



UNFPA RESPONSE IN YEMEN

Monthly Situation Report #1 – January 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



"I agreed with my husband to use family planning and not have more kids but then he was pressured by our family and I got pregnant again" said, Ahlam who was not able to give birth in her hometown Taizz where violence intensified. Ahlam travelled to Jibla Hospital in Ibb where she had C-section and delivered her 3rd baby.

Situation Overview

Armed hostilities have increased substantially along Yemen's western coast in recent weeks, including fierce fighting in the districts of Dhubab and Al Mukha in Taizz Governorate.

Partners estimate that more than 34,000 individuals have been forced to flee their homes across Taizz in search of safety and protection. About 60 per cent of recent Taizz IDPs have fled affected areas of Al Mukha and Al Dhubab districts, including most residents of Dhubab town and an estimated two-thirds of residents of Al Mukha town.

Many of the displaced were already vulnerable, with access to livelihoods in the area, especially fishing, severely affected by the conflict. For some, this is the second time they have been forced to flee their homes.

The UN Special Envoy for Yemen, Ismail Ould Cheikh Ahmed, paid a visit to Yemen and reiterated his call on parties of the Yemeni conflict to put end to violence in order to ease suffering of civil population, highlighting the need for a truce to allow in humanitarian aid and move along the peace process.

The volatile political climate in Yemen, coupled with strict security measures continues to pose significant challenges in providing humanitarian assistance. This is more so given the sensitive nature of UNFPA's mandate where release of contraceptives has involved months of advocacy efforts with government officials and national security authorities.

Highlights of UNFPA Response

- UNFPA signed an agreement with its local implementing partners to run **mobile teams** in Sa'ada, Amran, Ibb, Taizz, Hudaydah, Aden, Lahj, Shabwa, and Aldhale governorates during the first quarter of this year (January-March 2017). These mobile teams will be providing MISP services for nearly **100,000 people**.
- A field visit was conducted to **UNFPA-supported referral hospitals** in Ibb governorate (Nasser, Jibla and Motherhood and childhood Hospitals) that provide maternal and neonatal health care. The mission also visited the **mobile team** at Al-Magaten health unit at Reiff Ibb district which provides RH, maternal and child health services for IDPs and beneficiaries from 16 villages.
- Training on **minimum initial service package for reproductive health** was held in Ibb Governorate, targeted 25 reproductive health providers from Taizz and Ibb.
- A **livelihoods and empowerment rapid assessment** was recently conducted in Sa'ada governorate targeting vulnerable women and girls affected by the ongoing crisis. The livelihoods project will target 25 **Female - heads of household-** in Sa'ada with trainings and income generating programmes/activities. Beneficiaries will receive trainings, on-job mentoring and a grant. The assessment was carried out in partnership with Yemeni Women Union - Sa'ada branch.
- A total of **638** beneficiaries (511 female, 127 male) were reached with GBV services in January-2017 with highest being for psychosocial support services (**539**) followed by health services support (**183**).
- Successful meeting was held with the Minister of Public Health and Population (MoPHP) where the issue of importing contraceptive supply was raised. Minister of Health promised to provide a guarantee letter by which the Ministry will take the responsibility of importing all kinds of supplies, including contraceptives and undertake the necessary clearance.

Challenges

- **Release of reproductive health commodities** (oral pill and male condoms) from Al Hudaydah port is still pending in spite of getting the National Security Authority's (NSA) approval on 22 January 2017. This poses concerns for the future of the family planning programme in Yemen. UNFPA with MoPHP continues to materialize the agreed actions on the importing of goods, including contraceptives.