



# UNFPA RESPONSE IN YEMEN

## Monthly Situation Report #06 – July 2016

### Key Figures

**21.2 million**  
People in need

**15.2 million**  
People lack access to  
basic health services

**13.6 million**  
People targeted for  
life-saving  
interventions

**2.8 million**  
People displaced by  
conflict

**3.4 million**  
Women of girls  
of reproductive age

**400,800**  
Pregnant women

**68,000**  
Women of  
reproductive age at  
risk of sexual violence,  
including rape



“I was fleeing the fighting in Taizz. During my whole journey, my only hope was to deliver my baby safely. My baby is two days old now. I am so happy she is beautiful and healthy,” states an internally displaced woman at the Al-Thawrah Hospital, one of 10 hospitals to be equipped with comprehensive emergency obstetric care equipment in Ibb with UNFPA’s support.

### Situation Overview

By July 2016, 4 million people were reached, out of the 13.6 million people being targeted for humanitarian assistance in 2016. The needs, however, are becoming more acute, particularly among the 2.8 million men, women and children who have been displaced in search of safety, security and livelihoods. The situation is particularly worse in Taizz Governorate, where heavy fighting continues. The UN Humanitarian Coordinator in Yemen, Jamie McGoldrick called on all parties to agree immediately to a humanitarian pause in Taizz in order to protect civilians, facilitate the treatment and evacuation of the war wounded and the delivery of urgently needed medicine and other life-saving assistance. Low levels of funding continue to hamper the humanitarian response with the Yemen Humanitarian Response Plan being funded currently at 26 per cent.

The UN-backed peace talks that started in April 2016 in Kuwait came to a stop without a concrete agreement being reached. The peace talks are to continue, with more bilateral discussions among parties to the conflict, to crystalize the finer details for an agreement before resuming for talks.

### Highlights of UNFPA Response

- UNFPA distributed more than \$600,000 worth of **emergency obstetric care equipment** for comprehensive emergency obstetric care (CEmONC) in six hospitals and basic emergency obstetric care (BEmONC) in 10 health facilities in **Ibb** Governorate, meeting the reproductive health needs of 250,000 women of reproductive age and helping to avert nearly 100 maternal deaths in the next nine months.
- **Reproductive health supplies and medicines** were distributed among remote hospitals in **Sa’ada** Governorate. For instance, these essential medicines provided to Al-Jumhuri Hospital in Sa’ada will help in safe deliveries, where 25 to 30 deliveries (including C-sections) take place on a daily basis. In addition, two mobile reproductive health clinics and two fixed clinics continue to operate within four districts in Sa’ada.
- UNFPA held a consultation on developing a **reproductive health strategy** for Yemen in Amman with the participation of the Ministry of Public Health and Planning, WHO, UNICEF and Yamaan Organization. The outline of the strategy and timeline for its development were agreed at the consultation.
- UNFPA and UNICEF held discussions on potential areas for **partnership and stronger coordination** in addressing maternal and newborn health, female genital mutilation and child marriage.
- A **trend analysis on child marriage** has been completed, and its findings will be released in August 2016.
- Preparations for the gender-based violence (GBV) component of the **Humanitarian Needs Overview for 2017** are currently underway.
- A total of 413 **survivors** (366 female, 47 male) were reached with **GBV services** in June, with highest number receiving psychosocial support services (317) followed by health services support (140).
- Through the **under-funded window of Central Emergency Relief Fund (CERF) for Yemen**, UNFPA is expected to receive **\$375,000** for GBV services in the Amanata Al Asama area of Sana’a Governorate, and **\$250,000** for life-saving reproductive health services targeting displaced persons and the most vulnerable host populations in Ibb. In addition, proposals have been submitted to the Govt. of Japan for GBV response and youth engagement.
- UNFPA received \$1,000,000 from USAID and \$690,000 from pooled funds for the reproductive health response.
- UNFPA’s **capacity** to respond to the humanitarian crisis continues to increase. A reproductive health coordinator on surge and area humanitarian coordinator on technical mission joined in July to support UNFPA’s response.