

UNFPA Response in Yemen

MONTHLY SITUATION REPORT



First C-section delivery at Al Dahi Hospital in Al Hudaydah supported by UNFPA © UNFPA Yemen

FAST FACTS



24.1M
In need of some form of assistance



14.3M
In acute need



19.7M
Lack access to basic health services



14.4M
In need of protection



3.3M
Internally displaced



6.0M
Women of reproductive age (15-49 yrs)



1.0M
Pregnant women malnourished



120,000
Women and girls at risk of violence

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTH

The level of need in Yemen is staggering. Nearly 80 per cent of the population requires humanitarian assistance and protection. Close to half of all families are in acute need. **As many as 4.3 million civilians have been displaced, including 375,000 during 2019.** Conditions are worst in conflict-affected areas, including in the sub-districts where humanitarian access remains restricted.

Two-thirds of the population, more than 20 million people, are hungry, and 36 percent of the population is malnourished. Economic decline, restrictions on imports, shortages of foreign exchange and liquidity, and fluctuations in the value of the currency continue to put millions of people at risk of famine.

Despite operational challenges, the humanitarian operation in Yemen is the largest in the world, and one of the most impactful. **Partners are reaching an average of 13.7 million people each month.** Catastrophic levels of food insecurity have been rolled back in at least 29 of the 45 districts with IPC 5 conditions. Although substantial gaps remain, UN agencies have re-opened many programmes that had been suspended, including support for health facilities. **UNFPA is supporting 268 health facilities with reproductive health medicines and emergency obstetric care services,** as a result, many rural hospitals are able to undertake Cesarean sections, reducing the risk to women's health and their babies during pregnancy and delivery.

With rigorous resource mobilization efforts, UNFPA has been able to open up reproductive health and protection services that were suspended due to the lack of funding, since August 2019, and continue operations of existing services till the end of the year. To keep reaching the most vulnerable women and girls, UNFPA appealed for US\$110.5 million for its response in 2019. To date, only 70 per cent of funding has been received.

UNFPA HUMANITARIAN HUB RESPONSE

UNFPA's interventions cover all 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 and supplies provided in Oct. 2019 at humanitarian hubs in Al Hudaydah, Al Mukalla, Aden, Ibb and Sana'a and Sa'ada are detailed below:

AL HUDAYDAH HUB

- **27,673** women and girls received reproductive health services.
- **61 health facilities supported** by UNFPA to provide emergency obstetric and neonatal care. This includes 6 hospitals providing C-sections.
- 1,001 women and girls received comprehensive **multi-sectoral protection services**.

ADEN HUB

- **31,691** women and girls received reproductive health services.
- **15 health facilities supported** to provide emergency obstetric and neonatal care, including 7 hospitals providing C-sections.
- 3,066 women and girls received comprehensive **multi-sectoral protection services**.

IBB HUB

- **16,183** women and girls received reproductive health services.
- **74 health facilities supported** to provide emergency obstetric and neonatal care.
- 2,332 women and girls received comprehensive **multi-sectoral protection services**.

SANA'A HUB

- **15,489** women and girls received reproductive health services.
- **23 health facilities supported** to provide emergency obstetric and neonatal care.
- 2,950 women and girls received comprehensive **multi-sectoral protection services**.

SA'ADA HUB

- **16,947** women and girls received reproductive health services.
- **21 health facilities supported** to provide emergency obstetric and neonatal care.
- 519 women and girls received comprehensive **multi-sectoral protection services**.

SAYING NO TO ANYTHING THAT COULD HARM HER

"My husband and I began to fight since the first day of our marriage. I repeatedly tried to leave and end the marriage but failed because my family was too poor. They always forced me to return and endure the difficulties as my husband was rich. One day the fighting between us became very intense that my husband took his gun and shot me. I lost consciousness and was immediately hospitalized. In hospital, the police came for investigations and contacted UNFPA's partner, Yemeni Women Union, asking them to support me.

UNFPA covered all my medical expenses, provided a series of psycho-social sessions, and supported me with a good lawyer. Finally I managed to get a divorce from my abusive husband. I was also linked to the nearest safe space. At the safe space, I was able to receive vocational training. With this training, I have now started my own beauty parlour. This experience has taught me an important lesson in life, that I have rights and these rights need to be respected. Most importantly, have learnt to say no to anything that could harm me." --- **Amal , Al Mahawet Governorate**

With funding from the governments of Sweden, Netherlands and Switzerland, UNFPA has been able to provide women like Amal with protection services, access to safe spaces and income generating activities across nine governorates. Since 2017, this joint support has enabled UNFPA to establish nine women spaces, build two new women shelters, continue services of four existing shelters and help over 500 women to start their own businesses.

AL MUKALLA HUB

- **7,800** women and girls received reproductive health services.
- **13 health facilities supported** to provide emergency obstetric and neonatal care.

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. More than 9,182 RRM kits were distributed in October 2019. Other highlights for the period June 2018 to October 2019 include:

HIGHLIGHTS FROM JUNE 2018 TO OCTOBER 2019

Since June 2018, RRM kits were delivered to **330,377 families (over 2,312,639 individuals)**.

188,349 RRM kits distributed through the **Al Hudaydah** humanitarian hub from June 2018 to October 2019.

53,491 RRM kits distributed through the **Aden** humanitarian hub from June 2018 to October 2019.

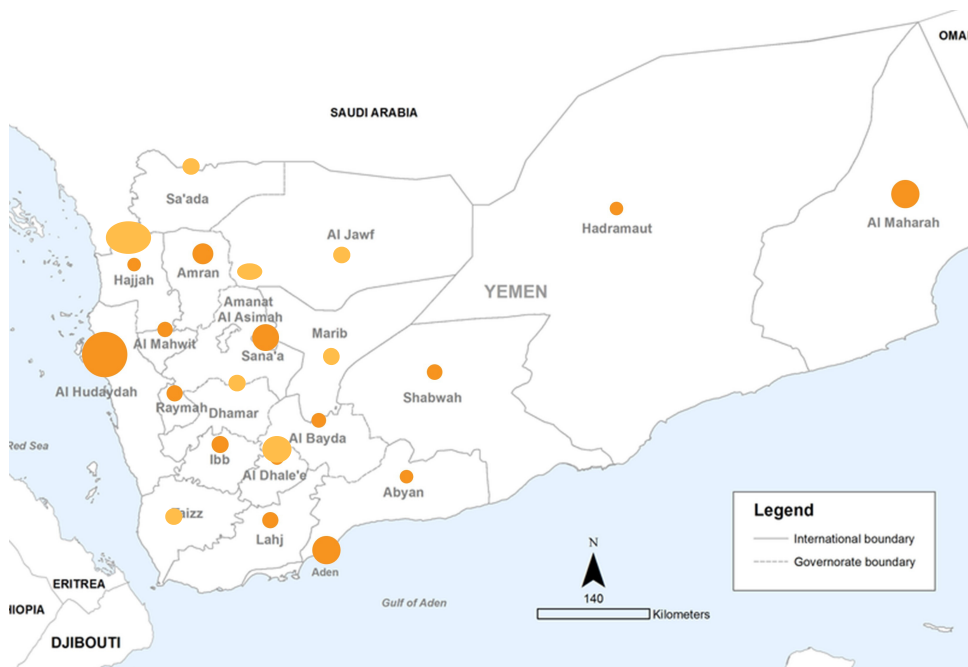
52,937 RRM kits distributed through **Sana'a** humanitarian hub from June 2018 to October 2019.

18,260 RRM kits distributed through the **Ibb** humanitarian hub from June 2018 to October 2019.

17,340 RRM kits distributed through the **Sa'ada** humanitarian hub up to October 2019.



Distribution of RRM kits among displaced families in Al Jawf Governorate



The RRM is operational country-wide. The map indicates RRM distribution by governorate and volume of distribution in October 2019.

Donors to the RRM: European Union Humanitarian Aid

IN THE NEWS

PEOPLE REACHED

	NO.
No. of people reached with reproductive health services	715,330
No. of safe deliveries supported	108,274
No. of cesarean sections supported	18,302
Individuals reached with Family Planning services	269,427
Dignity kits distributed	163,626
No. of survivors of violence reached with protection services	59,713
No. of health facilities supported with reproductive health services	268
No. of safe spaces supported	34
No. of women shelters established with UNFPA support	6
No. of specialized psychological care centres	3
No. of mobile protection teams in collective sites	88



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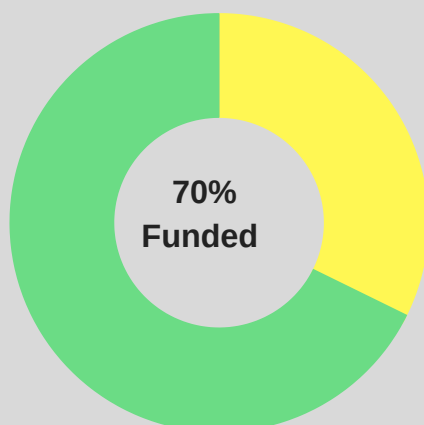
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2019 HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE PLAN FUNDING STATUS (US\$)

\$110.5 M
REQUIRED

\$77M
FUNDED

\$33.5 M
FUNDING GAP



KEY CHALLENGES

- Lack of humanitarian access to conflict-affected areas.
- Limited funding available for the continued provision of humanitarian services upto 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 difficulties for implementing partners to obtain clearances to operate in some conflict-affected areas.
- Delays in transportation of supplies due to bureaucratic impediments.

2019 Donors (alphabetical order): Canada, European Union Humanitarian Aid, Denmark, Kuwait, Iceland, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Norway, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Sweden, Switzerland, WHO, Yemen Humanitarian Pooled Fund