

UNFPA Response in Yemen

MONTHLY SITUATION REPORT



Midwives of a UNFPA mobile reproductive health team at Al Suwaida Camp in Marib, assisting displaced women and girls ©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



4.0M
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

As the conflict enters its fifth year, Yemen remains the world's worst humanitarian crisis with staggering levels of humanitarian needs. **Eighty percent of the population – 24.1 million people – need some form of humanitarian assistance.**

The conflict in has been characterized by cycles of displacement and return. **As many as 4 million people have been displaced and remain displaced since the start of the conflict.** Over 2.5 million people were displaced in 2015 and 2016, at the start of the conflict, and another 327,924 were displaced in 2017. Over 730,000 people were displaced in 2018. In 2019, displacement was more localized, with households staying closer to their usual place of residence and placing a burden on smaller population centres within the same governorate. In 2019, almost half of the families displaced were living in informal settlements, whereas in 2018 the largest proportion of displaced families stayed in rented accommodation or with host families.

Following a 10-month lull in hostilities, **fighting broke out in mid-January on several frontlines**, including Nihm District in Sana'a Governorate, Sirwah District in Marib Governorate, and Al Maton in Al Jawf following a series of attacks on military sites resulting in heavy casualties.

By end January, 3,825 families had been displaced across Sana'a, Marib and Al Jawf governorates. Those displaced are in critical need of shelter and non-food items, health assistance and protection services.

The UNFPA-led Rapid Response Mechanism (RRM), providing a standard relief package that includes food, hygiene materials and other essential items, has been activated and RRM kits were provided to more than 1,549 new displaced persons within 48 to 72 hours of displacement, by end January. Mobile reproductive health and protection teams were deployed in Marib and Al Jawf Governorates, providing essential reproductive health services, psychological first aid and transit kits. More than 500 women benefited from these services from 22 to 31 January.

UNFPA GOVERNORATE 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 provided and people reached in January are detailed below:

GOVERNORATE	PEOPLE REACHED		SERVICES DELIVERED	
	Women reached with reproductive health services	Women reached with protection services	Health facilities supported with RH services	Women and girls safe spaces supported
Abyan	3,282	450	5	1
Aden	4,441	1,730	7	1
Al Bayda	2,719	313	6	1
Al Dhale'e	2,286	110	5	2
Al Hudaydah	14,380	1,430	43	7
Al Jawf	2,915	175	10	1
Al Mahwit	2,751	278	6	1
Al Maharah	0	0	0	0
Amanat Al Asimah	6,016	1,195	4	2
Amran	2,710	259	5	2
Dhamar	3,501	2,519	5	1
Hadramaut	4,807	231	6	2
Hajjah	12,953	2,063	13	4
Ibb	9,462	3,820	12	3
Lahj	158	857	2	3
Marib	1,928	361	4	1
Sa'ada	2,178	129	10	1
Sana'a	1,456	478	7	3
Shabwah	2,660	23	7	1
Taizz	20,480	8,370	55	10
Raymah	0	552	0	1
Socatra	0	0	0	0

AL MOKHA HOSPITAL - A LIFELINE FOR PREGNANT WOMEN

Married at 15 years, Aziza and her husband tried getting pregnant for 10 years with no luck.

"When I became pregnant with my first child, it was a very happy time for me and my family. I could not visit a hospital during my pregnancy as the hospital in our village, Al Hameliy, didn't have the necessary facilities. When it was time for me to deliver, women in the village helped with my delivery, I suffered enormously and in the end lost my baby. A year later I was pregnant again, and suffered the same fate.

"I had given up on having children but my family kept pushing me. I was soon pregnant for the third time. The war had made it very difficult for us to afford medical care at hospital in the city so I had no choice but to deliver at home. I couldn't not believe when I lost my baby for the third time.

"After two years, my husband and I decided to try again. While pregnant, I heard that Al Mokha Hospital has set up a maternity unit to handle cases like mine, free of charge. We decided to take the journey to Al Mokha Hospital."

"I was received immediately at the hospital by the midwives. The medical team decided that I needed a cesarean section. The next thing I remember is waking up in the operating room and asking the midwife if my baby was alive. To my relief, the midwife replied that my child is in healthy and in an incubator. I forgot all my pain, I felt so happy, I cried, and hugged the midwife," she tells UNFPA with joy. --- Aziza, 28 years

With funding from the United Arab Emirates, UNFPA helped to expand the maternity unit at Al Mokha Hospital, located on the West Coast, close to the front lines in Yemen's five year long conflict, to ensure that women like Aziza who face complications during pregnancy and childbirth are able to access obstetric care services they require free of charge and without long hours of travel. Prior to this women in Al Mokha had to travel almost five hours to reach a health facility providing such services.

Since opening in January 2020, more than 5,000 women benefited from reproductive health services and 10 Caesarean sections were conducted safely.

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 7,428 RRM kits were distributed in January 2020. Other highlights for the period June 2018 to January 2020 include:

HIGHLIGHTS FROM JUNE 2018 TO JANUARY 2020

Since June 2018, RRM kits were delivered to **358,736 families (over 2,511,152 individuals)**.

196,007 RRM kits distributed through the **Al Hudaydah** humanitarian hub from June 2018 to January 2020.

62,805 RRM kits distributed through the **Aden** humanitarian hub from June 2018 to January 2020.

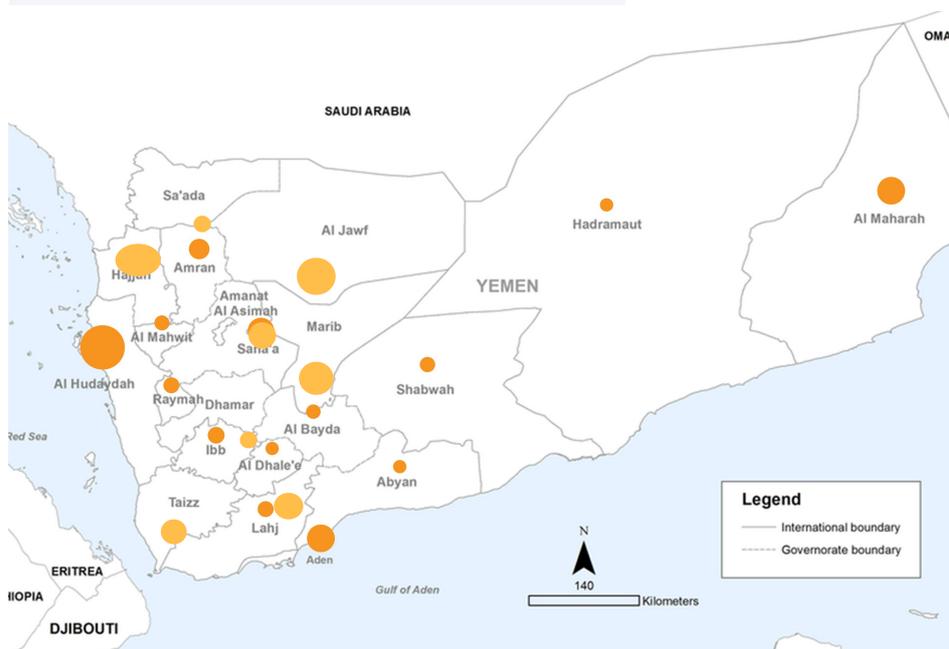
58,906 RRM kits distributed through **Sana'a** humanitarian hub from June 2018 to January 2020.

19,508 RRM kits distributed through the **Ibb** humanitarian hub from June 2018 to January 2019.

21,529 RRM kits distributed through the **Sa'ada** humanitarian hub up to January.



Displaced families with their RRM kits in Marib and Al Jawf Governorates



FLASH UPDATE Escalation in Marib, Al Jawf and Sana'a Governorates



3,578 registered displaced households



3,311 households assisted with Rapid Response Mechanism



4,415 displaced people assisted with mobile reproductive health services



1,839 displaced persons assisted with protection services

More information:
<https://bit.ly/2TcD564>

The RRM is operational country-wide. The map indicates RRM distribution by governorate and volume of distribution in January 2020.

Donors to the RRM: European Union Humanitarian Aid

PEOPLE REACHED

NO.

No. of people reached with reproductive health services	101,083
No. of safe deliveries supported	12,255
No. of cesarean sections supported	2,455
Individuals reached with Family Planning services	31,180
Dignity kits distributed	7,428
No. of survivors of violence reached with protection services	89,163
No. of health facilities supported with reproductive health services	221
No. of safe spaces supported	46
No. of women shelters established with UNFPA support	6
No. of specialized psychological care centres	5
No. of mobile protection teams in collective sites	88



Flash Update:
Escalation and Response in Marib, Al Jawf and Sana'a Governorates



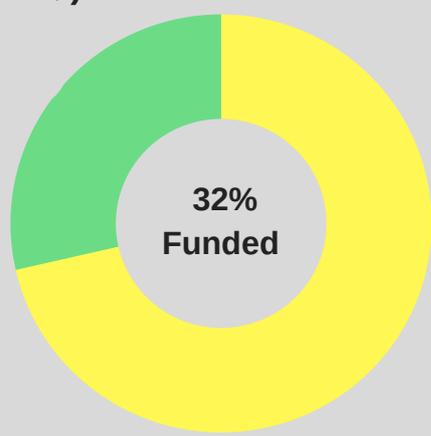
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2020 HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE PLAN FUNDING STATUS (US\$)

\$100.5 M
REQUIRED
\$32.2M
FUNDED
\$68.3 M
FUNDING GAP



KEY CHALLENGES

- Lack of humanitarian access to conflict-affected areas.
- Limited funding available for the continued provision of humanitarian services up to 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 restrictions imposed on implementing partners to undertake humanitarian operations in conflict-affected areas.
- Delays in transportation of supplies due to bureaucratic impediments.

2020 Donors (alphabetical order): Canada, European Union Humanitarian Aid, Denmark, Japan, Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, United Arab Emirates, UNICEF, WHO, Yemen Humanitarian Pooled Fund