

Only the ERC has distributed 24 tents and food baskets.

Recommendation

- Coordinate with the WASH Cluster/Other Clusters to triangulate the information.

