UNFPA RESPONSE IN YEMEN
Monthly Situation Report #03 – March 2017

Key Figures

18.8 million
People in need

10.3 million
People in acute need

14.8 million
People lack access to basic health services

8.8 million
People targeted for life-saving interventions with acute needs

2.0 million
People in internally displaced

2.2 million
Women of girls of reproductive age

352,000
Pregnant women

52,285
Women of reproductive age at risk of sexual violence, including rape

Situation Overview

Twenty-six March 2017 marked two years of relentless conflict in Yemen. This man-made disaster has been brutal on civilians. An alarming 18.8 million of them – almost two thirds of the population – need some form of humanitarian or protection support. Famine is a real possibility in 2017 and some seven million women, children, and men could be affected.

As of 10 March, the fighting the western coast of Taizz Governorate had led to more than 48,000 people being displaced from across Taizz Governorate. The majority are from Al Mukha and Dhubab districts in the south-west. Nearly all displaced people are sheltering in more secure areas of Taizz Governorate (73 per cent) or neighbouring Al Hudaydah Governorate (20 per cent).

Humanitarian partners have provided direct, in-kind relief to nearly 120,000 people, including IDPs, host communities and residents of affected areas. In addition, partners are supporting critical services through assistance to local water networks and health facilities, as well as offering protection. Access to the most affected areas of Taizz remains challenging due to ongoing clashes and movement restrictions imposed by parties to the conflict. Assistance in some sectors has concentrated mainly on Al Hudaydah, with further scale-up planned in Taizz.

Challenges

• Suspension of NGO operations in Yemen: The operations of Humanitarian Aid Development a UNFPA implementing partner, conducting mobile clinics in Sa’ada Governorate was suspended from operation.

• Fluctuating exchange rate of the Yemeni Riyal against the US Dollar and a cash deficit in the country has made programme and procurement activities more costly.

Funding Status

• The UNFPA response is currently funded at 18 percent with a funding gap of $18.1 million.