

UNFPA Response in Yemen

MONTHLY SITUATION REPORT



A post-partum mother with her newborn at a UNFPA-supported health facility in Hodeidah ©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



3.0M

Women and girls at risk of gender-based violence

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTH

The security situation in Yemen continued to deteriorate in July, especially along the west coast and around the city of **Al Hudaydah**. Intense fighting in and around Al Hudaydah Governorate in late July, near a reproductive health centre and public laboratory in Al Hudaydah and damage to a sanitation facility in Zabid and a water station, which supplies the majority of the water to Hudaydah City has placed civilians at extreme risk, with the possibility of triggering an unstoppable epidemic of **cholera** with disruption to water and sanitation systems. UNFPA estimates that **90,000 pregnant women** inside Al Hudaydah would be at risk with nearly 14,000 women risking complications with immediate danger to their lives if urgent life-saving maternal care and medicines become inaccessible.

By end July 2018, 48,574 displaced households from Al Hudaydah Governorate were registered and 40,393 assisted with rapid response kits, that include UNFPA dignity kits. The rapid response mechanism being co-led by UNFPA.

Despite a difficult operating environment, since January 2018, some 169 international and national partners actively coordinated to assist people with the most acute needs in priority districts across Yemen's 22 governorates. Together, over **7.5 million people have been assisted monthly with some form of humanitarian assistance**. The number of people receiving health services has risen by **50 per cent**.

UNFPA is **scaling up efforts to support health facilities**. With the dearth of health workers for health facilities to remain functioning, UNFPA is providing incentives for critical reproductive health workers, including obstetric gynecologists and midwives to continuing working. In addition, basic emergency obstetric care at smaller health facilities is being scaled up to ease referrals to the limited larger hospitals, particularly in the governorates of Abyan, Aden, Al Dhale and Shabwah with the generous contributions from Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates.

UNFPA RESPONSE IN AL HUDAYDAH

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 gender-based violence services. Services and supplies provided at humanitarian hubs in Al Hudaydah, Aden, Ibb and Sana'a are detailed below:

AL HUDAYDAH HUB

- 30,525 **dignity kits** provided to displaced persons in transit centers and humanitarian service points as part of the Rapid Response Mechanism.
- UNFPA-supported teams of social workers at **protection desks** provided support and referral to 2,935 women and girls. Protection desks are located in Humanitarian Support Points where dignity kits are distributed.
- The number of health facilities supported by UNFPA to provide **emergency obstetric and neonatal care** has **increased from 13 to 18**. This includes 7 hospitals providing C-sections.
- Nearly **500 people** reached with **gender-based violence services**, including, cash assistance, legal assistance, psychosocial support and referral to shelters
- 568 people reached with **community awareness sessions** on gender-based violence.
- More than 458 women and girls received **comprehensive multi-sectoral GBV services** in July.
- Nearly 600 people reached with **community awareness sessions** on gender-based violence.
- **Men-to-men networks** across four districts formed in raising awareness on GBV issues and for referral of GBV cases to relevant services.
- Toll free **hotline services continues** to provide immediate counselling for GBV survivors.
- UNFPA conducted a **rapid assessment mission in frontline districts** in AL Hudaydah, including Zabid and Bayt Al Faqeeh. Urgent needs were immediately met. UNFPA is working to procure equipment to operationalize operating theaters in these facilities by September 2018.



A displaced father carries the rapid response kit for his family. ©UNFPA YEMEN

IBB HUB

- **1,303 dignity kits** distributed to affected women and girls in Ibb and Taizz.
- 100 health facilities supported to provide **emergency obstetric and neonatal care**, including 14 hospitals to provide c-sections.
- A total of **233 health staff across 36 public hospitals** supported with incentives to ensure sufficient health staff to tackle the influx of IDPs .

ADEN HUB

- **2,981 dignity kits** distributed as part of the Rapid Response for those displaced from Al Hudaydah.
- **12 health facilities** supported to provide emergency obstetric and neonatal care, including 6 hospitals providing C-sections.

SANA'A HUB

- **4,432 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.

PEOPLE REACHED	NO.
Number of people reached with reproductive health services	237,306
Number of people reached with Reproductive health kits	165,755
Number of people reached through mobile clinics	26,642
Individuals reached with Family Planning services	53,910
Dignity kits distributed	47,815
Family kits distributed	2,359
Number of GBV survivors reached with services	10,731
Number of service providers trained on GBV case management	438
Number of safe spaces supported	4

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KEY CHALLENGES

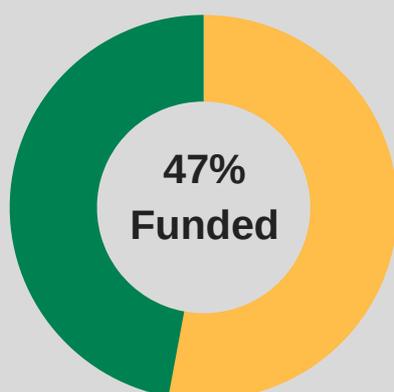
- Lack of humanitarian access to conflict-affected areas,
- Lack of health workers in severely conflict-affected areas.
- Difficulties in obtaining life-saving medical supplies into Yemen due to air and sea blockades
- Denial of visas for humanitarian workers.
- Difficulty in organizing services for reproductive health and gender-based violence in conflict areas due to damaged or non-operating health structures, limited movement of partners.
- Limited transportation of supplies to health facilities.
- 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

\$21 M
FUNDED

23.5M
FUNDING
GAP



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