

Yemen: Sa'dah Complex Emergency (September 25, 2009)

- July '09**
 - Sporadic clashes erupt between Republic of Yemen Government (ROYG) forces and Al-Houthi rebels.
 - The UN registers upwards of 10,000 new IDPs in June in addition to approximately 95,000 displaced from previous clashes.
- Aug. 11**
 - Following weeks of skirmishes, the government launches a major offensive against Al-Houthi rebels.
- Aug. 12**
 - Newly displaced individuals flee beyond Sa'dah Governorate; 750 families arrive in 'Amran Governorate, some cross into Saudi Arabia.
 - ROYG declares state of emergency in Sa'dah.
- Aug. 14**
 - Al-Houthi rebels kidnap 15 Yemeni Red Crescent health workers from an IDP camp near Sa'dah city. They are later released unharmed.
- Aug. 25**
 - UNHCR estimates that fighting has displaced 35,000 people over the course of two weeks.
 - Sa'dah city reported to be without water, telecommunication services, or electricity since August 10.
- Sept. 2**
 - The UN launches a flash appeal for US\$23.75 million. The U.S. remains the only country to pledge funds to UNHCR through the appeal (as of 9/24).
- Sept. 9**
 - A rapid nutrition assessment of Al-Muzruk Camp finds that 21% of children under five are acutely malnourished, while 8.9% are severely malnourished.
- Sept. 16**
 - As many as 87 people are killed in a ROYG air raid on a makeshift IDP camp in 'Amran Governorate.
 - UN OCHA reports ongoing access concerns due to blocked roads and insecurity. Many IDPs and health facilities in Sa'dah and 'Amran remain inaccessible.
- Sept. 19-20**
 - ROYG issues a unilateral ceasefire ahead of Eid holiday.
 - Houthi rebels reject ceasefire by attacking three Yemeni military checkpoints. 140 rebels reportedly killed.

