

UNFPA Response in Yemen

MONTHLY SITUATION REPORT



A displaced woman in Sa'ada with her rapid response mechanism kit . ©UNFPAYEMEN

FAST FACTS



24.1M
In need of some form of assistance



14.3M
In acute need



19.7M
Lack access to basic health services



14.4M
In need of protection



3.3M
Internally displaced



6.0M
Women of reproductive age (15-49 yrs)



1.0M
Pregnant women malnourished



120,000
Women and girls at risk of violence

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTH

Conflict, protracted displacement, disease and deprivation continues to inflict suffering on the country's population as the crisis in Yemen enters another year. Disruption to commercial imports, inflation, lack of salary payments to civil servants and rising prices of basic commodities are exacerbating people's vulnerability. Only half of health facilities are fully functioning. **Needs have intensified across all sectors.** Millions of Yemenis are hungrier, sicker and more vulnerable now than they were a year ago.

Despite a difficult operating environment, **254 international and national partners** actively coordinate to assist people with the most acute needs in priority districts across Yemen's 22 governorates. Together they have assisted over 7.9 million people monthly with some form of humanitarian assistance.

The Security Council decided on 16 January 2019 to establish a **special political mission** to support implementation of the ceasefire agreement reached in Stockholm on 13 December 2018 between the Government of Yemen and the Houthi militia covering the city and port of Hodeidah, as well as the ports of Salif and Ras Issa. The Hodieda Agreement (UNMHA), with an initial mandate of six months – will lead and support the Redeployment Coordination Commission tasked with overseeing the ceasefire, redeployment of forces and mine action operations.

In 2019, **UNFPA will escalate its operations to reach 5.5 million people** in urgent need of lifesaving reproductive health and protection services. UNFPA's interventions will aim at strengthening health systems to provide emergency obstetric and neonatal care and integrated reproductive services to reduce maternal mortality and morbidity; strengthening mechanisms to protect women and girls from different forms of violence; and reach newly displaced people with emergency life-saving packages through the Rapid Response Mechanism.

UNFPA HUMANITARIAN HUB RESPONSE

UNFPA's interventions cover all 22 governorates in Yemen. Overall coordination is handled by UNFPA's office in Sana'a. In other governorates, joint UN humanitarian hubs coordinate. UNFPA has presence in all operational UN humanitarian hubs. Services and supplies provided at humanitarian hubs in Al Hudaydah, Aden, Ibb and Sana'a and Sa'ada are detailed below:

AL HUDAYDAH HUB

- 30,540 women and girls received reproductive health services.
- 42 health facilities supported by UNFPA to provide **emergency obstetric and neonatal care**. This includes 6 hospitals providing C-sections.
- 314 women and girls received comprehensive **multi-sectoral protection services**.

ADEN HUB

- **8,795** women and girls received reproductive health services.
- **27 health facilities supported** to provide emergency obstetric and neonatal care, including 7 hospitals providing C-sections.
- 518 women and girls received comprehensive **multi-sectoral protection services**.

IBB HUB

- **450** women and girls received reproductive health services.
- Some 265 women and girls received comprehensive multi-sectoral **protection services**.

SANA'A HUB

- **12,261** women and girls received reproductive health services.
- 1,733 women and girls received comprehensive **multi-sectoral protection services**.

SA'ADA HUB

- **3,438** women and girls received reproductive health services.
- **112** women and girls received comprehensive **multi-sectoral protection services**.



EXPANDING EMERGENCY OBSTETRIC CARE

The first cesarean section at Kharef Hospital ©Relief International

"When I started experiencing contractions, my husband rushed me to the Dhahian Health Facility in Sa'ada. They immediately transferred me to the Kharef Hospital in Amran, which was said to have a new maternity unit established by UNFPA.

"The gynecologist told me I was 36 weeks and 5 days into my pregnancy with an extended pelvis and in labour. The Cesarean went smoothly and almost 20 minutes later, tears of joy filled our eyes as we welcomed our first born, a beautiful boy weighing 2.8 kilograms.

This was the first C-Section at Kharef Hospital in Amran, which the staff told me they had waited for 39 years." – Nasaeh, 21 years old.

UNFPA's reproductive health interventions are supported by contributions from Canada, European Union, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and United Arab Emirates.

RAPID RESPONSE MECHANISM (RRM)

UNFPA is leading the efforts of three agencies i.e. UNFPA, UNICEF and WFP to distribute immediate, most critical life-saving emergency supplies to families who are newly displaced, on the move, in hard-to-reach areas or stranded close to the front lines, as well as most vulnerable returnees. The RRM minimum assistance package is comprised of these components: (1) ready to eat food provided by WFP; (2) family basic hygiene kits provided by UNICEF; and (3) one female dignity/transit kit provided by UNFPA. A total of 18, 761 RRM kits were distributed in January 2019. Other highlights for the period June 2018 to January 2019 include:

HIGHLIGHTS FROM JUNE 2018 TO JANUARY 2019

Since June 2018, RRM kits were delivered to **196,153 families (over 1,117,000 individuals)**.

120,070 RRM kits distributed through the **Hudaydah** humanitarian hub from June 2018 to January 2019.

24,849 RRM kits distributed through the **Aden** humanitarian hub from June 2018 to January 2019.

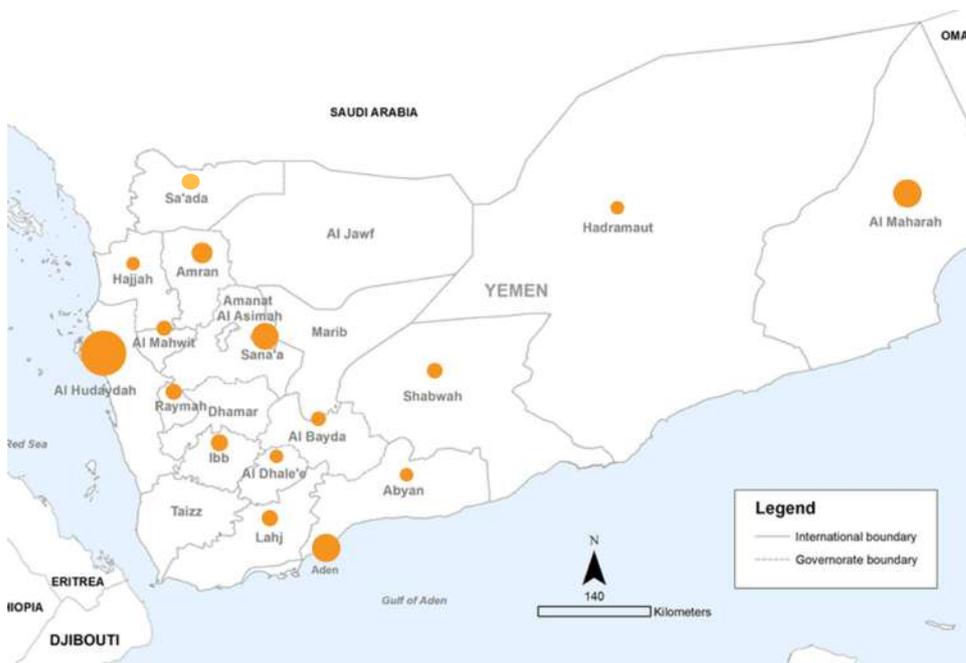
33,468 RRM kits distributed through **Sana'a** humanitarian hub from June 2018 to January 2019.

10,339 RRM kits distributed through the **Ibb** humanitarian hub from June to December 2018.

2,700 RRM kits distributed through the **Sa'ada** humanitarian hub in January 2019.



Distribution of RRM kits among displaced families in Sa'ada Governorate.



The RRM is operational country-wide. The map indicates RRM distribution by governorate and volume of distribution in January 2019.

Donors to the RRM: European Union Humanitarian Aid, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Yemen Humanitarian Pooled Fund

IN THE NEWS

PEOPLE REACHED

NO.

No. of people reached with reproductive health services

39,750

Individuals reached with Family Planning services

22,007

Dignity kits distributed

18,761

No. of survivors of violence reached with protection services

2,942

No. of health facilities supported with emergency obstetric care

235

Number of safe spaces supported

15

Number of women shelters established with UNFPA support

6



Solar energy for midwives to operate their home clinics
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New safe spaces in Taizz to address women's protection needs
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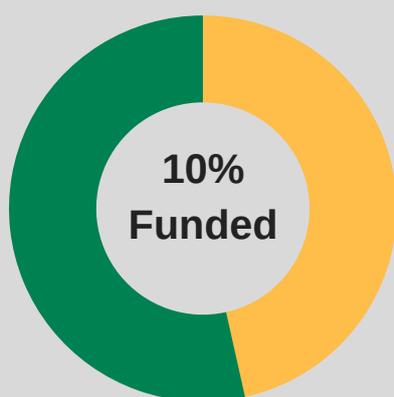
New emergency teams established for women's protection
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2019 HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE PLAN FUNDING STATUS

\$110.5 M
REQUIRED

\$10 M
FUNDED

100.5 M
FUNDING GAP



2019 Donors (alphabetical order): Canada, European Union Humanitarian Aid, Kuwait, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, WHO, Yemen Humanitarian Pooled Fund

KEY CHALLENGES

- Lack of humanitarian access to conflict-affected areas.
- 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.