

# YEMEN



# REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH



**21.2 MILLION**

People in need



**13.6 MILLION**

People targeted for lifesaving interventions



**3.4 MILLION**

Women and girls of reproductive age



**400,800**

Pregnant women



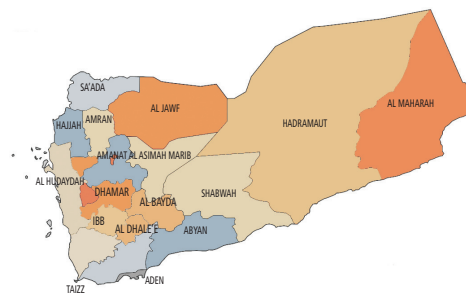
**90,484**

Pregnancies that can end in miscarriages and unsafe abortions in the next 12 months



In crisis situations, one in five women of childbearing age is likely to be pregnant. Without access to reproductive health (RH) services, these women face an increased risk of life-threatening complications. Many women also lose access to family planning, exposing them to unwanted pregnancies in perilous conditions. Women and young people also become more vulnerable to sexual violence, exploitation and HIV infection. And the hygiene needs of women and girls are often neglected.

UNFPA, the United Nations Population Fund in Yemen works closely with governments, UN agencies, community-based organizations and other partners to ensure that reproductive health is integrated into emergency responses.



## INTERVENTIONS

- **Providing emergency reproductive health kits and lifesaving emergency obstetric care medicines and equipment to health facilities:** These supplies help in saving lives of women and newborns during deliveries, managing miscarriages, and treating infections and rape. Thirty eight hospitals have received comprehensive emergency obstetric care equipment and around 100 health facilities are targeted to be equipped with basic emergency obstetric and neonatal care equipment.

- **Mobile medical teams and clinics:** They provide reproductive health services that include safe deliveries, in remote conflict-affected areas, including referral of complicated deliveries. The teams compose of 1 doctor, 1 midwife and 1 lap technician.

- **Supporting referral between fixed health units and mobile clinics and hospitals:** To reduce the risk of maternal deaths, transportation facilities are being improved for transferring complicated deliveries to hospitals offering comprehensive obstetric and neonatal care services 24/7, through the procurement of ambulances, which is subject to discussion and funding.

- **Improving capacities of health providers:** To increase the efficiency of health professionals and effectiveness of the emergency RH kits, trainings are supported for doctors and midwives in the application of the Minimum Initial Service Package on reproductive health

- **Providing contraceptives to health facilities and mobile clinics:** The provision of voluntary family planning services contributes significantly in reducing maternal mortality and in improving the coping ability of the family during crisis. UNFPA is providing family planning commodities to prevent stock outs of the national family planning programme.

- **Supporting the establishment of reproductive health information management system during emergencies:** The IMS will assist in the management and planning of the national family planning and reproductive health programme.

- **Supporting re-establishment of RH supply chain management:** UNFPA is supporting the re-establishment of the Yemen supply chain management system for reproductive health commodities within the current humanitarian context and beyond. UNFPA will undertake a special needs assessment, which will help to develop a costed strategic action plan.

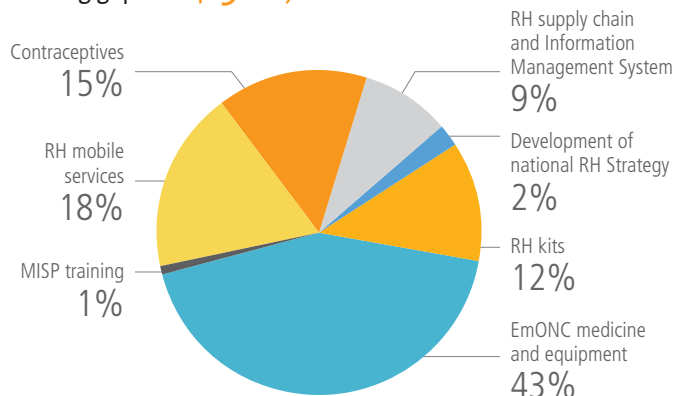
- **Supporting the development of the national RH Strategy 2016-2020:** UNFPA is supporting the Population Sector of the Ministry of Public Health and Population to develop a National Reproductive Health Strategy for the period 2016-2020 and a Five-Year Plan for its implementation. The new strategy will have dedicated chapters on reproductive health in emergency as well as on reproductive health commodity security.

- **Supporting humanitarian RH coordination:** Support is being provided to strengthen Inter-Agency Working Group under the Health Cluster to ensure that interventions among all partners are well interlinked and implemented according to plan and any gaps are addressed.

## 2016 FUNDING REQUIREMENTS

Total required: **US\$ 6.4 MILLION\***

Funding gap: **US\$ 960,000**



\* Not including UNFPA indirect costs (8%)

UNFPA, the United Nations Population Fund, delivers a world where every pregnancy is wanted, every birth is safe, every young person's potential is fulfilled.