

UNFPA Response in Yemen

MONTHLY SITUATION REPORT



UNFPA mobile team in operation in Ibb@UNFPA YEMEN

FAST FACTS

22.2M

In need of some form of assistance



11.3M

In acute need



16.4M

Lack access to basic health services



12.9M

In need of protection



3.0M

Internally displaced and returnees



3.25M

Women of reproductive age (15-49 yrs)



1.1M

Pregnant women malnourished



48%

Women and girls illiterate



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTH

Yemen remains the **world's largest humanitarian crisis**. Some 22.2 million people - 75 per cent of the population - are in need of humanitarian assistance. 17.8 million people are food insecure and 8.4 million people do not know how they will obtain their next meal. Conflict, protracted displacement, disease and deprivation continue to inflict suffering upon the country's population. Disruption to commercial imports, inflation, lack of salary payments to civil servants and rising prices of basic commodities are further exacerbating people's vulnerability.

Ongoing **conflict in Al Hudaydah Governorate** has displaced over 70,000 households since June 2018, with nearly 98 per cent of them receiving assistance including hygiene kits, transit kits and food rations. The rapid response mechanism is being led by UNFPA.

The **number of suspected cholera cases** is reported to have increased in Yemen during August, suggesting that the country might face a possible third wave of the epidemic with rains increasing the risk. Since April 2017, more than 1.1 million suspected cholera cases and 2,310 associated deaths have been reported in Yemen.

Between January and August 2018, **UNFPA reached more than 400,000 women and girls with reproductive health and protection services**. UNFPA is working to expand its coverage and size of operation in Yemen. This includes expansion in the coverage of emergency obstetric care services in health facilities, with 40 operating theaters and 100 infant incubators being procured among other equipment to support emergency obstetric care across the country. In addition some 200,000 dignity are being procured to be distributed as part of the rapid response mechanism to the crisis in Al Hudaydah.

UNFPA RESPONSE IN AL HUDAYDAH

UNFPA provides assistance at the first line of response through Humanitarian Service Points and transit centres by way of dignity kits and through a range of reproductive health and protection services. Services and supplies provided at humanitarian hubs in Al Hudaydah, Aden, Ibb and Sana'a are detailed below:

AL HUDAYDAH HUB

- 15,620 **dignity kits** provided to displaced persons in transit centers and humanitarian service points as part of the Rapid Response Mechanism.
- UNFPA-supported teams of social workers at **protection desks** provided support and referral to 315 women and girls. Protection desks are located in Humanitarian Service Points where dignity kits are distributed.
- Eighteen health facilities supported by UNFPA to provide **emergency obstetric and neonatal care**. This includes 7 hospitals providing C-sections.
- More than 1,172 women and girls received **comprehensive multi-sectoral protection service**
- Some 1,280 people reached with **community awareness** sessions on different forms of violence
- **Men-to-men networks** across four districts formed in raising awareness on GBV issues and for referral of GBV cases to relevant services.
- Toll free **hotline services continues** to provide immediate counselling for GBV survivors.

IBB HUB

- 100 health facilities supported to provide **emergency obstetric and neonatal care**, including 14 hospitals to provide c-sections.
- More than 1,324 women and girls received comprehensive multi-sectoral **protection services** in August.

SANA'A HUB

- **11,472 dignity kits distributed** to displaced households in Amanat Al Asimah.
- **18 health facilities supported** in Sana'a hub to provide emergency obstetric and neonatal care, including 4 hospitals to provide C-sections.
- More than 2,500 women and girls received comprehensive **multi-sectoral protection services**.



Samah at her temporary shelter in Aden. ©UNFPA YEMEN

FLEEING HUDAYDAH WHILE PREGNANT

Samah, a 17 year old girl from Hudaydah, was six months pregnant when her house was bombed. She and her husband had to run immediately to safer ground.

“We ran with only the clothes we were wearing, there was no time to even collect my Abaya,” Samah recalls. We travelled for two days to arrive here in Aden. It was the most exhausting two days of my life. I didn't only have to worry about my family, but the baby I was carrying inside, says Samah.

Due to the exhaustion from the journey Samah developed complications.

When Samah arrived in Aden, she was received at a humanitarian service point, provided with a rapid response kit and immediately sent to Al-Sha'ab Hospital in Aden. “If I did not manage to reach a hospital, I don't think me or my baby would have survived. Thanks to God we are both safe and healthy,” tell Samah.

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ADEN HUB

- **428 dignity kits** distributed as part of the Rapid Response for those displaced from Al Hudaydah.
- **25 health facilities supported** to provide emergency obstetric and neonatal care, including 6 hospitals providing C-sections.
- **3,459** displaced women and girls received **reproductive health services**.
- More than 1716 women and girls received comprehensive multi-sectoral protection services in August.

PEOPLE REACHED	NO.
No. of people reached with reproductive health services	237,306
No. of people reached with Reproductive health kits	175,664
No. of people reached through mobile clinics	31,555
Individuals reached with Family Planning services	59,527
Dignity kits distributed	90,000
No. of women & girls reached with protection services	150,000
No. of health facilities supported with emergency obstetric care	158
Number of safe spaces supported	4

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KEY CHALLENGES

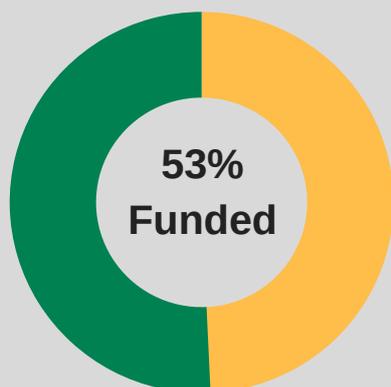
- Lack of humanitarian access to conflict-affected areas.
- Damaged or non-operating health structures. Two thirds of the facilities do not provide any healthcare services.
- Lack of national resources for the provision of basic social services.
- Lack of health workers in severely conflict-affected areas.
- Difficulties in obtaining life-saving medical supplies into Yemen due to air and sea blockades.
- Increasing difficulties for implementing partners to obtain clearances to operate in some conflict-affected areas.

2018 HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE PLAN FUNDING STATUS

\$44.5 M
REQUIRED

\$24M
FUNDED

20.5M
FUNDING GAP



2018 Donors (alphabetical order): Canada, European Union Friends of UNFPA, Kuwait, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, OCHA (Saudi Arabia & United Arab Emirates), Sweden, Switzerland and United Kingdom, Yemen Humanitarian Pooled Fund