

UNFPA Response in Yemen

MONTHLY SITUATION REPORT



Offloading UNFPA reproductive health kits at a warehouse in Sana'a, Yemen © UNFPA Yemen

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

Nearly four years of conflict has disintegrated the economic and social fabric. The **poverty rate** is projected to have increased by 33 per cent since 2014, which means that 52 per cent of the population is likely to live in poverty in 2019.

The number of reported suspected cases of **cholera and acute watery diarrhoea** spiked in March 2019; 108,880 suspected cases were reported between 1 January and 17 March.

At least seven civilians were killed and eight injured as a result of an **airstrike on a hospital in Kitaf District** in Sa'ada Governorate on 26 March and on 23rd March, at one of the **main public hospitals in Taizz City**, which UNFPA supports to provide emergency obstetric care services.

Fighting continued to displace people in **Hajjah Governorate**. By the end of March, up to 68,000 families were estimated to be displaced within or from Hajjah. UNFPA, as lead of the **Rapid Response Mechanism (RRM)** was quick to seek access to transfer more than 10,000 RRM kits to Hajjah. By 30th March some 6,500 families received rapid response kits. In addition 1,500 kits were distributed among displaced persons from Hajjah across temporary shelters in Sana'a and Amran Governorates.

UNFPA supported the Ministry of Health to establish a **Logistics Information Management System** for reproductive health commodities in south Yemen. The system aims to monitor stock levels of these commodities and ensuring uninterrupted availability with zero stock-outs, while providing real-time information on the amount and place of need.

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 in March 2019 at humanitarian hubs in Al Hudaydah, Al Mukalla, Aden, Ibb and Sana'a and Sa'ada are detailed below:

AL HUDAYDAH HUB

- **18,825** women and girls received reproductive health services.
- **60 health facilities supported** by UNFPA to provide emergency obstetric and neonatal care. This includes 6 hospitals providing C-sections.
- 1,160 women and girls received comprehensive **multi-sectoral protection services**.

ADEN HUB

- **8,356** women and girls received reproductive health services.
- **23 health facilities supported** to provide emergency obstetric and neonatal care, including 7 hospitals providing C-sections.
- 613 women and girls received comprehensive **multi-sectoral protection services**.

IBB HUB

- **22,129** women and girls received reproductive health services.
- **81 health facilities supported** to provide emergency obstetric and neonatal care.
- Some 1,047 women and girls received comprehensive **multi-sectoral protection services**.

SANA'A HUB

- **12,694** women and girls received reproductive health services.
- **33 health facilities supported** to provide emergency obstetric and neonatal care.
- 1,634 women and girls received comprehensive **multi-sectoral protection services**.

SA'ADA HUB

- **3,200** women and girls received reproductive health services.
- **18 health facilities supported** to provide emergency obstetric and neonatal care.
- **102** women and girls received comprehensive **multi-sectoral protection services**.



CHALLENGING THE NORMS AMIDST CONFLICT

"I married when I was 14 years to a very old man. My dreams of an education, a job and my independence were all shattered that day. My life revolved around looking after my six children, until recently when my husband lost his job due to the crisis. It was a stressful time as we had no means to feed the children."

"UNFPA provided me with psycho-social support and enrolled me in the Springboard Training Programme. This helped me understand how to handle my finances and start a business. With the grant I received to start the business I took on something bold by starting a security company, which is normally done by men. Now I have my own team of trained female security officers. We provide security services for weddings, exhibitions and bazaars. I am a different woman now. A strong, empowered one, providing for her whole family." -- Bushra

In 2018, UNFPA began to support more specialized psycho-social support services with the establishment of two psycho-social support centres in Aden and Sana'a Governorates in partnership with the Family Counselling and Development Foundation. These centres have helped to fill a major gap in the provision of mental health and psycho-social support services in the country. The centres have provided specialized mental health support to more than 7,000 survivors of different forms of violence.

The centres have been established with contributions from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and United Arab Emirates.

AL MUKALLA HUB

- **1,879** women and girls received reproductive health services.
- **7 health facilities supported** to provide emergency obstetric and neonatal care.
- **8,575 transit kits** distributed as part of the rapid response mechanism.

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. More than 19,718 RRM kits were distributed in March 2019. Other highlights for the period June 2018 to March 2019 include:

HIGHLIGHTS FROM JUNE 2018 TO MARCH 2019

Since June 2018, RRM kits were delivered to **213,589 families (over 1,280,000 individuals)**.

133,280 RRM kits distributed through the **Hudaydah** humanitarian hub from June 2018 to March 2019.

28,916 RRM kits distributed through the **Aden** humanitarian hub from June 2018 to March 2019.

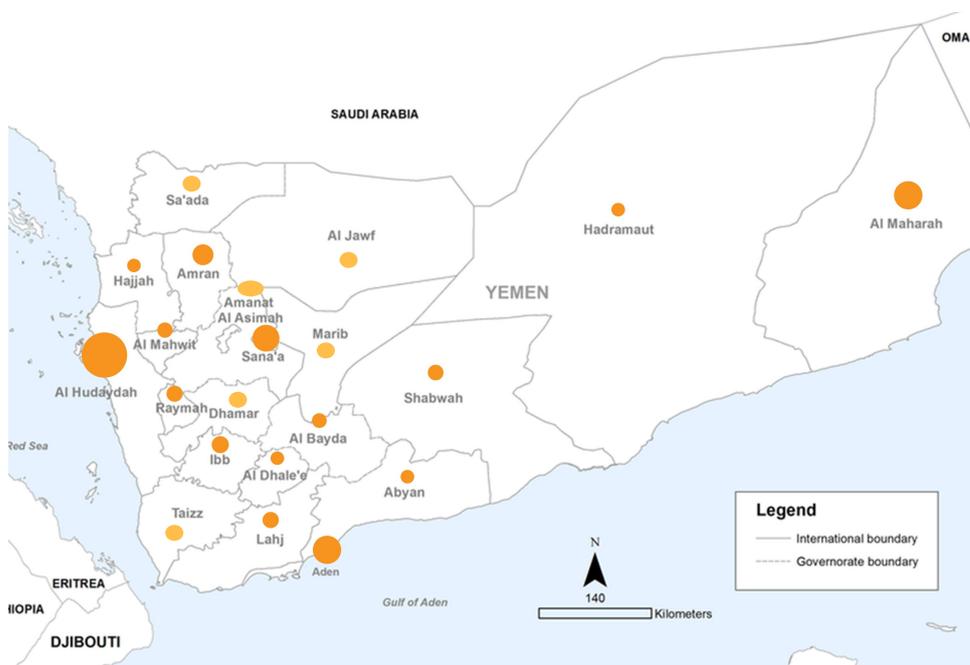
36,178 RRM kits distributed through **Sana'a** humanitarian hub from June 2018 to March 2019.

9,745 RRM kits distributed through the **Ibb** humanitarian hub from June 2018 to March 2019.

5,470 RRM kits distributed through the **Sa'ada** humanitarian hub up to March 2019.



Distribution of RRM kits among displaced families in Aden and Al Dale and Sa'ada Governorates.



The RRM is operational country-wide. The map indicates RRM distribution by governorate and volume of distribution in March 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	169,549
Individuals reached with Family Planning services	71,445
Dignity kits distributed	51,512
No. of survivors of violence reached with protection services	11,056
No. of health facilities supported with reproductive health services	235
Number of safe spaces supported	15
Number of women shelters established with UNFPA support	6



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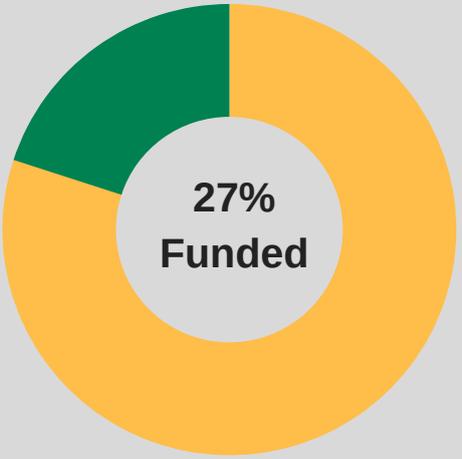
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2019 HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE PLAN FUNDING STATUS

\$110.5 M
REQUIRED

\$30.3 M
FUNDED

80.2 M
FUNDING GAP



2019 Donors (alphabetical order): Canada, European Union Humanitarian Aid, Iceland, 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.