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# Yemen

## Humanitarian Situation Report

### SITUATION IN NUMBERS

## Highlights

- The Oral Polio Vaccine (OPV) and Measles Rubella (MR) campaign has been completed in most parts of the country. A total of 4,408,314 children under 5 were reached with OPV (87 per cent coverage) and 962,172 children between 6 months and 15 years were reached with MR (82 per cent coverage).
- During the reporting period, 4,604 children were screened for malnutrition. Additionally, 968 severely malnourished children were admitted to feeding programmes.
- In the last week, UNICEF has distributed 2,196 hygiene kits in Hadramout, Aden and Ibb Governorates for 15,372 people, and 697 water kits for 4,879 people in Ibb and Aden.
- During the past week, UNICEF continued to provide support to local water corporations in Al-Bayda, Sana'a, Hodeidah, and Sa'ada Governorates. So far, 2,993,000 people were reached with access to safe water by providing fuel for cities in 10 governorates in the country.
- During the reporting period, over 14,000 children in Sa'ada, Taiz, Ibb, Al-Amanah, Marib, Sana'a, Hodeidah and Amran Governorates were reached with psychosocial activities. An additional 6,272 children and 11,491 adults received Mine Risk Education sessions in Amran and Hodeidah Governorates.

Violence is escalating in many parts of Yemen with the most intense fighting taking place in Al-Bayda, Ibb, Marib, Sana'a, Sa'ada, Shabwa, and Taiz Governorates. This escalation has further restricted people's access to basic services, including health facilities, water points, and schools. During the past week, one incident in Sana'a City involved Alsabeen Hospital – one of the largest Mother and Child hospitals in the country. Due to heavy airstrikes targeting the central security building – located just in front of Alsabeen Hospital – staff and patients abandoned the hospital out of fear. There were reports of women leaving the hospital during labour. The Neo-

### People in need of urgent humanitarian assistance:

**21.1 million** people, of which:  
**9.9 million** children and  
**1.3 million** IDPs

**20.4 million** people in need of WASH assistance

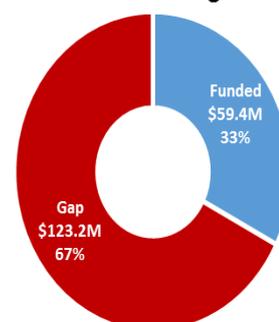
**15.2 million** people in need of basic health care

**1.8 million** children at risk of becoming malnourished

UNICEF 2015 Requirements:  
**US \$182.6 million**

Funds received:  
**US \$59.4 million (67 per cent gap)**

### Overall Funding Status



natal Intensive Care Unit had to be closed, and patients were moved to other hospitals, including 20 infants in incubators. The security situation in Taiz Governorate continues to deteriorate. Most of the public health facilities remain closed, and only 11 of the 22 private facilities are functioning. According to the Ministry of Public Health and Population, 704 cases of dengue fever have been recorded so far in Taiz, including 500 confirmed cases. The health facilities that remain open in the city do not have the capacity to take on the high number of cases.

Since the conflict escalated in late March, least 466 children have been killed, 658 injured and 377 children recruited by armed groups and armed forces, according to the UNICEF-led Monitoring and Reporting Mechanism (MRM) (although these numbers are likely much higher as the process of verification continues).

## Humanitarian leadership and coordination

UNICEF is working in coordination with the Yemen Humanitarian Country Team (HCT) and is leading the WASH, Child Protection, Education and Nutrition Clusters based in Sana'a and sub-clusters for WASH in Aden. UNICEF is also an active member of the Health cluster. The UN has increased the presence of international staff inside Yemen in order to facilitate the scale-up of the humanitarian response throughout the country.

## Humanitarian Strategy

In response to the deepening humanitarian crisis in Yemen, UNICEF and partners are scaling up efforts to reach the most vulnerable children and their families. Partners are conducting rapid assessments in highly affected areas to strengthen the evidence base for targeting the humanitarian response and to address any gaps in lifesaving interventions. This includes providing an integrated package of health and nutrition services to mothers, newborns and children through community health workers and mobile health teams. It also involves putting in place preparedness measures to respond to potential outbreaks of childhood diseases; expanding treatment services for children under 5 with SAM; delivering vaccinations for measles and polio to millions of the most vulnerable children; supporting displaced families through water trucking and public water storage tanks; and providing fuel and maintenance support to the municipal cleaning funds and local water corporations. UNICEF is also providing conflict-affected children with psychosocial support, lifesaving mine risk education, and appropriate referrals to child-friendly victims' assistance programmes. In the education sector, UNICEF and partners will try to ensure that the most vulnerable children who were forced out of school are able to re-enrol in the new school year. On 1 July, UNICEF activated its Level 3 Corporate Emergency Procedure which mobilizes the highest level of organization-wide support to the current crisis in Yemen.

## Summary of Programme Response

### Health & Nutrition

The health sector in Yemen is collapsing as a result of the ongoing conflict which has left over 15.2 million people in need of access to basic healthcare. Since the start of the conflict, UNICEF has supported the continuation of services at health facilities with primary health care and health supplies to benefit over 1.5 million people in 570 hospitals, clinics and health facilities in 17 governorates. In areas where health facilities have closed down due to the unavailability of health staff, UNICEF is now beginning to support the return of staff to the facilities, prioritizing maternal, newborn and child care.

The Oral Polio Vaccine (OPV) and Measles Rubella (MR) campaign has been completed in most parts of the country. A total of 4,408,314 (87 per cent coverage) children under 5 were reached with OPV and 962,172 children (82 per cent coverage) between 6 months and 15 years with MR. The vaccination campaign is ongoing in Lahj and Al Jawf while it did not take place in seven districts in Taiz, four in Sa'ada, two in Hajja and one district in Al-Bayda due to insecurity.

UNICEF has been supporting cold room facilities through the provision of fuel and installation of solar panels and gasoline refrigerators. Recent reports from the Ministry of Public Health and Population show that all the cold rooms for vaccines at the governorate-level are functioning, including the ones that were temporarily affected by the conflict, i.e. Al Dhale and Taiz. Of the 333 cold rooms at the district level, 246 remain functional (74 per cent). Vaccines from the remaining non-functional cold rooms have been moved to the nearest district or governorate cold rooms.

Over 1.8 million children in Yemen are at risk of malnutrition as a result of the ongoing fighting. Recently completed SMART nutrition surveys show an alarming malnutrition situation in Aden and Hodeidah. A total of 96,600 children in Hodeida are estimated to suffer from severe acute malnutrition in the coming 12 months compared to 23,000 before the

escalation of the conflict in March, and one out of five face moderate acute malnutrition. In Aden, 7,700 are estimated to suffer from severe acute malnutrition in the next 12 months compared to 3,000 before March, and those with moderate acute malnutrition are seven times higher.

During the reporting period, 4,604 children (1,278 boys, 1,287 girls and 2,039 unspecified) were screened for malnutrition in Aden, Hodeidah, Sada'a, Sana'a, and Taiz. Additionally, 968 children severely malnourished children were admitted to feeding programmes in the most affected governorates. The screening of children was conducted through 43 UNICEF-supported mobile clinics and health facilities among internally displaced families and host communities.

As part of the Nutrition programme scale-up plan, UNICEF has supported the establishment of 99 Outpatient Therapeutic Care Centres, three Stabilization Centres and 28 mobile teams since April 2015.

### Water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH)

Over 20.4 million people in Yemen continue to face challenges accessing safe water and sanitation due to fuel shortages and ongoing fighting. UNICEF's response in the WASH sector to date has included the provision of latrines for internally displaced people (IDPs), water trucking, hygiene kits, and fuel for water supply and solid waste management. During the past week, UNICEF continued to provide support to local water corporations in Al-Bayda, Sana'a, Hodeidah, and Sa'ada Governorates. So far, 2,993,000 people were reached with access to safe water by providing fuel for cities in 10 governorates in the country. UNICEF continued to support 10 rural water supply systems to pump water in Sa'ada to reach 70,070 displaced people and host communities. Another 15,080 displaced people and host communities in Amran, Sana'a, Aden and Abyan Governorates are supported with water trucking.

The water supply network in Taiz City which previously served over 300,000 remains closed because the constant fighting is making fuel transportation to the water pumps too dangerous. People in the city are getting water from public water points and water trucking with prices having increased substantively and the majority of people now heavily relying on water harvesting from their roofs.

UNICEF distributed 2,196 hygiene kits in Hadramout, Aden and Ibb Governorates for 15,372 people, and 697 water kits for 4,879 people in Ibb and Aden. In addition, 13 latrines were installed in Dharawan outside Sana'a City for 410 IDPs and hygiene awareness sessions were conducted reaching around 4,146 people in Taiz, Hajjah, and Hadramout. A total of 15 community water tanks were installed in Aden, Abyan and Sana'a.

### Education

Across the country, 34 per cent of Yemen's school-aged children are currently out of school due to the conflict. A total of 371 schools are now partially damaged and 131 schools totally damaged, which is a significant increase from last week's figures of 315 and 114 respectively. In addition, internally displaced people are now using 409 schools as shelters, up from 360 a week ago.

The National Certification Exams for students of Grades 9 and 12 are continuing for the second week, in 15 out of the country's 22 governorates, with the participation of an estimated 65 per cent of the targeted 600,000 schoolchildren. UNICEF has supported the Ministry of Education with costs for the transportation of answer books to governorates, exam administration and supervision as well as of scoring papers. As of first week of September, exams for nine subjects, five for Grade 12 and four for Grade 9 have been completed.

### Child Protection

Children in Yemen are severely impacted by the ongoing conflict. The Yemen Humanitarian Needs Overview (YHNO) reveals that over 7.3 million children are in need of protection services. Together with partners, UNICEF continues to support affected children and communities with psychosocial support through child friendly spaces, including through sport, arts and recreational activities. During the reporting period, a total of 6,056 girls and 7,978 boys in Sa'ada, Taiz, Ibb, Al-Amanah, Marib, Sana'a, Hodeidah and Amran Governorates were reached with psychosocial activities. In the same period, 2,414 adults (1,039 women and 1,375 men) from conflict-affected communities in Taiz, Ibb and Hodeidah Governorates received awareness raising sessions on key child protection issues. An additional 6,272 children and 11,491 adults received Mine Risk Education sessions in Amran and Hodeidah Governorates.

## Communication for Development (C4D)

During the reporting period, UNICEF reached 9,880 people through counselling sessions, home visits, community meetings, theatre, and other participatory activities. Since the conflict escalated in late March, C4D interventions reached a total of 279,767 displaced people and community members through an integrated package of life saving, care and child protection messages.

## Supply and Logistics

Since the escalation of the conflict in late March, a total of 1,728 metric tons of emergency supplies have been sent to Yemen. During the report period, a shipment that transited via Mokha carrying 116 metric tons of medical and WASH supplies was offloaded in the UNICEF warehouse and is under dispatch to partners.

## Funding

In line with the recently revised Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP), UNICEF's updated [Humanitarian Action for Children \(HAC\)](#) appeal is US\$182.6 million. To date, UNICEF has received US\$59.38 million against the appeal, leaving a 67 per cent funding gap.<sup>1</sup> Additional funds are urgently needed to help scale up the response to the increased humanitarian needs of crisis-affected children and their families.

Sector	Original HAC Requirements (Jan – Dec 2015)	Revised 2015 HAC Requirements	Funds Received <sup>2</sup>	Funding Gap	Per cent of funding gap
Nutrition	20,000,000	41,500,000	9,561,709	31,938,291	77%
Water, sanitation and hygiene	7,000,000	58,000,000	9,423,370	48,576,630	84%
Health	10,000,000	34,000,000	5,429,828	28,570,172	84%
Child Protection	12,600,000	12,600,000	4,298,165	8,301,835	66%
Education	10,500,000	10,500,000	684,344	9,815,656	93%
Social Protection in Emergency	0	26,000,000	316,717	25,683,283	99%
Being allocated			29,673,413		
<b>Total (US\$)</b>	<b>60,100,000</b>	<b>182,600,000</b>	<b>59,387,546</b>	<b>123,212,454</b>	<b>67%</b>

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<sup>1</sup> In addition to the above, approximately USD\$17 million from the development programme for education has been re-programmed to the emergency appeal, out of which an estimated 6 million is expected to be used in 2015. An additional \$2.5 million is being shifted from development to emergency funds.

<sup>2</sup> The funds reflected above do not include pledges.

# SUMMARY OF PROGRAMME RESULTS

2015 PROGRAMME TARGETS AND RESULTS	Cluster		UNICEF	
	2015 Target	Total 2015 Results	2015 Target	Total 2015 Results
<b>HEALTH</b>				
Number of children under 5 vaccinated for measles and polio (OPV <sub>3</sub> /MCV) <sup>1</sup>			2,730,000	673,517*
Number of pregnant and lactating women provided antenatal, delivery and postnatal care <sup>2</sup>			590,000	32,395
<b>WASH</b>				
Number of affected people provided with access to water as per agreed standards <sup>3</sup>	4,364,179	4,972,331	3,971,800	2,996,374
Number of affected people with access to basic hygiene kit <sup>4</sup>	973,785	357,214	650,000	280,106
<b>NUTRITION</b>				
Number of children under 5 with Severe Acute Malnutrition admitted to therapeutic care (OTP/TFC/Mobile) <sup>5</sup>	214,794	91,485	214,794	91,485
Number of children under 5 given micronutrient interventions <sup>6</sup>	1,600,000	1,173,208	1,198,059	1,173,208
<b>CHILD PROTECTION</b>				
Cases of grave child rights violations monitored, verified and documented <sup>7</sup>		648		648
Number of affected children benefiting from psychosocial support <sup>8</sup>	548,168	215,436	328,900	215,436
Number of people (children and adults) reached with information on protecting themselves from physical injury/death due to mine/UXO/ERW <sup>9</sup>	500,000	318,433	357,161	318,082
<b>EDUCATION</b>				
Number of affected school-aged children with access to education via Temporary Learning Spaces and school reconstruction <sup>10</sup>	126,748	13,631	77,000	13,631
Number of out-of-school children supported for reintegration into education system (including provision of books and supplies and compensational learning opportunities) <sup>11</sup>	904,326	4,398 (1,197 boys & 2,451 girls)	542,000	4,398 (1,197 boys & 2,451 girls)
<b>SOCIAL PROTECTION</b>				
Number of affected people assisted with cash transfers (including rental subsidies)	356,917	0	245,000	0
<b>C4D</b>				
Number of affected people reached through integrated C4D efforts			834,000	278,767

\*This is the figure for # of children between 6 and 59 months provided at least one Measles dose since January 2015 - for the age group 6 months to 15 years, the total number of children reached is 962,172. More than 4.4 million under 5 children have been vaccinated against polio during the same period.

<sup>1</sup> Original UNICEF target following flash appeal was 2.4 million

<sup>2</sup> Original UNICEF target following flash appeal was 384,000

<sup>3</sup> Original UNICEF 2015 target following flash appeal was 2,953,852; includes access to water via water trucking, piped water systems, and short-term fuel for local water corporations.

<sup>4</sup> Original UNICEF 2015 target following flash appeal was 55,000 families; includes only hygiene kits that meet agreed standards

<sup>5</sup> Original UNICEF 2015 target following flash appeal was 128,503; cluster target for this result in revised Yemen Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP) is 144,000 as time frame was April – December 2015, while the target of 214,794 is for January –December 2015.

<sup>6</sup> Original UNICEF 2015 target following flash appeal was the same (1,198,059); cluster target for this result in the revised YHRP is 913,652 as time frame was April – December 2015, while the target of 1,600,000 is for January –December 2015; original UNICEF 2015 target following flash appeal was the same (1,198,059).

<sup>7</sup> This indicator describes the number of children verified, who have been affected by grave violations of child rights through the Monitoring and Reporting Mechanism (MRM) following the escalation of conflict beginning 26 March 2015.

<sup>8</sup> Original UNICEF 2015 target following flash appeal was 320,000; includes PSS received through mobile and static Child Friendly Spaces.

<sup>9</sup> Cluster target for this result in revised YHRP is 360,000 as time frame was April – December 2015, while the target of 500,000 is for January –December 2015.

<sup>10</sup> Revised indicator. Original UNICEF target following flash appeal was 66,465

<sup>11</sup> Conflict-affected and other vulnerable out-of-school children