

UNFPA Response in Yemen

MONTHLY SITUATION REPORT



Midwives at a UNFPA-supported health facility in Sana'a © 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

Yemen is the world's worst humanitarian crisis and levels of humanitarian needs are staggering. **Eighty percent of the population – 24.1 million people – need some form of humanitarian assistance.** A total of 230 out of Yemen's 333 districts (69 per cent) are at risk of **famine**. Cholera remains widespread in 90 per cent of the districts. More than **452,000 cumulative suspected cholera cases** were reported since January 2019. Some **3.34 million people are internally displaced** across the country; another 1 million have returned to their homes. An estimated 375,000 people have been displaced since the beginning of 2019. Conditions are worst in conflict-affected areas, including in the sub-districts where humanitarian access is limited. The UNFPA led, **UN Rapid Response Mechanism** has provided lifesaving emergency relief items to more than 2.3 million newly displaced person since June 2018.

The conflict has severely disrupted economic activity along with significant damage to infrastructure and a wide suspension of basic public services, including health services where only 50 percent of health facilities are fully functional and 37 percent of those providing reproductive health services. The loss of oil receipts has created an acute foreign exchange shortage. This, coupled with the fragmentation of state institutions, has interrupted supply of foreign exchange for essential imports and payment of public sector salaries, fueling inflation and exacerbating the humanitarian crisis.

Despite a difficult operating environment, since the beginning of 2019, **201 international and national humanitarian organisations continue to work across Yemen**, responding to the most acute needs. Together, they delivered some form of humanitarian assistance to over 11.6 million people since January 2019. **UNFPA has reached nearly a million people with reproductive health and protection services**, and more than 700,000 women with dignity kits containing personal hygiene items, since the beginning of the year.

Rigorous resource mobilization efforts have enabled UNFPA to secure more than **US\$50 million towards its response within the last three months**. UNFPA appealed for US\$110.5 million for its response in 2019. To date, 79 per cent of funding has been received.

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

AL HUDAYDAH HUB

- **29,367** women and girls received reproductive health services.
- **59 health facilities supported** by UNFPA to provide emergency obstetric and neonatal care. This includes 6 hospitals providing C-sections.
- 1,947 women and girls received comprehensive **multi-sectoral protection services**.

ADEN HUB

- **26,393** women and girls received reproductive health services.
- **60 health facilities supported** to provide emergency obstetric and neonatal care, including 7 hospitals providing C-sections.
- 3,121 women and girls received comprehensive **multi-sectoral protection services**.

IBB HUB

- **14,640** women and girls received reproductive health services.
- **42 health facilities supported** to provide emergency obstetric and neonatal care.
- 2,529 women and girls received comprehensive **multi-sectoral protection services**.

SANA'A HUB

- **17,110** women and girls received reproductive health services.
- **32 health facilities supported** to provide emergency obstetric and neonatal care.
- 2,769 women and girls received comprehensive **multi-sectoral protection services**.

SA'ADA HUB

- **4,521** women and girls received reproductive health services.
- **19 health facilities supported** to provide emergency obstetric and neonatal care.
- 405 women and girls received comprehensive **multi-sectoral protection services**.

RELIEF FROM A DIFFICULT DISPLACEMENT

Ashwaq and her four children left their home in Taizz City when their house caught fire from days on intense fighting. They headed towards Sana'a, Yemen's capital, in search of a place to rent. Upon arrival in Sana'a they soon realized they could not afford any of the houses available as rent prices had doubled with the large influx of displaced persons into the capital. With no source of income for the family following displacement, they had to seek temporary accommodation from a relative.

"The displacement was very hard for us, there was not enough room for the six of us at my husband's aunt's house; we were all squeezed into a single bed. Within two weeks we searched again for a house, we were lucky to find a room and a bathroom in exchange for taking care of the large house. However, we soon realized we were running out of money to buy daily essentials and medicines for our paralyzed son," tells Ashwaq.

Seeing the plight of Ashwaq and her family, a neighbour directed them towards a relief centre where Rapid Response Mechanism kits were being distributed.

"We are able to sustain ourselves with the food and essential items available in this relief package. It is a big relief for us. I am so happy that we did not give up and sought help to keep our children fed and clean. My only wish now is to find treatment for my son," tells Ashwaq.

The UN rapid response mechanism, led by UNFPA, provides minimum assistance package comprising of ready to eat food provided by WFP; basic family hygiene kits provided by UNICEF and female dignity kits provided by UNFPA. Since June 2018, more than 2.3 million displaced persons have been assisted through the Rapid Response Mechanism.

AL MUKALLA HUB

- **2,751** women and girls received reproductive health services.
- **7 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 8,932 RRM kits were distributed in November 2019. Other highlights for the period June 2018 to November 2019 include:

HIGHLIGHTS FROM JUNE 2018 TO NOVEMBER 2019

Since June 2018, RRM kits were delivered to **339,440 families (over 2,376,080 individuals)**.

191,603 RRM kits distributed through the **Al Hudaydah** humanitarian hub from June 2018 to November 2019.

56,721 RRM kits distributed through the **Aden** humanitarian hub from June 2018 to November 2019.

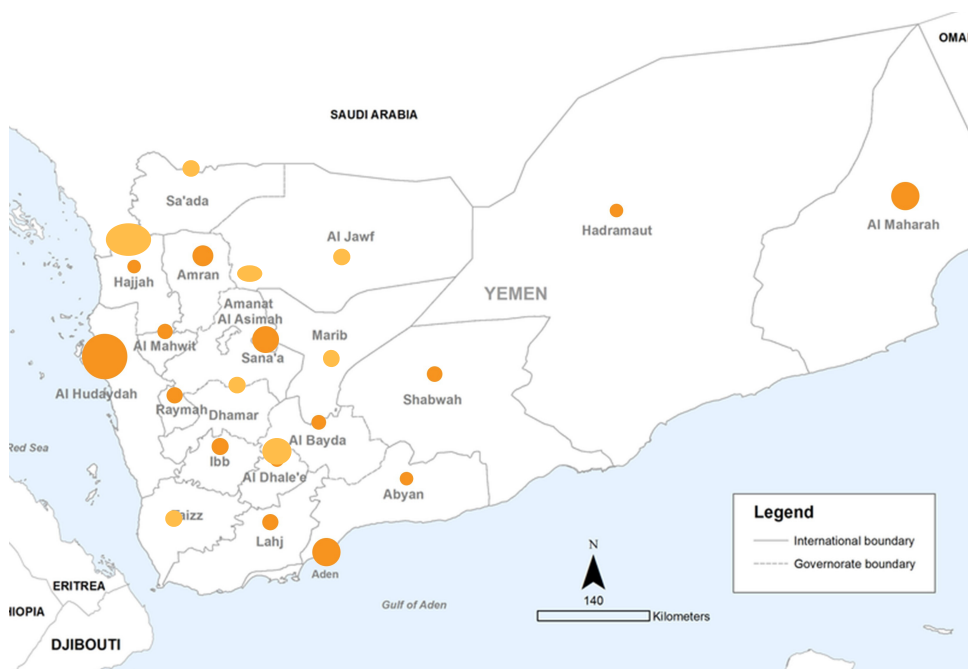
54,024 RRM kits distributed through **Sana'a** humanitarian hub from June 2018 to November 2019.

18,260 RRM kits distributed through the **Ibb** humanitarian hub from June 2018 to November 2019.

18,832 RRM kits distributed through the **Sa'ada** humanitarian hub up to November 2019.



Distribution of RRM kits among displaced families in Sa'ada and Sana'a Governorates



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

Donors to the RRM: European Union Humanitarian Aid

IN THE NEWS

PEOPLE REACHED

	NO.
No. of people reached with reproductive health services	811,594
No. of safe deliveries supported	123,103
No. of cesarean sections supported	20,824
Individuals reached with Family Planning services	299,233
Dignity kits distributed	172,558
No. of survivors of violence reached with protection services	70,484
No. of health facilities supported with reproductive health services	219
No. of safe spaces supported	37
No. of women shelters established with UNFPA support	6
No. of specialized psychological care centres	3
No. of mobile protection teams in collective sites	88



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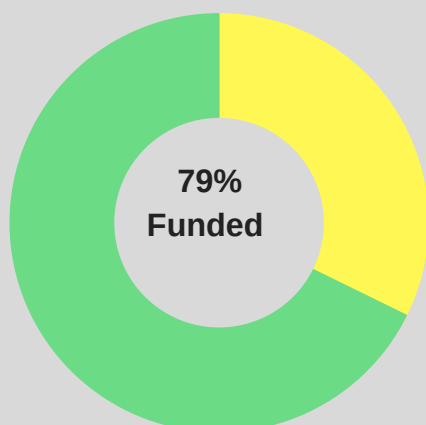
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2019 HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE PLAN FUNDING STATUS (US\$)

\$110.5 M
REQUIRED

\$87M
FUNDED

\$23.5 M
FUNDING GAP



KEY CHALLENGES

- Lack of humanitarian access to conflict-affected areas.
- Limited funding available for the continued provision of humanitarian services upto the end of the year.
- Lack of national resources for the provision of basic social services.
- Lack of health workers in severely conflict-affected areas.
- Increasing difficulties for implementing partners to obtain clearances to operate in some conflict-affected areas.
- Delays in transportation of supplies due to bureaucratic impediments.

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