



# UNFPA HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE IN YEMEN - 2017



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# IMPACT ON WOMEN AND GIRLS

Since 26 March 2015, the conflict in Yemen has dramatically escalated to the point where Yemen has become the worst humanitarian crises in the world today.

An estimated 20.7 million people – over two thirds of the population – are in need of some kind of assistance or protection. Some 8,167 Yemenis have been killed, more than 46,000 have been injured, over 2 million people are internally displaced and 900,000 recent returnees.

The humanitarian situation was already dire prior to 2015, but the last two years have put the country on the brink of famine, with food insecurity affecting 60 per cent of the population; and a cholera outbreak affecting nearly 700,000 people, in the last four months.

The coping mechanisms of Yemenis are stretched to their limit, with women and girls paying the heaviest price, like in most humanitarian crises.

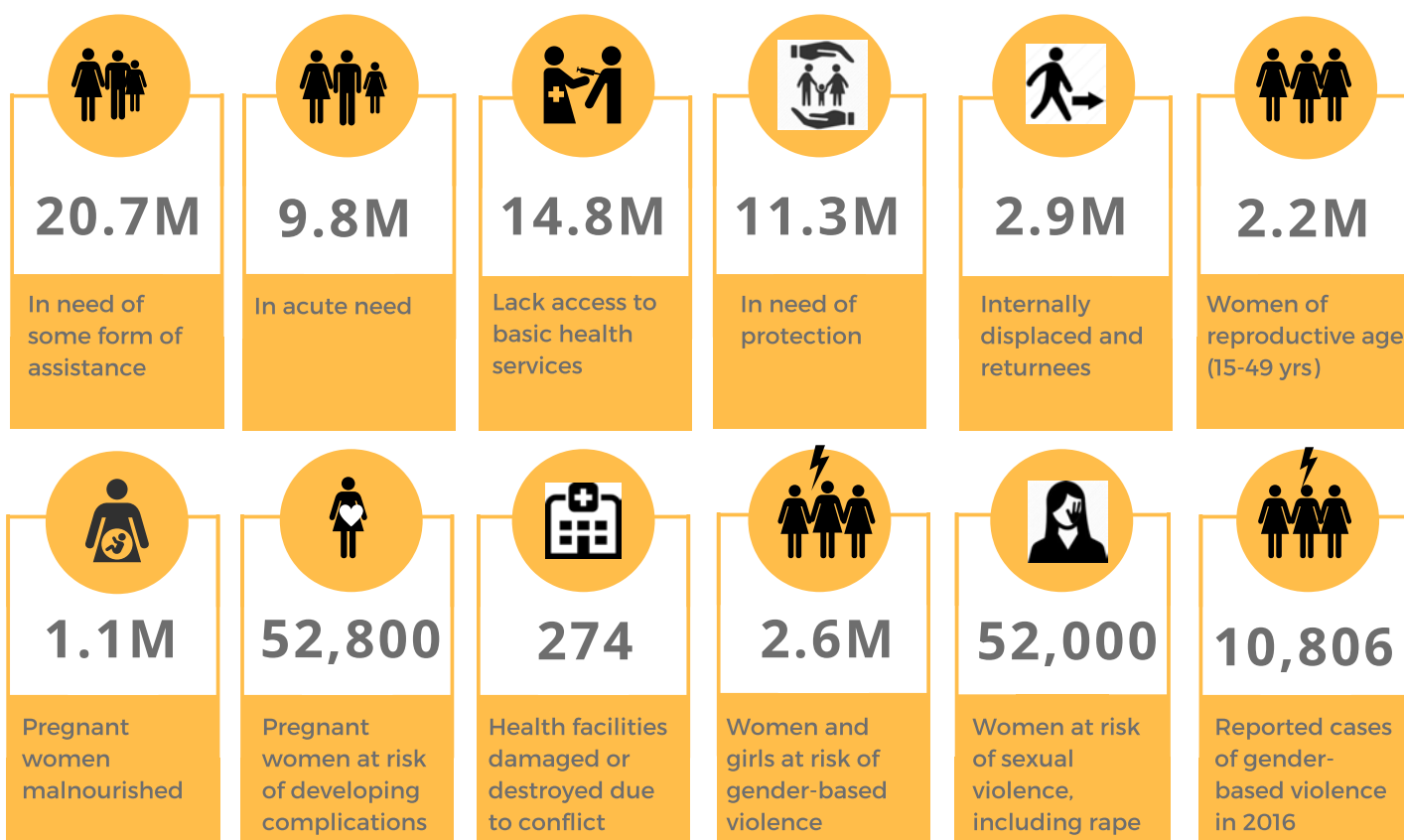
There are an estimated 2.2 million women and girls of childbearing age in Yemen today. Rising food shortages have left an estimated 1.1 million pregnant women malnourished,

and threaten the lives of 52,800 women who are likely to develop complications during childbirth.

In a country with one of the highest rates of maternal mortality in the Arab region, lack of food, poor nutrition and eroding healthcare, worsened by the outbreak of cholera, could mean an increase in premature or low-birth weight babies and severe postpartum bleeding, making the process of giving birth even more life threatening.

As a result of the precarious security situation and the difficulty of access across the country, reproductive health personnel, commodities and services in health facilities have become much more scarce and difficult for women and girls to reach.

The escalation of the conflict and the ensuing humanitarian repercussions have further weakened the position of women and girls in the Yemeni society, leading to a near erosion of their protection mechanisms and to their increased vulnerability to violence and abuse. Incidents of gender-based violence (GBV) have reportedly increased by more than 63 percent over the last two years, putting 2.6 million women at risk of gender-based violence.





## VOICES OF WOMEN AND GIRLS

### Hayat, 29 years old

"After my father died and the conflict erupted, my family became too poor to support me. I soon became a burden to them."

"My family took me to a shelter because they could no longer care for me. At that point, I felt that all my dreams were shattered and that I was just a burden on this world."

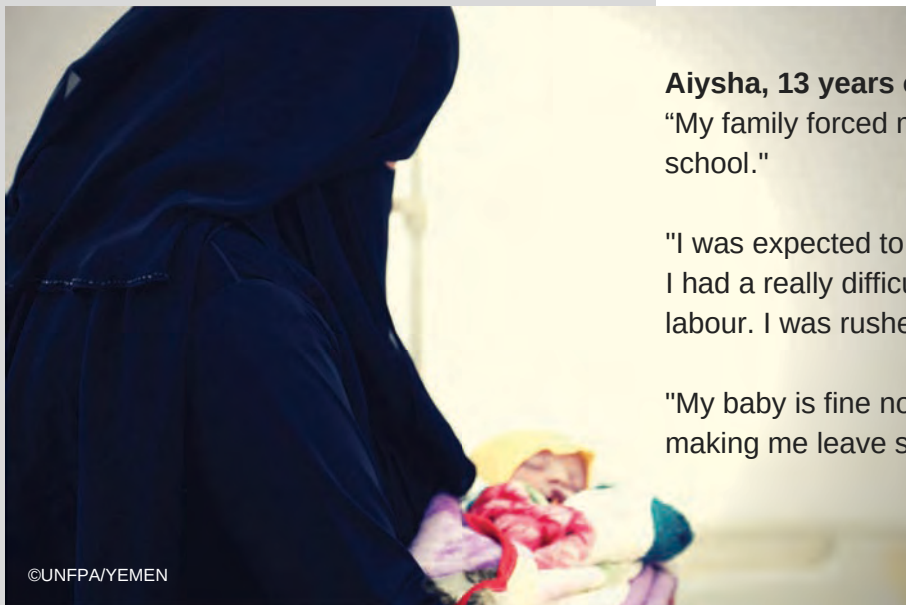


### Aiysha, 13 years old

"My family forced me to get married and took me out of school."

"I was expected to become pregnant soon after the wedding. I had a really difficult pregnancy and complications during labour. I was rushed to hospital."

"My baby is fine now, but I am still angry with my family for making me leave school."



### Ameera, 28 years old

"I fled with my six months old baby to escape clashes near my home. I now live in a camp for displaced persons in Ibb. I was on my own with nobody to help me so I just carried my baby and left. I could not even take any of my belongings."



### Shahd, 10 years old

"We were displaced from Taizz and now live in a school."

"I wish I could go back to my house and sleep in my room. I want to go back to school and be with my classmates and teachers."

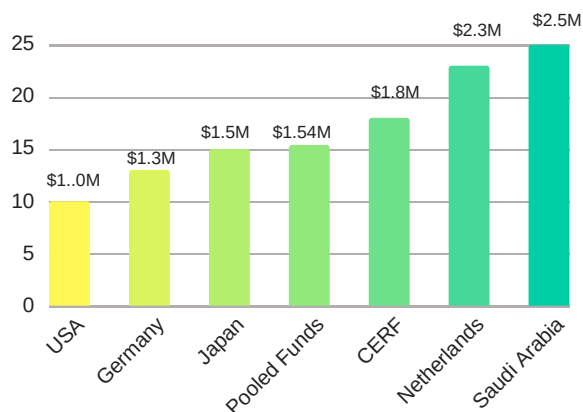
# 2016 MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS

In response to the humanitarian crisis in Yemen, UNFPA has been striving to meet the urgent health needs of women and girls, with a focus on reproductive health, including life-saving services to pregnant women. UNFPA has also stepped up its protection and assistance services to women and girls who face gender-based violence. In cooperation with local authorities, non-governmental organizations and UN agencies across the country, UNFPA managed to provide more than 1 million people with sexual and reproductive health services, and services that prevent and respond to gender-based violence services in 2016.

## 2016 Overview of Impact

- 133 hospitals received emergency obstetric care/equipment, benefiting nearly 37 per cent of the population
- 740,000 benefited from family planning services
- 120,000 reached through mobile clinics
- 6,845 received gender-based violence response services
- 130,000 benefited from reproductive health kits
- 80,000 benefited from dignity kits

## 2016 Donor Contributions



# 1M

More than one million beneficiaries received life-saving services

# 12M

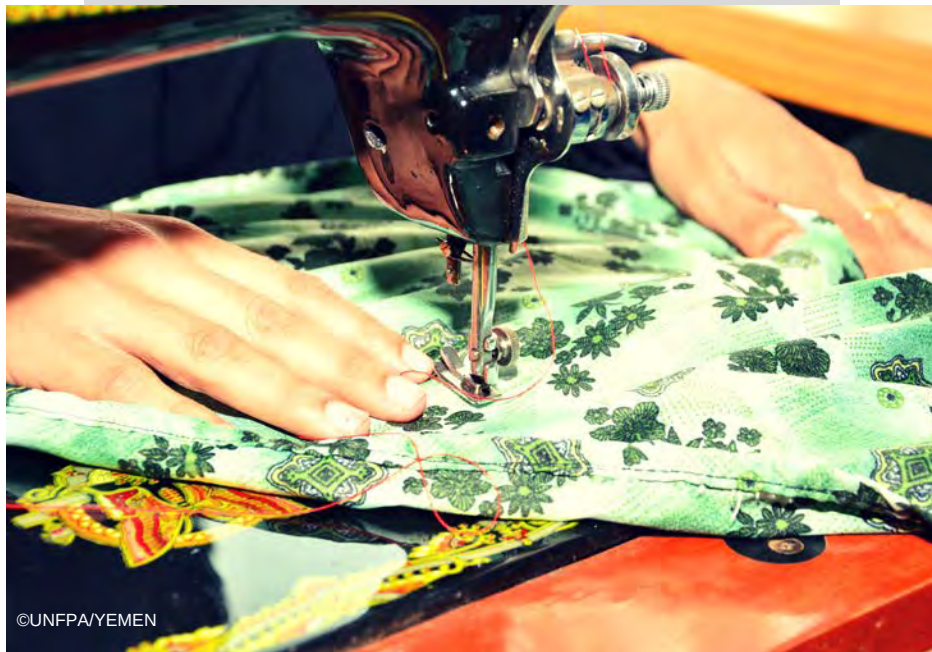
More than US\$12 million received from donor contributions



Highlights of our work. Clockwise photos: sorting of reproductive health kits, distribution of dignity kits, emergency obstetric care equipment in health facilities and mobile clinics in remote villages. Photo credits: ©UNFPA/YEMEN



## VOICES OF CHANGE



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**“We went through the worst time of our life, but we have a new life now.”**

**“I fought an abusive marriage, battled 6 years of depression but now feel that I am finally starting a new life.”**



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### **Warda, 20 years old**

Warda and her husband had to escape the intensifying fighting in Sa'ada when she was three months pregnant.

“I began to bleed heavily. When we reached Amran my husband rushed me to a mobile clinic operating nearby but it was too late. I had lost the baby.”

“I went into a severe depression and was told by the doctors to go to a UNFPA women centre for counselling. At the centre, I learnt new skills and learnt how to sew. I feel much better, and look forward to brighter days’.”

“We went through the worst time in our life, but we have new life now, and we cannot wait for the arrival of our baby.”

### **Samia, 33 years old**

Samia was in an abusive marriage that ended with her husband throwing her out of the house. “At this point I had lost my family, my husband and my children. I remember thinking that life could not get any worse”, said Samia.

“After 6 years of battling depression living on charity, I discovered the ‘women safe space’. Here I received support, counselling, educational classes, and I learnt sewing and embroidery.”

Life almost feels normal again. I am now trying to see my children, as this is my right as a mother.”

# 2017 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

1. Strengthening health systems to provide emergency obstetric and neonatal care and other integrated reproductive health services to reduce maternal mortality and morbidity.

2. Strengthening mechanisms that prevent violence against women and provide protection and services to survivors of gender-based violence, focusing on women and young girls.

3. Specifically address the humanitarian needs that result from the most recent escalation, including famine and cholera.

**\$22.1M**

2017 Total Funding Requirement

**1.2M**

Targeted Population



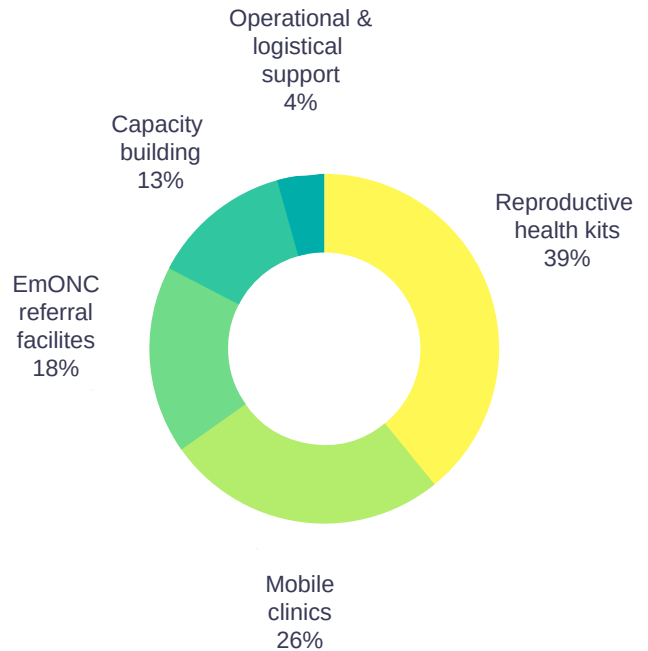
# UNFPA'S HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE: STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

## REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH

- Availability of life-saving reproductive health medicines, supplies and equipment in health facilities
- Mobile medical teams and clinics providing reproductive health services that include safe deliveries and are integrated with nutrition services for pregnant women and cholera prevention information targeting women and young girls
- Reproductive health kits available in medical structures, including cholera treatment centres
- Availability of birth spacing methods accessible to people in health facilities and mobile clinics
- Availability of skilled health providers, particularly midwives, at the community level
- Establishment of a reproductive health information management system
- Coordinate reproductive health response through the RH Inter-Agency Working Group under the health cluster

2017 Requirement: \$11.5M\*

Funded: \$ 7.0M

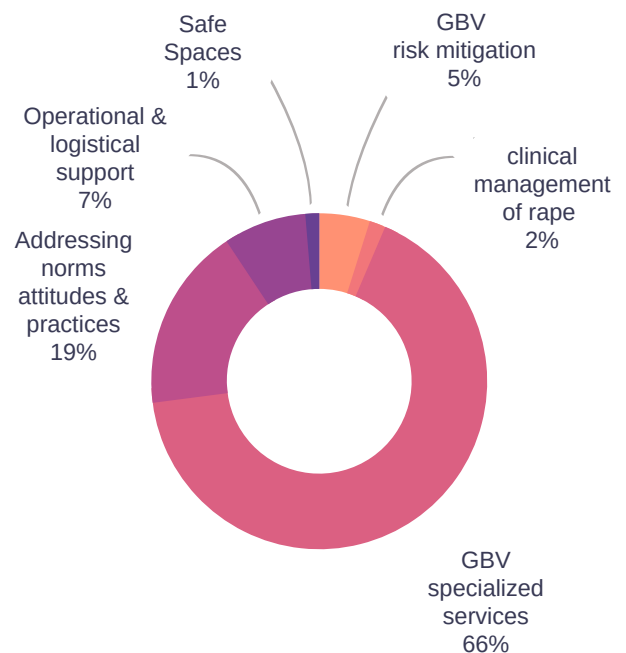


## GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND RESPONSE

- Provide medical supplies including post-rape treatment kits for survivors of gender-based violence
- Provide clinical management of rape and treatment of sexually transmitted infections
- Respond to gender-based violence through the provision of psycho-social support, legal aid, access to safe houses and referrals to health and other services
- Distribute dignity kits, containing menstrual and personal hygiene items, including aquatablets and information on cholera prevention to vulnerable and displaced persons
- Engage men and boys to address gender-based violence at community level
- Strengthen gender-based violence Information and Management System
- Strengthen the community's awareness on issues related to gender-based violence, services available, including cholera prevention and treatment
- Establish referral pathways, protocols and improving capacities and safe access to resources
- Support services and livelihoods opportunities for survivors of gender-based violence
- Lead coordination of gender-based violence response

2017 Requirement: \$10.6M\*

Funded: \$ 6.2 M



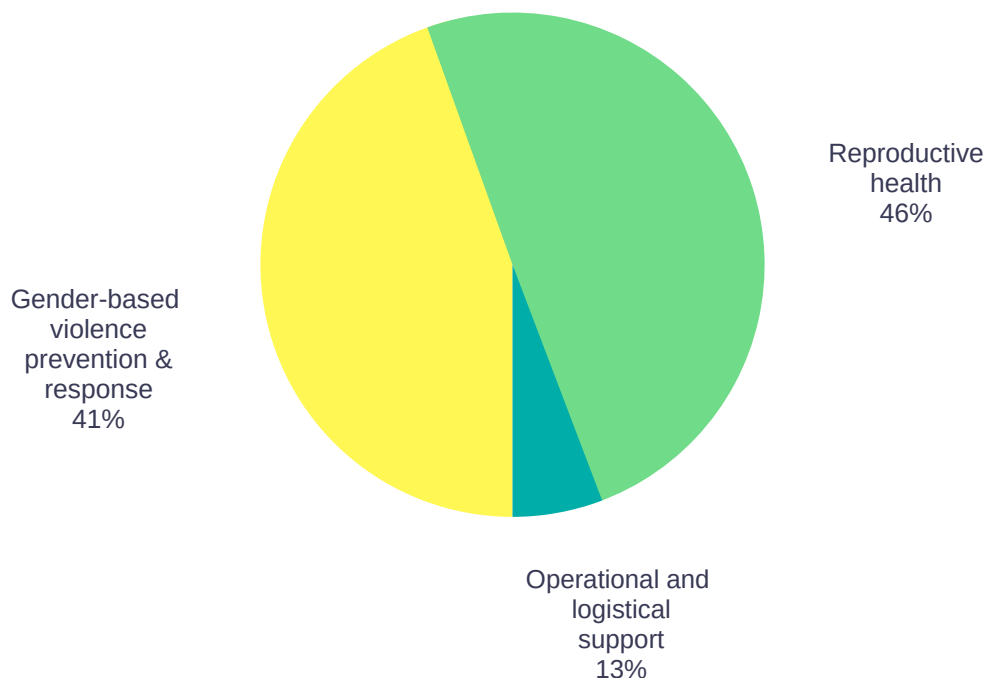


# 2017 FUNDING REQUIREMENTS: OVERVIEW

**\$22.1 M**  
**REQUIRED**

**\$13.2 M**  
**FUNDED**

**\$8.9 M**  
**FUNDING GAP**



## 2017 Requirements by Programme Area

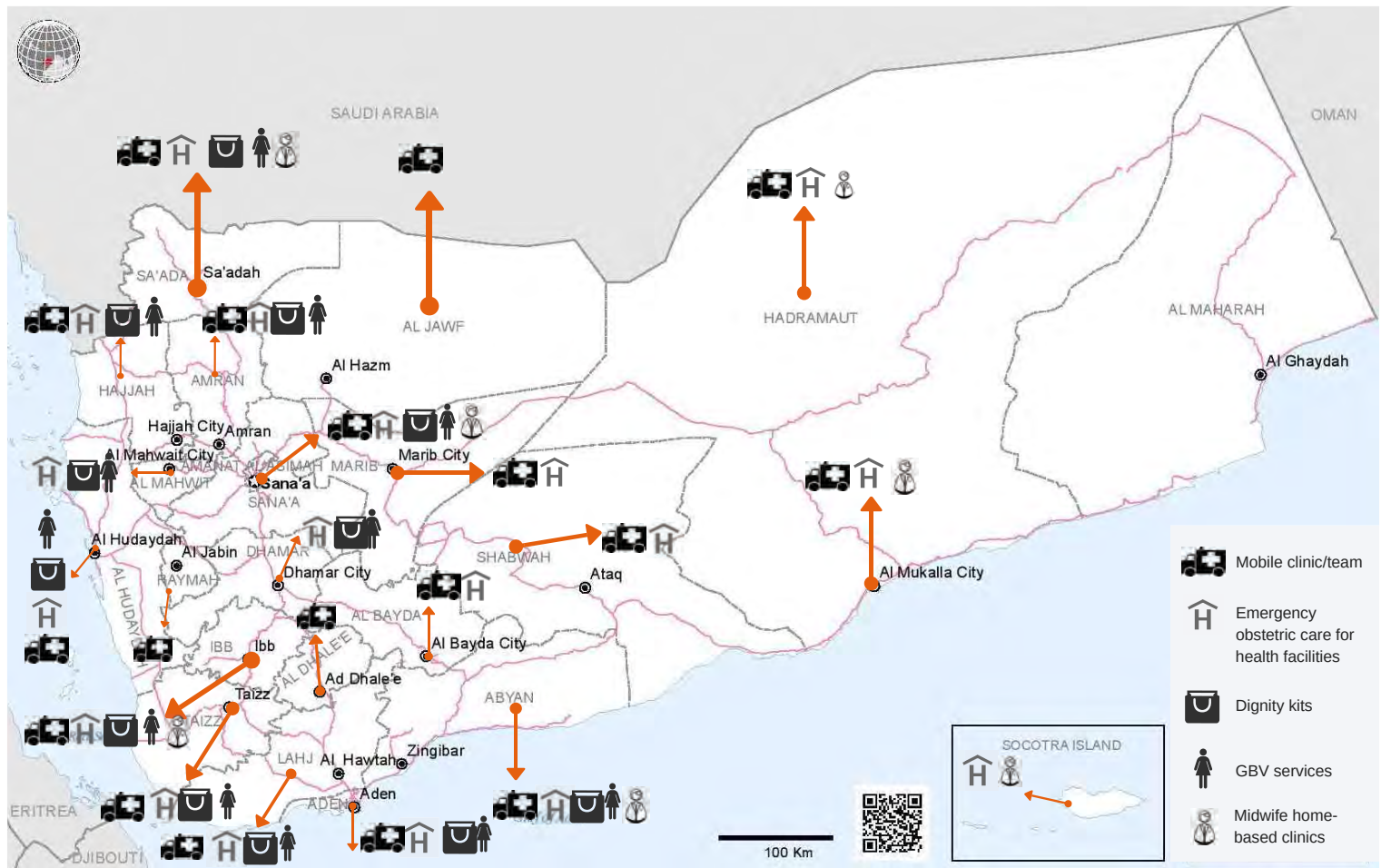
PROGRAMME AREA	USD
<b>Reproductive Health</b>	
Emergency obstetric care	4,500,000
Reproductive health kits	3,000,000
Mobile teams and clinics	2,000,000
Capacity building	1,500,000
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>11,000,000</b>
<b>Gender-based Violence</b>	
GBV risk mitigation	550,000
Clinical management of rape	150,000
Safe spaces	150,000
Specialized GBV services	7,000,000
Addressing norms, attitude, practices	2,000,000
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>9,850,000</b>
Operation Costs	1,288,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>22,138,000</b>

## 2017 Targeted Direct Beneficiaries

PROGRAMME AREA	NO.
<b>Reproductive Health</b>	
Female	600,000
Male	200,000
<b>Gender-based Violence</b>	
Female	389,480
Male (not counted due to indirect status)	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,189,480</b>

# GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE

UNFPA's interventions cover 21 of the 22 governorates in Yemen, supported by a team of 31 staff members (six international staff and 25 national staff). Coordination of interventions are managed at the national level through the UNFPA Country Office in Sana'a and at sub-national level through presence in UN humanitarian hubs. UNFPA currently has presence in all five operational UN humanitarian hubs (Aden, Al Hudaydah, Ibb, Sa'ada and Sana'a). Interventions across the country are dynamic such that they cover evolving needs.



# KEY RESULTS: January to August 2017

## HIGHLIGHTS



**90,295**

People reached with reproductive health services



**1,206,528**

People Reached with Family Planning Services



**58,541**

Dignity Kits



**133**

Health Facilities with Emergency Obstetric Care



**60**

Health Personnel Trained on Reproductive Health Kits - MISP

## PEOPLE REACHED

Number of people reached with reproductive health services

90,295

Number of people reached with mobile clinics

47,862

Number of people directly reached with reproductive health kits

41,735

Individuals reached with family planning services

1,206,528

Dignity Kits distributed

58,541

Women and girls reached with GBV services, counseling, and information on cholera prevention

17,109

Women and girls accessing services provided through service delivery points equipped with Post-Rape Kits

15,000

## SERVICES DELIVERED

Reproductive Health Kits distributed, including in cholera treatment centres

192

Mobile Clinics, integrated with nutrition support and cholera prevention in operation

10

Health Facilities with Emergency Obstetric Care

133

## PERSONNEL TRAINED

Health personnel trained on Reproductive Health Kits – Minimum Initial Service Package

60

## COORDINATION

GBV Sub-Cluster co-lead

NATIONAL

Yes

SUB  
NATIONAL

Yes

GBV Coordinator

Yes

Yes

Reproductive Health Coordinator

Yes

Yes





## WHAT IF... WE FAIL TO RESPOND....

- **At least 1,000 maternal deaths** among an estimated 52,800 women at risk of developing complications during childbirth.
- **Lives of an estimated 52,000 women and girls at risk** from sexual violence, including rape.
- **Collapse in reproductive health facilities**, with only one third of all reproductive health facilities currently functioning.
- **Grave threats to the basic rights** of millions of Yemenis with no support or access to health services, medication and protection.



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