

# UNFPA Response in Yemen

## SITUATION REPORT



Distribution of rapid response kits to flood-affected families through the UNFPA-led Rapid Response Mechanism in Sa'ada, Yemen ©UNFPA Yemen/YARD

### FAST FACTS



**21.6M**

In need of humanitarian assistance



**13.4M**

In acute need



**20.3M**

In need of health assistance



**17.7M**

In need of protection



**4.5M**

Internally displaced



**5.5M**

Women of reproductive age (15-49 yrs)



**1.5M**

Malnourished pregnant & lactating women



**7.1M**

Women in need of GBV protection

### HIGHLIGHTS: JULY- SEPTEMBER

Yemen remains one of the world's largest humanitarian crises, with an estimated 21.6 million people needing humanitarian assistance or protection in 2023. The humanitarian crisis, primarily driven by continued conflict and an economic collapse, has been exacerbated by critical funding gaps, global inflation, and access challenges.

Extreme weather conditions, including heavy rains and flooding led to climate-induced displacement across Yemen affecting a staggering **142,100 individuals**, the majority of them affected residing in areas that are hard-to-reach and host displaced persons. The UNFPA-led Rapid Response Mechanism (RRM) stepped up its response, expanding its operational presence across 19 severely-affected governorates to ensure the timely and efficient delivery of lifesaving assistance to affected communities. Seventy percent of individuals assisted through the RRM were directly impacted by floods and extreme weather conditions. Lifesaving supplies to 141,141 individuals grappling with severe weather conditions were provided through the RRM.

Shortages in funding continue to force aid organizations to reduce or close critical assistance programmes. The 2023 Humanitarian Response Plan, seeking US\$4.34 billion to assist 17.3 million people, was only 33 per cent funded by September.

UNFPA's appeal of US\$70 million to sustain programmes for women and girls in 2023, remains funded at 57 per cent.

Since January 2023, UNFPA's response reached nearly **1.5 million individuals with life-saving reproductive healthcare, protection information and services and emergency relief**, with support to 95 health facilities, 31 safe spaces, eight shelters and six specialized mental health centres.

# UNFPA GOVERNORATE RESPONSE

UNFPA's interventions cover 20 of the 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 provided and people reached from January to September are detailed below:

## HIGHLIGHTS: JAN- SEPT 2023



## 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	33,823	5,103	3	1
Aden	29,691	552	2	0
Al Bayda	49,711	3,273	4	1
Al Dhale'e	17,864	0	1	0
Al Hudaydah	77,286	34,687	15	5
Al Jawf	40,653	0	4	0
Al Maharah	9,841	13,209	1	1
Al Mahwit	24,077	4,329	3	1
Amanat Al Asimah	41,016	23,324	6	1
Amran	11,525	6,012	3	1
Dhamar	20,730	7,999	2	0
Hadramaut	31,107	24,051	4	2
Hajjah	99,183	17,269	8	1
Ibb	9,154	48,119	3	3
Lahj	10,253	9,104	1	1
Marib	100,508	4,3338	6	5
Sa'ada	22,975	4,347	4	1
Sana'a	2,754	2,161	2	1
Shabwah	34,648	8,670	3	1
Taizz	251,222	110,721	20	5
Raymah	0	0	0	0
Socotra	0	0	0	0

## CLIMATE CHANGE INDUCED FLOODING COMPOUND CRISIS FOR DISPLACED WOMEN

Souad, 45, and her seven children moved from Al Hudaydah to Sa'ada Governorate when heavy armed clashes destroyed their home three years ago.

In Sa'ada the family built a temporary shelter from mud at Al Rawda Camp, four meters in length, to accommodate the nine family members. The family struggled without an income. The stresses took a toll on Souad's husband. He died of a kidney disease last year.

Souad was left to look after the family. She resorted to selling household utensils, while her children helped to collect plastic items in garbage pits. They survived on less than a meal day.

When heavy rains flooded their camp site, Souad's home fell to the ground. A relative living close by helped to move Souad's family to their tent which was still intact. "I was in shock, what's left to be destroyed in my life?" she asked.

The UNFPA-led Rapid Response Mechanism was immediately activated in the camp, providing Souad and her family an emergency relief kit to last up to eight days. Souad, was then referred to cash assistance, shelter support and UNFPA's protection team for counselling and later to train in livelihood skills.

"I was surprised when the Rapid response team came and provided us these kits, I did not expect them to arrive so quickly, this gives me hope that our situation can improve," added Souad.

# 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. 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 28,897 RRM kits were distributed from January to September 2023. Other highlights for the period June 2018 to September 2023 include:

## HIGHLIGHTS FROM JUNE 2018 TO SEPTEMBER 2023

Since June 2018, RRM kits were delivered to **640,359 families (4.5 million individuals)**.

254,165 RRM kits distributed through the **Al Hudaydah** humanitarian hub from June 2018 to September 2023.

155,363 RRM kits distributed through the **Aden** humanitarian hub from June 2018 to September 2023.

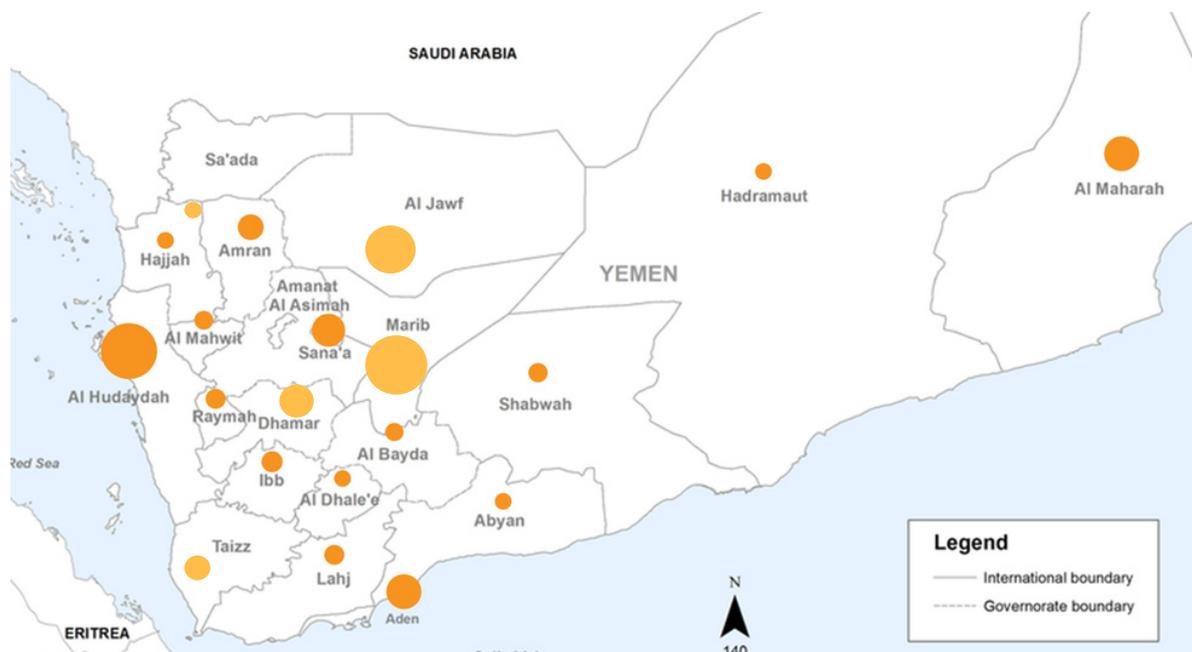
100,930 RRM kits distributed through the **Sana'a** humanitarian hub from June 2018 to September 2023.

32,702 RRM kits distributed through the **Ibb** humanitarian hub from June 2018 to September 2023.

97,119 RRM kits distributed through the **Sa'ada** humanitarian hub from June 2018 to September 2023.



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

**Donors to the RRM:** European Union Humanitarian Aid, USAID Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance and Yemen Humanitarian Fund

## IN THE NEWS

### PEOPLE REACHED

	NO.
No. of people reached with reproductive health services	918,021
No. of safe deliveries supported	87,453
No. of cesarean sections supported	11,795
Individuals reached with family planning services	107,842
Dignity kits distributed	28,903
Individuals reached through the Rapid Response Mechanism	202,279
No. of women reached with protection information & services	366,348
No. of health facilities supported with reproductive health services	95
No. of safe spaces supported	31
No. of women shelters supported	8
No. of supported specialized psychological care centres	6



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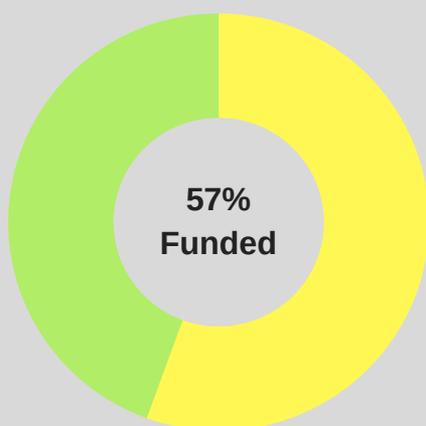
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### 2023 UNFPA RESPONSE FUNDING STATUS (US\$)

**\$70 M**  
REQUIRED

**\$40 M**  
FUNDED

**\$30 M**  
FUNDING GAP



2023 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 .
- 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 for humanitarian operations in conflict-affected areas.
- Delays in transportation of supplies due to bureaucratic impediments.