



UNFPA RESPONSE IN YEMEN

Monthly Situation Report #02 – February 2017

Key Figures

18.8 million
People in need

10.3 million
People in acute need

14.8 million
People lack access to basic health services

8.8 million
People targeted for life-saving interventions with acute needs

2.0 million
People displaced by conflict

2.2 million
Women of girls of reproductive age

352,000
Pregnant women

52,285
Women of reproductive age at risk of sexual violence, including rape



“ There is nothing more precious than a stable home ”

Reham, 17 years

Reham's dad used to beat her mum and her four siblings constantly that her mum left them. Her dad would leave them too looking for jobs. Reham, as the eldest child had to take care of her siblings and the house.

"I was 13 years old but I felt like I was a mother of five children. I tried to run away many times and commit suicide, but I was afraid to leave my siblings behind."

"I heard of this women centre through a friend, they helped me to pursue my education and find a job. I am looking after my siblings with that, and my mum has finally come home. I hope my mother and father can be together again. There is nothing more precious than a stable home."

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Situation Overview

On 8 February, the United Nations and humanitarian partners launched the **2017 Humanitarian Response Plan** with an international appeal for US\$2.1 billion to provide life-saving assistance to 12 million people in Yemen in 2017. This is the largest consolidated humanitarian appeal for Yemen to be ever launched. UNFPA as part of this Plan has appealed for \$22.1 million to meet the urgent sexual and reproductive health needs and prevent and respond to gender-based violence.

The **military operation on the Western Coast** continued to intensify, with frontlines shifting north of Al Mukha City in Taizz Governorate. The conflict has resulted in at least 25,000 people fleeing the districts of Al Mukha and Dhubab in search of safety. During the same period, over 44,000 people have been displaced throughout Taizz Governorate

During a **visit by Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs, Stephen O'Brien**, in late February, he stated that nearly two thirds of the population need humanitarian or protection assistance with 7 million people at risk of famine. He urged all parties to the conflict to come together and make peace, highlighting that only sustainable peace can bring about the solutions, hope and future of Yemenis.

Highlights of UNFPA Response

- **Seventy mobile teams** providing reproductive health services reached some **100,000 people** between January and February 2017, in the governorates of Aden, Al Dhale'e, Al Hudaydah, Amran, Ibb, Lahj, Sa'ada, Shabwah and Taizz.
- **Twenty-eight thousand dignity kits** were received in February and are positioned to be distributed in Al Hudaydah during March 2017.
- During violent clashes in **western coastal areas** of Al Mukha and Dhubab in Taizz Governorate, UNFPA reached nearly **1,000 displaced women and girls** with services to address gender-based violence.
- A total of **505 beneficiaries (415 female, 90 male)** were reached with **gender-based violence services** in February, with the highest being for psychosocial support services (345) followed by health services support (201).
- A regional consultation with technical support from UNFPA Arab States Regional Office and WHO Regional Office was held to finalize Yemen's new **five-year reproductive, maternal and newborn health strategy** and costed action plan.
- A training on **cash-based interventions to address gender-based violence** was conducted for members of the gender-based violence sub-cluster.
- A two-day **workshop to improve protection and referral systems in responding to gender-based violence** in Yemen was supported by UNFPA, under the patronage of Ministry of Social Affairs and in partnership the Women's National Committee.
- **Joint programme** between UNICEF and UNFPA based on the Global Joint Programme on **female genital mutilation/cutting** resumed, aimed at accelerating the abandonment of this practice in Yemen.
- **Funding proposals** amounting to \$10.6 million were submitted to the Kingdom of Netherlands, Government of Italy and Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency to finance UNFPA's humanitarian response in Yemen.

Challenges

- **Release of reproductive health commodities** (oral pill and male condoms) from Al Hudaydah port is still pending. The Ministry of Health has issued a letter of guarantee on their request for the import of these commodities. Upon this and further negotiations, it is expected that these items will be released next month.