

# UNFPA Response in Yemen

## MONTHLY SITUATION REPORT



A woman who has undergone successful obstetric fistula operation with her husband at a UNFPA-supported fistula unit © 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

The conflict continues to intensify in Yemen, while levels of humanitarian need continue to stagger. **Eighty per cent of the population – more than 24 million people – need assistance and protection, including 10 million who rely on food aid to survive.** Fighting this year has displaced more than 250,000 people.

**Torrential rains and flooding** in different areas of the country culminated in widespread flooding affecting close to 70,000 families across the country. Hajjah Governorate was the worst hit, more than 8,000 families (almost 48,000 people) being affected. UNFPA was quick to respond through the rapid response mechanism with emergency relief items distributed to those affected.

**The Yemen Humanitarian Response Plan (YHRP) continues to be seriously under-funded.** As of 19 June 2019, it was 28 per cent funded, compared with 52 per cent funded at the end of June 2018. **UNFPA's response received US\$33.7 million of the US\$110.5 million required,** by end June. A funding shortage could jeopardize the expansion of reproductive health and women's protection services.

**UNFPA's continues to upscale its humanitarian response in areas of intensified fighting such as Hajjah and Al Dhale'e Governorates.** In Al Dhale'e, where more than 60,000 people have been displaced in recent weeks, UNFPA is supporting seven hospitals with emergency obstetric care service and has provided reproductive health services to nearly 2,000 women in June alone. Without such services, pregnant women would have to travel over four hours to reach a hospital along damaged roads and areas of intense fighting. In Hajjah, 13 health facilities are being supported with emergency obstetric care, with over 10,000 women receiving services in June. UNFPA has also established safe spaces, shelters and mobile teams providing protection services in these governorates.

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

## AL HUDAYDAH HUB

- **23,577** women and girls received reproductive health services.
- **62 health facilities supported** by UNFPA to provide emergency obstetric and neonatal care. This includes 6 hospitals providing C-sections.
- 832 women and girls received comprehensive **multi-sectoral protection services**.

## ADEN HUB

- **6,263** women and girls received reproductive health services.
- **19 health facilities supported** to provide emergency obstetric and neonatal care, including 7 hospitals providing C-sections.
- 948 women and girls received comprehensive **multi-sectoral protection services**.

## IBB HUB

- **30,200** women and girls received reproductive health services.
- **128 health facilities supported** to provide emergency obstetric and neonatal care.
- 914 women and girls received comprehensive **multi-sectoral protection services**.

## SANA'A HUB

- **13,144** women and girls received reproductive health services.
- **28 health facilities supported** to provide emergency obstetric and neonatal care.
- 2,488 women and girls received comprehensive **multi-sectoral protection services**.

## SA'ADA HUB

- **4,923** women and girls received reproductive health services.
- **20 health facilities supported** to provide emergency obstetric and neonatal care.
- **144** women and girls received comprehensive **multi-sectoral protection services**.

## A SHELTER FROM VIOLENCE AND ABUSE

"My mother would send me out to the streets to beg and sell myself to men to feed the family. I was abused by a lot of men. By 11 years I had already lost my virginity. I had no escape, if I didn't bring money home, I would be beaten up by my mother too. I have never been to school.

I was desperate to escape this life and my family, so I voluntarily gave myself in to the police. They put me in jail, where I stayed for over a month, then I was handed over to a shelter.

At the shelter, I got the care and kindness I had always longed for. I was finally learning to read and write like other girls my age. I am also learning to make incense.

I do not want to go back home. I feel safe and happy at the shelter. Please do not give up on me. I will do whatever it takes but do not send me back to that life." -- Nojood 12 years old

UNFPA has established six shelters across Yemen to provide a safe space for women and girls like Nojood who are at risk of or survivors of sexual violence. The shelter helps them to recover from shock, traumatic experiences, and rebuild their self-esteem and take steps to regain a self-determined and independent life.

## AL MUKALLA HUB

- **7,274** women and girls received reproductive health services.
- **13 health facilities supported** to provide emergency obstetric and neonatal care.

# 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 12, 719 RRM kits were distributed in June 2019. Other highlights for the period June 2018 to June 2019 include:

## HIGHLIGHTS FROM JUNE 2018 TO JUNE 2019

Since June 2018, RRM kits were delivered to **275,284 families (over 1,650,000 individuals)**.

171,212 RRM kits distributed through the **Al Hudaydah** humanitarian hub from June 2018 to June 2019.

40,880 RRM kits distributed through the **Aden** humanitarian hub from June 2018 to June 2019.

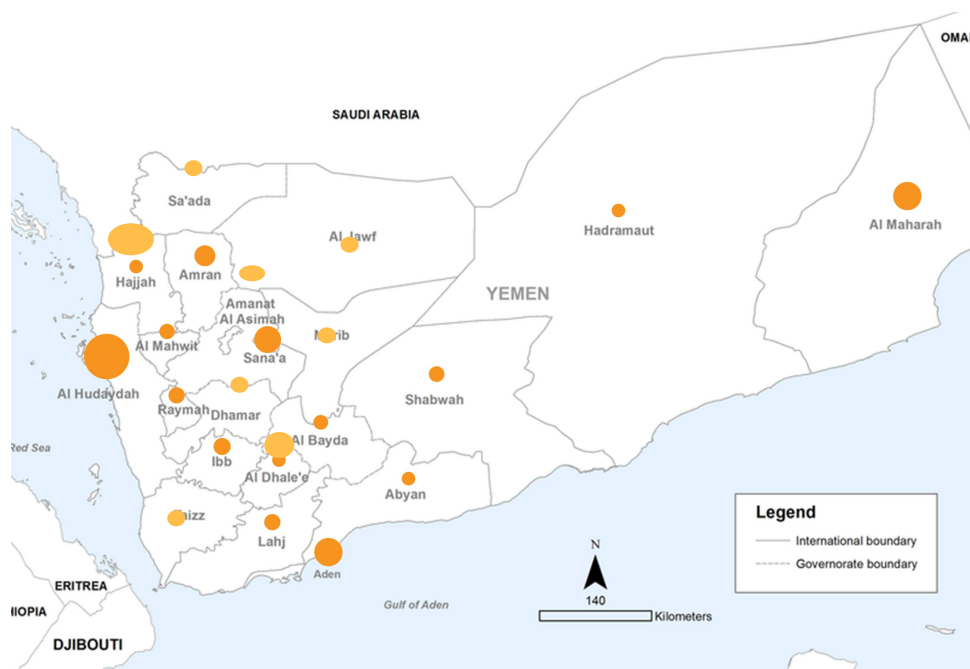
48,774 RRM kits distributed through **Sana'a** humanitarian hub from June 2018 to June 2019.

13,329 RRM kits distributed through the **Ibb** humanitarian hub from June 2018 to June 2019.

13,103 RRM kits distributed through the **Sa'ada** humanitarian hub up to June 2019.



Distribution of RRM kits among displaced families in Al Dhale'e and Sana'a.



The RRM is operational country-wide. The map indicates RRM distribution by governorate and volume of distribution in June 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	390,400
Individuals reached with Family Planning services	151,965
Dignity kits distributed	120,118
No. of survivors of violence reached with protection services	27,573
No. of health facilities supported with reproductive health services	268
Number of safe spaces supported	18
Number of women shelters established with UNFPA support	6



At 16 years, Yusra starts providing for her entire family by learning to sew at a UNFPA-supported safe space.

**Watch..**



Displaced with no food to feed her six children, Om Abdullah takes on the challenge to become the breadwinner for her family. **Watch...**



UNFPA up scales its response in Al Dhale'e as fighting intensifies in the area.

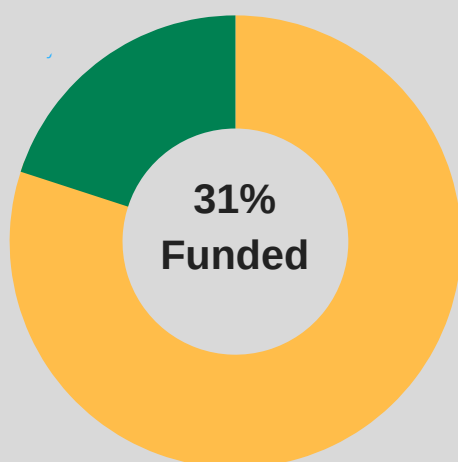
**Read more...**

### 2019 HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE PLAN FUNDING STATUS

**\$110.5 M**  
**REQUIRED**

**\$33.7 M**  
**FUNDED**

**76.8 M**  
**FUNDING GAP**



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

Delays in transportation of supplies due to bureaucratic impediments.