



UNFPA RESPONSE IN YEMEN

Monthly Situation Report #03 – March 2017

Key Figures

18.8 million

People in need

10.3 million

People in acute need

14.8 million

People lack access to basic health services

8.8 million

People targeted for life-saving interventions with acute needs

2.0 million

People in internally displaced

2.2 million

Women of girls of reproductive age

352,000

Pregnant women

52,285

Women of reproductive age at risk of sexual violence, including rape

“ I believe determination is the secret to success ”

Hanan, 16 years old

Hanan's parents used to fight constantly after the war broke out due to increasing economic hardships, that it affected Hanan a lot psychologically.

"The pain of watching your parents fighting is hard to endure and it really affected me, but I was determined to finish my schooling."

"I came to this women centre, to free my mind and find a way to support my family so the fighting at home would stop. I learnt to make tattoos and started selling them."

"Even if times have been difficult since the war, I feel I have been able to fulfil something. I depend on myself now and I help my family with the daily expenses."

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Situation Overview

Twenty-six March 2017 marked two years of relentless conflict in Yemen. This man-made disaster has been brutal on civilians. An alarming **18.8 million** of them – almost two thirds of the population – need some form of humanitarian or protection support. Famine is a real possibility in 2017 and some **seven million** women, children, and men could be affected.

As of 10 March, the fighting the western coast of Taizz Governorate had led to more than **48,000** people being displaced from across Taizz Governorate. The majority are from Al Mukha and Dhubab districts in the south-west. Nearly all displaced people are sheltering in more secure areas of Taizz Governorate (73 per cent) or neighbouring Al Hudaydah Governorate (20 per cent).

Humanitarian partners have provided direct, in-kind relief to nearly **120,000** people, including IDPs, host communities and residents of affected areas. In addition, partners are supporting critical services through assistance to local water networks and health facilities, as well as offering protection. Access to the most affected areas of Taizz remains challenging due to ongoing clashes and movement restrictions imposed by parties to the conflict. Assistance in some sectors has concentrated mainly on Al Hudaydah, with further scale-up planned in Taizz.

Highlights of UNFPA Response

- **Seventy mobile teams** providing reproductive health services reached some **100,000 people** between January and March 2017, in the governorates of Aden, Al Dhale'e, Al Hudaydah, Amran, Ibb, Lahj, Sa'ada, Shabwah and Taizz.
- **Twenty-five vulnerable female-headed households** from four districts in Sa'ada Governorate benefited from the Springboard livelihood programme.
- **Twenty-eight thousand dignity kits** were received in February and are positioned to be distributed in Al Hudaydah during March 2017.
- Two-day consultative workshop was held to develop Yemen Inter-agency **standard operating procedures** on gender-based violence response and prevention.
- Training on **minimum initial service package for reproductive health** was held in Ibb Governorate, targeting 25 reproductive health providers from Taizz and Ibb. A total of 60 health providers have been trained on MISP during the first quarter of 2017.
- A field visit was conducted to Ibb Governorate to meet local health authorities, **UNFPA-supported referral hospitals** that provide maternal and neonatal health care as well as assess reproductive health and gender-based violence needs and reach of UNFPA programme in the governorate. An Area Humanitarian Coordinator through surge deployment has been positioned at the UN hub in Ibb.
- On 29 March 2017, UNFPA and Ministry of Public Health and Population signed an **earmarked goods custody form** to facilitate release of contraceptives held at air and sea ports. Release of these commodities will be undertaken by the Ministry in April 2017.

Challenges

- **Suspension of NGO operations in Yemen:** The operations of Humanitarian Aid Development a UNFPA implementing partner, conducting mobile clinics in Sa'ada Governorate was suspended from operation.
- **Fluctuating exchange rate** of the Yemeni Riyal against the US Dollar and a **cash deficit** in the country has made programme and procurement activities more costly.

Funding Status

- The UNFPA response is currently **funded at 18% percent** with a funding gap of \$18.1 million.