



UNFPA RESPONSE IN YEMEN

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“Most of the health facilities are closed, because of the conflict. This has increased our workload and put the lives of many pregnant women and their children at risk. Day and night we put our lives at risk to save the lives of mothers and their newborns,” said midwife, Arwa from Taizz Governorate. UNFPA has support 120 midwives to set up home-based clinics across six governorates.

Situation Overview

Against the rapidly deteriorating humanitarian situation, the threat of famine and the urgent need for resources, a **High-Level Pledging Conference** for the Humanitarian Crisis in Yemen was convened in Geneva on 25 April 2017. International donors pledged nearly **\$1.1 billion** to help scale up life-saving aid to millions of people in need. Pledges were made by 48 Member States, the European Commission, the Central Emergency Response Fund and four NGO/humanitarian organizations. The top ten countries pledging included: United Kingdom, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, European Commission, Kuwait, United Arab Emirates, United States, Japan, Germany, Sweden, and Canada.

As of April, the **Yemen Humanitarian Response Plan** is 14 percent funded, with \$ 296.5 million received out of \$2.1 billion requested to assist 12 million people with life-saving assistance. Top donors include United States, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Japan, United Kingdom, the European Commission, Germany, and Canada. Contributions to humanitarian funding outside the Response Plan is \$52.9 million.

Highlights of UNFPA Response

- **Two hundred and forty reproductive health kits** were distributed to meet the urgent needs of nearly **64,000 pregnant women** in remote and conflict stricken governorates of Al Bayda, Al-Jawf, Marib and Sa’ada.
- **Fifteen thousand dignity kits** were distributed to displaced women and girls in Al Hudaydah, Al Mahwit, Amran, Amanat Al Asimah, Sana’a and Taizz, with **32 gender-based violence** awareness sessions conducted.
- A total of **1,086 multi-sectoral services** were provided for gender-based violence survivors in April with highest being for psychosocial support services (610) followed by legal support (194) and health services (150).
- **Emergency obstetric care equipment** worth \$905,000 was installed and hospital staff trained in two hospitals in Hadramaut Governorate, provided with the support of KfW funds.
- **Contraceptives** held up in Al Hudaydah port for over six months, were released upon an agreement between the Ministry of Public Health and Planning and National Security Authorities. These contraceptives would provide **257,520** direct couple years of protection.
- Review and validation of the draft **National Reproductive Maternal and Newborn Health Strategy 2017-2021** was held in April 2017. The strategy integrates **Minimum Initial Service Package for Reproductive Health in Emergencies** with interventions for comprehensive reproductive, maternal, newborn and adolescent health. The strategy will now be presented to the Minister of Public Health and Population for final endorsement and rolled-out to guide national efforts towards reducing maternal and new-born mortality and morbidity in Yemen.
- **Population projection for 2017** disaggregated by age and sex at governorate level was provided to UNOCHA to support planning of humanitarian interventions. The projections are based on the latest census data and rates of fertility and mortality. An increase in the population size from 26.8 million to 28 million was observed.

Challenges

- **Continuing fluctuation in the exchange rate** of the Yemeni Riyal against the US Dollar and a **cash deficit** in the country has made programme and procurement activities more costly.

Funding Status

- The UNFPA response is currently **funded at 21.5 percent** with a funding gap of **\$17.4 million**.
- UNFPA received \$749,625.19 in April, from the **Government of Canada** for its humanitarian response in Yemen.

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 internally displaced

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