

UNFPA Response in Yemen

MONTHLY SITUATION REPORT



UNFPA reproductive health kits being distributed to health facilities. ©UNFPA YEMEN

FAST FACTS



22.2M
In need of some form of assistance



11.3M
In acute need



16.4M
Lack access to basic health services



12.9M
In need of protection



3.0M
Internally displaced and returnees



3.25M
Women of reproductive age (15-49 yrs)



1.1M
Pregnant women malnourished



48%
Women and girls illiterate

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTH

Yemen is the world's largest humanitarian crisis. Approximately **22.2 million people - 75 per cent of the population - are in need of humanitarian assistance**. A total of **17.8 million people are food insecure** and **8.4 million people do not know how they will obtain their next meal**.

Conflict, protracted displacement, disease and deprivation continue to inflict suffering on the country's population. Disruption to commercial imports, inflation, lack of salary payment to civil servants and rising prices of basic commodities exacerbate people's vulnerability.

Sporadic fighting, shelling and bombardment continued to pose a threat to civilians in **Al Hudaydah City** and in other parts of the governorate. In Al Hudaydah City, clashes persisted in the east and northeast of the city, with up to **1,460 civilian casualties** estimated in November and damage to **200 homes**, and an unspecified number farms and humanitarian sites.

Despite a difficult operating environment **234 international and national partners in January through November are actively coordinating to assist people with the most acute needs** in priority districts across Yemen's 22 governorates. Together they have **assisted over 7.8 million people monthly** with some form of humanitarian assistance.

UNFPA's response in Yemen continues to reach the most vulnerable women and girls. UNFPA is the sole provider of lifesaving reproductive health medicines in Yemen. **UNFPA-supported health facilities increased by 60 percent** between 2017 and 2018. Similarly in the provision of protection services, the number of safe spaces supported by UNFPA increased from **four to 15 safe spaces** across 10 governorates.

UNFPA RESPONSE TO AL HUDAYDAH EMERGENCY

UNFPA provides assistance at the first line of response through Humanitarian Service Points and transit centres by way of dignity kits and through a range of reproductive health and protection services. Services and supplies provided at humanitarian hubs in Al Hudaydah, Aden, Ibb and Sana'a are detailed below:

AL HUDAYDAH HUB

- 18,315 **dignity kits** provided to displaced persons in transit centers and humanitarian service points as part of the Rapid Response Mechanism.
- Thirty-four health facilities supported by UNFPA to provide **emergency obstetric and neonatal care**. This includes 4 hospitals providing C-sections.
- Nearly 1,000 women and girls received **reproductive health services**.
- More than 800 women and girls received comprehensive **multi-sectoral protection services**.
- Total of 824 people reached with **community awareness** sessions on different forms of violence.
- 12 health facilities and hospitals in Al-Hudaydah provided with CMR training to provide immediate life-saving services to women and girls in needs.
- 12 **men-to-men networks** across eight districts formed in raising awareness on protection issues and for referral of cases to relevant services.

IBB HUB

- 36 health facilities supported to provide **emergency obstetric and neonatal care**, including 14 hospitals to provide c-sections.
- Some 475 women and girls received **reproductive health services** in September.
- Some 315 women and girls received comprehensive multi-sectoral **protection services**.

SANA'A HUB

- **4,743 dignity kits distributed** to displaced households in Amanat Al Asimah.
- **18 health facilities supported** in Sana'a hub to provide emergency obstetric and neonatal care, including 4 hospitals to provide C-sections.
- Some 1,417 women and girls received comprehensive **multi-sectoral protection services**.



Entrance to the new maternity wing at Al Thawra Hospital ©UNFPA YEMEN

A NEW MATERNITY WING FOR AL THAWRA HOSPITAL

Bushra Hassan from Al Duriahmi district in Al Hudaydah is 24 years old and eight months pregnant.

“Our house was damaged from the fighting so we decided to move to the city. Things are not better here either. Every time I hear bombing and airstrikes, I feel dizzy and develop a severe pain in my abdomen. I am very worried about my delivery,” tells Bushra.

“My husband is a cook but he does not have regular work. Our meals depend on his work; when he has work he buys us food, if not we have nothing to eat. During my pregnancy I have not had regular meals.”

“I am happy at least I have access to this health facility now, it gives me some assurance that I will have a healthy baby soon,” states Bushra.

UNFPA has supported Al Thawra Hospital, the only referral hospital in Hodedia, to ensure uninterrupted provision of maternal health services with the establishment of a 300 square meter maternity ward, which includes a fully equipped operating theatre, infant incubators and other essential life-saving equipment and medicines. In addition, more than 40 staff in the maternity and neonatology sections of the hospital are being supported by UNFPA through incentives and operational support to ensure the continuity of maternal health services.

These interventions are supported by contributions from the European Union Humanitarian Aid, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates and the Yemen Humanitarian Pooled Fund.

ADEN HUB

- **5,076 dignity kits** distributed for those displaced from Al Hudaydah.
- **40 health facilities supported** to provide emergency obstetric and neonatal care, including 7 hospitals providing C-sections.
- More than 9,455 women and girls received **reproductive health services**.
- More than 382 women and girls received comprehensive **multi-sectoral protection services**.

RAPID RESPONSE MECHANISM (RRM)

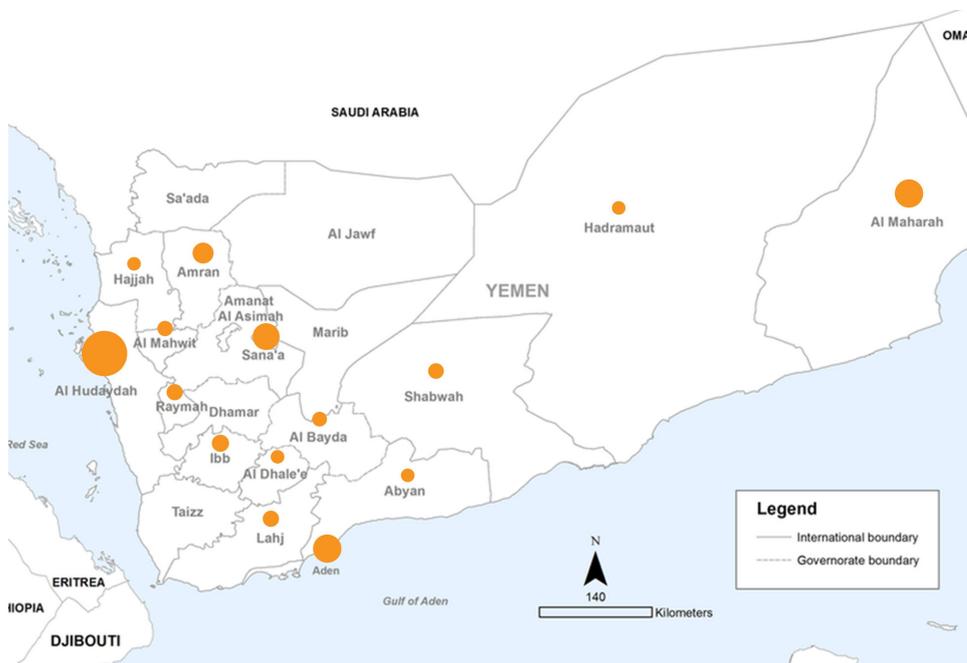
UNFPA is leading the efforts of three agencies i.e. UNFPA, UNICEF and WFP to distribute immediate, most critical life-saving emergency supplies to families who are newly displaced, on the move, in hard-to-reach areas or stranded close to the front lines, as well as most vulnerable returnees. The RRM 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. Highlights of the RRM in November include:

HIGHLIGHTS IN OCTOBER

- Since June 2018, **130,879 RRM kits** have been distributed among 133,916 displaced families.
- 86,202 RRM kits distributed through the **Hudaydah** humanitarian hub since June 2018.
- 13,209 RRM kits distributed through the **Aden** humanitarian hub from June to November 2018.
- 23,813 RRM kits distributed through **Sana'a** humanitarian hub from June to November 2018.
- 7,655 RRM kits distributed through the **Ibb** humanitarian hub from June to November 2018.



Distribution of RRM kits among displaced families from Hodeidah in Al Mahawit, Al Maharah and Lahj Governorates.



The RRM is operational country-wide. The map indicates RRM distribution by governorate and volume of distribution in November 2018.

Donors to the RRM: European Union Humanitarian Aid, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Yemen Humanitarian Pooled Fund

IN THE NEWS

PEOPLE REACHED

NO.

No. of people reached with reproductive health services

348,169

No. of people reached with reproductive health kits

219,330

No. of people reached through mobile clinics

42,432

Individuals reached with Family Planning services

82,915

Dignity kits distributed

135,559

No. of women & girls reached with protection services

160,812

No. of health facilities supported with emergency obstetric care

214

Number of safe spaces supported

15



UNFPA expands maternal health Al Thawra Hospital in Hodeida, amidst heavy fighting in the city [Read more...](#)



1,500 pregnant women at risk of death as main hospital in Hodeidah becomes inaccessible [Read more...](#)



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KEY CHALLENGES

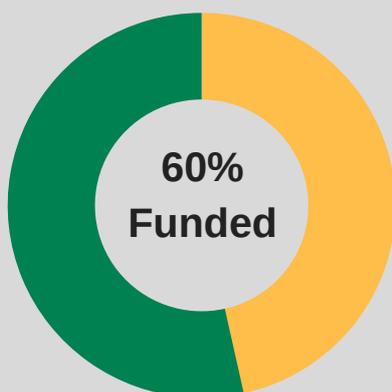
- Lack of humanitarian access to conflict-affected areas.
- Damaged or non-operating health structures. Two thirds of the facilities do not provide any healthcare services.
- Lack of national resources for the provision of basic social services.
- Lack of health workers in severely conflict-affected areas.
- Difficulties in obtaining life-saving medical supplies into Yemen due to air and sea blockades.
- Increasing difficulties for implementing partners to obtain clearances to operate in some conflict-affected areas.

2018 HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE PLAN FUNDING STATUS

\$44.5 M
REQUIRED

\$27M
FUNDED

17.5M
FUNDING GAP



2018 Donors (alphabetical order): Canada, European Union Humanitarian Aid, Friends of UNFPA, Kuwait, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, OCHA (Saudi Arabia & United Arab Emirates), Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom and Yemen Humanitarian Pooled Fund