SITUATION UPDATE

Since 19 January 2020 military operations escalated significantly within Marib, Sana’a and Al Jawf Governorates. To date, 1,345 newly displaced households (9,415 individuals) have been identified by the Rapid Response Mechanism (RRM) partners, with reportedly increasing displacement.

Most of the households have been displaced to Ma’rib City, Al Khalq, and Ma’rib Al Wady Districts within Marib Governorate, Bani and Husheish Districts in Sana’a and Al Hazm District in Al Jawf Governorate.

Of those newly displaced, 37 percent are displaced to collective sites, while the remaining 63 percent are residing with the host community.

Urgent needs as reported by partners include additional food assistance, non-food items, clothing and protection of civilians still trapped between the frontlines.
UNFPA RESPONSE

RAPID RESPONSE MECHANISM

As of January 28th evening, RRM partners (BFD, IOM, IRY and YARD) have confirmed 1,345 displaced households in 15 districts in five governorate due to the recent upsurge in violence in Marib.

Of the households displaced, 1,210 households received RRM kits. The average response time was between 48 and 72 hours of displacements.

RRM partners were able to deploy mobile teams to verify, and provide on-the-spot assistance to those newly displaced.

The RRM provides immediate life-saving assistance to newly displaced households. This includes, ready to eat food provided by WFP, hygiene kits provided by UNICEF and women transit kits provided by UNFPA.

UNFPA dispatched additional RRM kits for the timely response to a possible influx of IDPs.

REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH

UNFPA supports health facilities providing reproductive health services that include assistance for normal deliveries and cesarean sections. The UNFPA-supported facilities in Al Jawf Governorate (operated through CSSW) and Marib Governorate (operated through BFD) reported an increase in emergency reproductive health cases over the last few days. The death toll is not confirmed yet.

Mobile reproductive health teams were deployed on 26 January by UNFPA partner BFD in Marib. The teams are serving newly displaced persons in collective sites. Additional teams are planned to be deploy in Al Jawf over the next few days. The teams are serving those newly displaced in collective sites. To date, 359 displaced persons have been provided with essential reproductive health services and other referred to relevant services.

GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

Mobile outreach teams were deployed by UNFPA partner CSSW in both Marib and Al Jawf. The teams identified urgent needs related to food, shelter, non-food items WASH, health and protection. They also identified the current entrapment of civilians between the frontlines.

With UNFPA support, UNFPA-partner CSSW has deployed mobile response teams to assist newly displaced women and girls. The teams are providing psychological first aid and transit kits; identifying most vulnerable women and girls and referring them to relevant services.

UNFPA is supporting two women and girls safe spaces in Marib Governorate and one in Al Hazm district in Al Jawf Governorate. Visits to theses safe spaces increased by 50 percent within the past two days. To date, 100 people have benefited from awareness sessions, while 62 received psychosocial support through mobile teams in the field.

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