

UNFPA Response in Yemen

MONTHLY SITUATION REPORT



UNFPA-supported maternity unit at Al'Sha'ab Hospital in Aden ©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



3.3M
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

At the close of 2019, 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.** Some **3.34 million people** are internally displaced across the country; another 1 million have returned to their homes. Conditions are worst in conflict-affected areas, including in the sub-districts where humanitarian access is limited. The UNFPA-led, **Rapid Response Mechanism** has provided lifesaving emergency relief items to 1.24 million displaced persons in 2019 alone.

The Yemen humanitarian aid operation continues to be the largest in the world reaching an average of **11.4 million people each month**, an increase of 49 percent from 2018. This is despite a myriad of operational challenges such as delayed disbursement of pledges by donors in the first nine months of the year, ongoing conflict and other access restrictions.

By end December, the Yemen humanitarian operation had mobilized **\$3.88 billion**, of which \$3.48 billion was for activities within the 2019 Humanitarian Response Plan (YHRP). This represents 83 per cent of the YHRP requirement for 2019 and the most funded in the world. With donor support, aid agencies were able to roll back catastrophic food insecurity in 29 of 45 districts facing Integrated Phase Classification 5 conditions, help millions of Yemenis overcome hunger, reduce the disease caseload and preserve the capacity of public sector institutions to deliver life-saving basic services.

UNFPA was able to mobilize 80 percent of its US\$ 110.5 million appeal for 2019, by the end December, rolling back services that were closed or at the risk of closure during mid-year. By the end of the year, nearly 2 million people were reached with reproductive health and protection services. More than 260 health facilities and over 2,000 health workers were supported to sustain the provision of reproductive health services across the country, while 40 women's safe spaces and six shelters provided lifesaving protection services to more than 100,000 survivors of different forms of violence.

UNFPA HUMANITARIAN HUB 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 and supplies provided in Dec. 2019 at humanitarian hubs in Al Hudaydah, Al Mukalla, Aden, Ibb and Sana'a and Sa'ada are detailed below:

AL HUDAYDAH HUB

- **30,775** women and girls received reproductive health services.
- **62 health facilities supported** by UNFPA to provide emergency obstetric and neonatal care. This includes 6 hospitals providing C-sections.
- 4,195 women and girls received comprehensive **multi-sectoral protection services**.

ADEN HUB

- **28,306** women and girls received reproductive health services.
- **60 health facilities supported** to provide emergency obstetric and neonatal care, including 7 hospitals providing C-sections.
- 5,540 women and girls received comprehensive **multi-sectoral protection services**.

IBB HUB

- **14,640** women and girls received reproductive health services.
- **42 health facilities supported** to provide emergency obstetric and neonatal care.
- 5,299 women and girls received comprehensive **multi-sectoral protection services**.

SANA'A HUB

- **17,110** women and girls received reproductive health services.
- **32 health facilities supported** to provide emergency obstetric and neonatal care.
- 2,955 women and girls received comprehensive **multi-sectoral protection services**.

SA'ADA HUB

- **19,638** women and girls received reproductive health services.
- **19 health facilities supported** to provide emergency obstetric and neonatal care.
- 690 women and girls received comprehensive **multi-sectoral protection services**.

GIVING LIFE BACK TO AMANI AND HER BABY

Amani, a 23-year-old woman, from Shabwa Governorate in south Yemen, waited many years to have a child. When she finally did get pregnant, her husband lost his job. Their worries grew in providing the best healthcare for Amani and her baby.

“Eight month into the pregnancy, I began to feel severe pain. Day by day, my situation was getting worse. My blood pressure was rising, headaches were constant and I was beginning to lose my eyesight; I could barely walk. My husband was getting so scared. He was not ready to lose me or our first child. We were desperate for money to hire a car to take me to a hospital. He finally managed to borrow some money from a friend. We travelled for six hours to Sayoon City to reach a hospital that was able to treat me,” tells Amani.

Amanai was treated at the UNFPA-supported maternity ward for 15 days to stabilize her condition. With the help of midwives, she was able to have a normal delivery although a cesarean section was anticipated.

“When I saw how the hospital staff took care of my wife. I knew she was in very safe hands and the happiness we felt when we held our baby for the first time is beyond description,” tells Amani's husband proudly.

UNFPA is the sole provider of lifesaving reproductive health supplies and medicines in Yemen. In 2019, more than a million women have been assisted with reproductive health services, with support to over 130,000 normal deliveries and more than 23,000 cesarean sections.; with the generous support of Canada, ECHO, Netherlands, WHO, United Arab Emirates and the Yemen Humanitarian Fund.

AL MUKALLA HUB

- **2,371** women and girls received reproductive health services.
- **7 health facilities supported** to provide emergency obstetric and neonatal care.

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 8,319 RRM kits were distributed in December 2019. Other highlights for the period June 2018 to December 2019 include:

HIGHLIGHTS FROM JUNE 2018 TO DECEMBER 2019

Since June 2018, RRM kits were delivered to **352,380 families (over 2,466,660 individuals)**.

195,844 RRM kits distributed through the **Al Hudaydah** humanitarian hub from June 2018 to December 2019.

60,045 RRM kits distributed through the **Aden** humanitarian hub from June 2018 to December 2019.

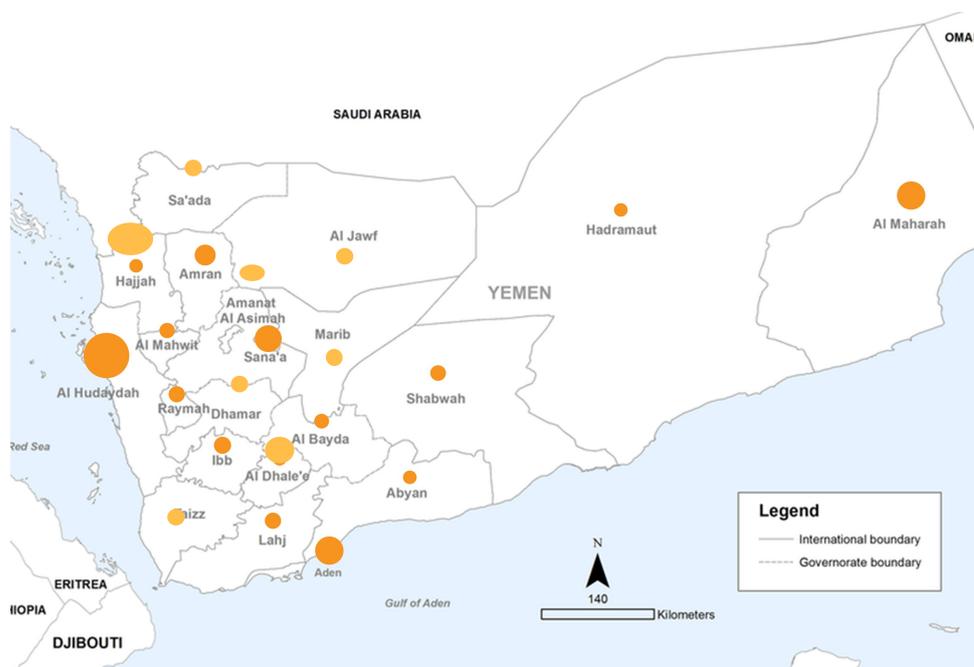
56,571 RRM kits distributed through **Sana'a** humanitarian hub from June 2018 to December 2019.

19,070 RRM kits distributed through the **Ibb** humanitarian hub from June 2018 to December 2019.

20,850 RRM kits distributed through the **Sa'ada** humanitarian hub up to December 2019.



Displaced families with their RRM kits in Dhammar Governorate



The RRM is operational country-wide. The map indicates RRM distribution by governorate and volume of distribution in November 2019.

Donors to the RRM: European Union Humanitarian Aid

IN THE NEWS

PEOPLE REACHED

	NO.
No. of people reached with reproductive health services	901,696
No. of safe deliveries supported	138,205
No. of cesarean sections supported	23,050
Individuals reached with Family Planning services	327,456
Dignity kits distributed	180,877
No. of survivors of violence reached with protection services	89,163
No. of health facilities supported with reproductive health services	219
No. of safe spaces supported	40
No. of women shelters established with UNFPA support	6
No. of specialized psychological care centres	3
No. of mobile protection teams in collective sites	88



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2019 HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE PLAN FUNDING STATUS (US\$)

\$110.5 M

REQUIRED

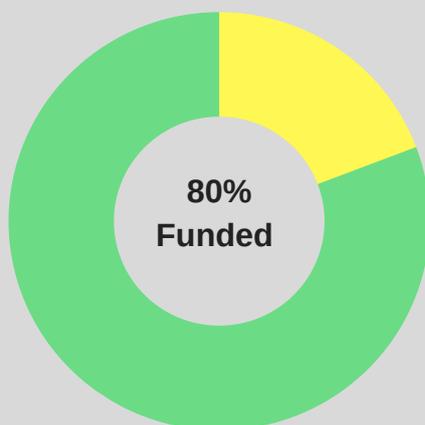
\$87M

FUNDED

\$23.5 M

FUNDING

GAP



2019 Donors (alphabetical order): Canada, European Union Humanitarian Aid, Denmark, Kuwait, Iceland, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Norway, Saudi Arabia, Sweden, Switzerland, United Arab Emirates, UNICEF, WHO, Yemen Humanitarian Pooled Fund

KEY CHALLENGES

- Lack of humanitarian access to conflict-affected areas.
- Limited funding available for the continued provision of humanitarian services upto 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 difficulties for implementing partners to obtain clearances to operate in some conflict-affected areas.
- Delays in transportation of supplies due to bureaucratic impediments.