

UNFPA Response in Yemen

MONTHLY SITUATION REPORT



A father with his newborn child outside the labour room at a UNFPA-supported maternity unit. © 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 humanitarian situation is worsening for many Yemenis, while fighting continues in many areas of the country. **Eighty per cent of the population – 24.1 million people – need some form of humanitarian assistance.** Two-hundred-thirty out of Yemen's 333 districts are at risk of famine, and in 45 districts, an estimated of 2.8 million people are facing catastrophic food insecurity.

An estimated 3.34 million people are internally displaced across the country; another 1 million have returned to their homes. Fighting since the start of the year has displaced more than 300,000 people.

Yemen remains the world's largest humanitarian operation, providing food, water, healthcare, protection and other services across the country. Despite a difficult operating environment, since the beginning of 2019, 170 international and national humanitarian organizations working through the Yemen Humanitarian Response Plan (YHRP) are **assisting an average of 12 million people every month.**

Severe shortage of funding to the YHRP is threatening the continuation of humanitarian programmes. By the end of July, the YHRP was **33.7 per cent funded, of the \$4.2 billion required** to provide assistance to more than 20 million people by the end of the year.

UNFPA's funding status has not changed since last month with US\$33.7 million received of the US\$110.5 million required for its response in 2019. If more funding is not received within the coming months, **UNFPA would be forced to shutdown and downscale its operations. This would prevent one million women from receiving reproductive health services and half a million women from receiving protection services.** Since January 2019, UNFPA as lead of the Rapid Response Mechanism has provided immediate relief to more than a million people displaced from the frontlines; nearly half a million with reproductive health services and assisted some 35,000 survivors of violence.

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 July 2019 at humanitarian hubs in Al Hudaydah, Al Mukalla, Aden, Ibb and Sana'a and Sa'ada are detailed below:

AL HUDAYDAH HUB

- **28,219** women and girls received reproductive health services.
- **65 health facilities supported** by UNFPA to provide emergency obstetric and neonatal care. This includes 6 hospitals providing C-sections.
- 852 women and girls received comprehensive **multi-sectoral protection services**.

ADEN HUB

- **11,080** women and girls received reproductive health services.
- **20 health facilities supported** to provide emergency obstetric and neonatal care, including 7 hospitals providing C-sections.
- 1,432 women and girls received comprehensive **multi-sectoral protection services**.

IBB HUB

- **38,074** women and girls received reproductive health services.
- **129 health facilities supported** to provide emergency obstetric and neonatal care.
- 1,460 women and girls received comprehensive **multi-sectoral protection services**.

SANA'A HUB

- **7,285** women and girls received reproductive health services.
- **25 health facilities supported** to provide emergency obstetric and neonatal care.
- 4,147 women and girls received comprehensive **multi-sectoral protection services**.

SA'ADA HUB

- **6,665** women and girls received reproductive health services.
- **22 health facilities supported** to provide emergency obstetric and neonatal care.
- **482** women and girls received comprehensive **multi-sectoral protection services**.

SPECIALIZED CARE FOR SURVIVORS OF VIOLENCE

Rima was married off to her cousin when she turned fourteen years, as means to ease the families economic pressures brought about by conflict.

Within the first year of marriage, Rima's husband became extremely violent towards her, both physically and psychologically. When Rima was three months pregnant, she could no longer withstand the violence; she ran away to her parents house ,seeking protection from her husband.

Rima's husband soon followed her to her family home, demanding Rima's return at gun point. In confrontation with her parents, Rima's husband pulled his gun and fired five shots to her mother's head and chest. Rima watched her mother taking her last breath and die in front of her.

Soon after her mother's funeral, Rima's father disappeared. She was traumatized and unable to cope with the feeling of guilt for losing her mother because of her actions. She did not want to bring up a children from a man who killed her mother.

Seeing Rima's mental state, her neighbours decided to take her to Sana'a to get treatment at a UNFPA-supported specialized psychological centre run by the Family Counseling and Development Foundation. At the Centre, Rima was referred to the psychiatrist and placed on a treatment plan for Post Traumatic Stress Disorder with close monitoring and therapeutic sessions. Five months later, her thoughts of self-harm are no more and being a month away from welcoming her baby into the world, she is looking forward to a new lease at life.

UNFPA currently supports three such specialized psychological care centres in Sana'a, Aden and Taizz Governorates. These centers aim to reduce the psychological effects of survivors of violence and provide them with specialized mental health services. These have helped to fill a major gap in the provision of mental health and psychosocial support services in the country.

AL MUKALLA HUB

- **7,867** 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 16,754 RRM kits were distributed in July 2019. Other highlights for the period June 2018 to July 2019 include:

HIGHLIGHTS FROM JUNE 2018 TO JULY 2019

Since June 2018, RRM kits were delivered to **304,249 families (over 1,825,494 individuals)**.

180,095 RRM kits distributed through the **Al Hudaydah** humanitarian hub from June 2018 to July 2019.

40,880 RRM kits distributed through the **Aden** humanitarian hub from June 2018 to July 2019.

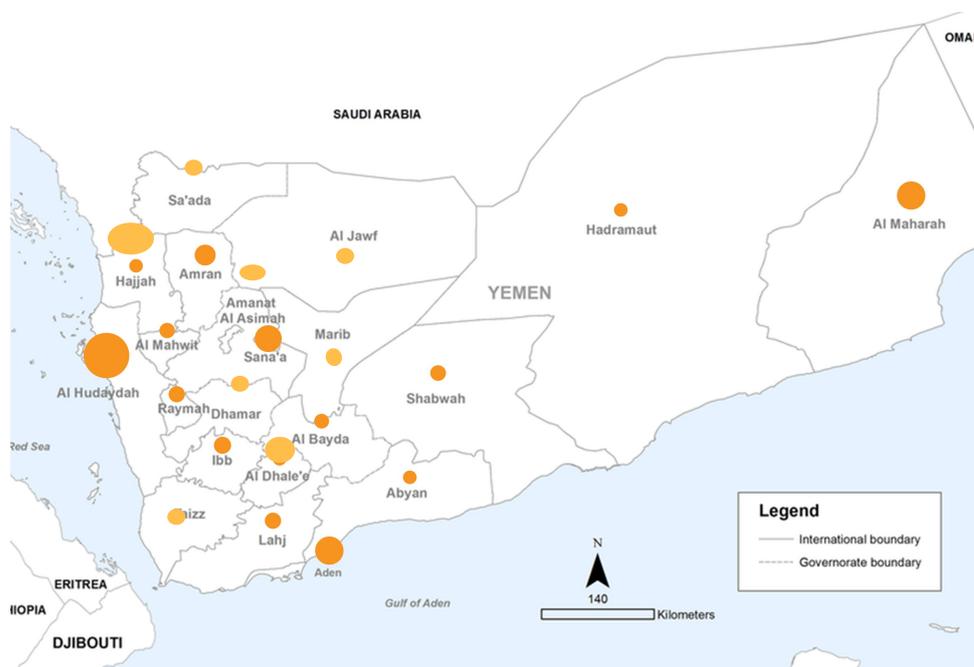
48,774 RRM kits distributed through **Sana'a** humanitarian hub from June 2018 to July 2019.

14,295 RRM kits distributed through the **Ibb** humanitarian hub from June 2018 to July 2019.

15,443 RRM kits distributed through the **Sa'ada** humanitarian hub up to July 2019.



Distribution of RRM kits among displaced families in Kitaf and Al Ghamar districts in Sa'ada Governorate.



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

Donors to the RRM: European Union Humanitarian Aid

IN THE NEWS

PEOPLE REACHED

	NO.
No. of people reached with reproductive health services	483,795
No. of safe deliveries supported	72,276
No. of cesarean sections supported	13,222
Individuals reached with Family Planning services	186,654
Dignity kits distributed	138,368
No. of survivors of violence reached with protection services	35,946
No. of health facilities supported with reproductive health services	268
No. of safe spaces supported	23
No. of women shelters established with UNFPA support	6
No. of specialized psychological care centres	3



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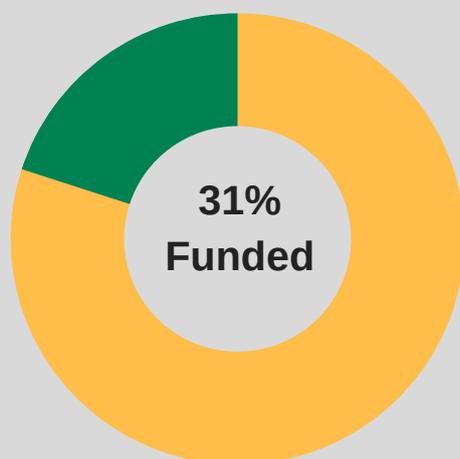
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2019 HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE PLAN FUNDING STATUS

\$110.5 M
REQUIRED

\$33.7 M
FUNDED

76.8 M
FUNDING GAP



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

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.
- Difficulties in obtaining life-saving medical supplies into Yemen due to air and sea blockades.
- Increasing difficulties for implementing partners to obtain clearances to operate in some conflict-affected areas.
- Delays in transportation of supplies due to bureaucratic impediments.