

UNFPA Response in Yemen

SITUATION REPORT



A nurse attends to a pregnant woman at a UNFPA-supported health facility in Taizz, Yemen © UNFPA Yemen

FAST FACTS



23.4M

In need of humanitarian assistance



12.9M

In acute need



21.9M

Lack access to basic health services



17.2M

In need of protection



4.3M

Internally displaced



8.1M

Women of reproductive age (15-49 yrs)



1.3M

Pregnant & lactating women malnourished



6.5M

In need of GBV protection

HIGHLIGHTS: JULY - SEPTEMBER

The humanitarian situation remains alarming in Yemen with a staggering 23.4 million people – almost three quarters of the population – requiring some form of humanitarian assistance in 2022. **A UN-brokered truce, which commenced on 2 April 2022, provided Yemenis with the first sustained reprieve from fighting since the start of the conflict in 2015;** with substantial increase in fuel imports through the Hodeidah ports; opening of Sana'a airport to commercial flights; enhanced humanitarian access in some areas, while driving significant reductions in internal displacement and security incidents.

Heavy rains triggered extensive flooding across 18 governorates and 175 districts of Yemen from July to September 2022, affecting some 200,000 people, mainly those internally displaced, living in hosting sites and settlements. The multi-agency Rapid Response Mechanism led by UNFPA was activated in all flood-affected governorates, reaching 164,900 flood-affected persons with emergency relief during this period.

The aid operation in Yemen remains severely underfunded. By the end of September, the 2022 Yemen HRP has secured only US\$2.03 billion or 47.5 per cent of the required \$4.27 billion to provide life-saving humanitarian assistance and protection services to 17.9 million people, forcing aid agencies to reduce assistance and close programmes

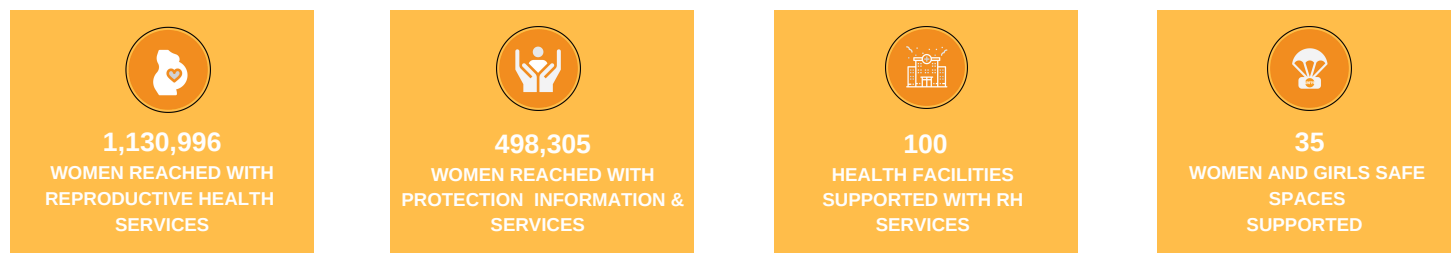
In turn, **UNFPA has had to suspend the coverage of operational costs of reproductive health services** – including allowances for health workers – in 130 health facilities, leaving 1.5 million women and girls, including 30,000 facing risks of complications during pregnancy and delivery, with no access to these essential services. Without urgent funding, additional reproductive health cuts are expected in October, impacting 20 more health facilities and the provision of services to 800,000 women and girls. **To keep reaching the most vulnerable women and girls, UNFPA requires US\$100 million in 2022. To date, only 34 percent of this funding appeal has been received.**

Despite funding shortages, since January 2022, UNFPA's response has reached more than 2 million individuals with life-saving reproductive health services, protection information and services and emergency relief, with support to 100 health facilities, 35 safe spaces, seven shelters and eight specialized mental health centres.

UNFPA GOVERNORATE RESPONSE

UNFPA's interventions cover 20 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 from January to September are detailed below:

HIGHLIGHTS: JAN- SEPT 2022



GOVERNORATE

PEOPLE REACHED

SERVICES DELIVERED

Women reached with
reproductive health
services

Women reached with
protection information &
services

Health facilities
supported with RH
services

Women and girls
safe spaces
supported

Abyan	45,212	7,540	3	1
Aden	37,654	1,306	4	0
Al Bayda	47,402	5,929	4	1
Al Dhale'e	19,643	5,465	2	1
Al Hudaydah	98,129	56,946	15	7
Al Jawf	44,628	3,923	5	0
Al Maharah	15,999	6,454	1	1
Al Mahwit	32,952	8,066	3	1
Amanat Al Asimah	49,026	17,633	6	1
Amran	29,002	7,403	3	0
Dhamar	54,530	8,053	4	0
Hadramaut	36,767	52,050	4	2
Hajjah	115,769	17,152	8	1
Ibb	22,381	41,969	5	3
Lahj	12,332	12,153	1	3
Marib	138,061	98,855	7	5
Sa'ada	23,809	4,405	4	1
Sana'a	7,495	1,931	1	0
Shabwah	37,580	27,859	3	1
Taizz	258,606	113,213	17	6
Raymah	0	0	0	0
Socotra	4,019	0	0	0

A FRESH START FOR WOMEN FACED WITH VIOLENCE

Somaya, 25 years, was six months pregnant when she and her five children were thrown out of their house by her husband, following a heated argument. Somaya sought refuge at her mother's house in Taizz, and was left alone to provide for her children when her husband refused to support them. Soon she took up a job in a farm, but the heavy manual labour and lack of a nutritious diet took a toll on her health as her pregnancy progressed. As her health condition deteriorated Somaya had to give up her job.

Without any money to support her children, Somaya's mental health was also affected. Somaya came across a UNFPA-supported women and girls safe space when seeking help to finance her healthcare following doctor's advice that she would face complications during childbirth.

The safe space provided Somaya with psychosocial support, health counselling and medical follow-up for three months. However, the trauma and suffering Somaya had faced before her delivery led to a miscarriage. When her health condition improved, the safe space gave Somaya options to enroll in a livelihood support programme. Somaya took up sewing and is about to complete her course and sell her clothes in the market.

"I no longer have the feelings of extreme sadness and anxiety. I actually feel alive again," tells Somaya.

Since January 2022, more than 22,000 women and girls faced with violence have been supported with livelihood skills training to start their own income generating activities, through 35 safe spaces and eight shelters across the country, with the generous contributions from Canada, Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, USAID Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance and the Yemen Humanitarian Fund.

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. A total of 53,000 RRM kits were distributed from January to September 2022. Other highlights for the period June 2018 to September 2022 include:

HIGHLIGHTS FROM JUNE 2018 TO SEPT 2022

Since June 2018, RRM kits were delivered to **607,042 families (over 4.2 million individuals)**.

244,551 RRM kits distributed through the **Al Hudaydah** humanitarian hub from June 2018 to September 2022.

140,752 RRM kits distributed through the **Aden** humanitarian hub from June 2018 to September 2022.

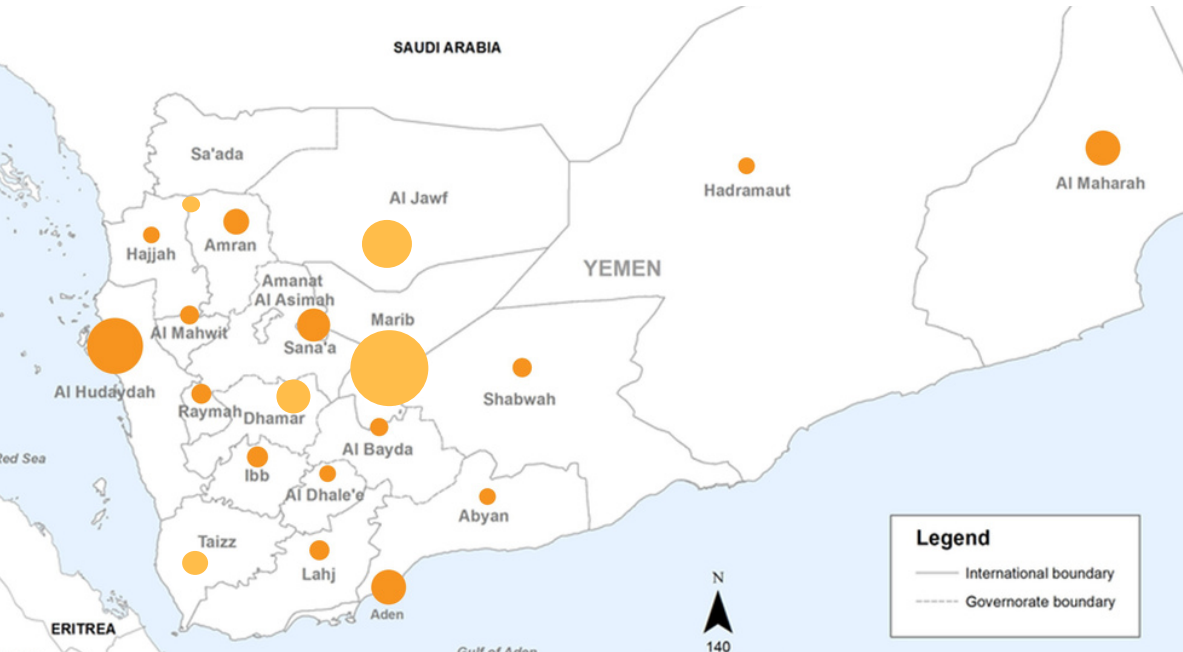
96,686 RRM kits distributed through the **Sana'a** humanitarian hub from June 2018 to September 2022.

29,343 RRM kits distributed through the **Ibb** humanitarian hub from June 2018 to September 2022.

95,710 RRM kits distributed through the **Sa'ada** humanitarian hub from June 2018 to September 2022.



Distribution of rapid response kits in flood-affected areas of Sana'a , Al Jawf and Marib



The RRM is operational country-wide. The map indicates RRM distribution by governorate and volume of distribution since January 2022
Donors to the RRM: European Union Humanitarian Aid, USAID Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance and Yemen Humanitarian Fund

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PEOPLE REACHED

	NO.
No. of people reached with reproductive health services	1,130,996
No. of safe deliveries supported	100,614
No. of cesarean sections supported	18,796
Individuals reached with Family Planning services	140,206
Dignity kits distributed	53,135
Individuals reached through the Rapid Response Mechanism	416,318
No. of women reached with protection information & services	498,305
No. of health facilities supported with reproductive health services	100
No. of safe spaces supported	35
No. of women shelters supported	7
No. of supported specialized psychological care centres	8



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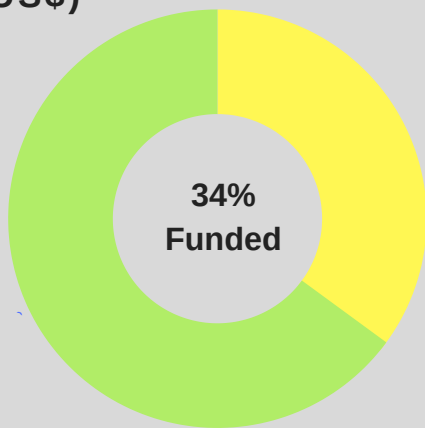
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2022 UNFPA RESPONSE FUNDING STATUS (US\$)

\$100 M
REQUIRED
\$34 M
FUNDED
\$66 M
FUNDING GAP



2022 Donors (alphabetical order): Canada, CERF, European Union, Iceland, KSrelief, Netherlands, Norway, Qatar, Sweden, Switzerland, USAID, Yemen Humanitarian Fund

KEY CHALLENGES

- A non-permissive operating environment with limited humanitarian access and shrinking humanitarian space.
- 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.