



Yemen

Humanitarian Situation Report

27 January – 9 February 2016

Highlights

- UNICEF provided the Ministry of Health with 5.6 million doses of polio vaccines to be delivered during March. The last polio campaign has reached about 4 million children, over 487,000 of them in conflict-affected Taiz.
- To support the return of over 380,000 children to school, UNICEF and the Governorate Education Offices (GEOs) started rehabilitation of 68 affected schools in Amran, Dhamar, Ibb, Sana'a and Taiz during the reporting period. Construction and rehabilitation work in schools will benefit about 6,000 children in the coming weeks.
- Despite conflict escalation and instability, UNICEF continues to engage with the Civil Registration Authority (CRA) to promote birth registration. A total of 21,605 vulnerable children were provided with birth certificates through mobile teams.

Situation Overview & Humanitarian Needs

Ten months after the escalation of the conflict in late March 2015, the humanitarian situation in Yemen remains critical. Hostilities, ground fighting and violations of international humanitarian law continue to be reported across the country, leaving little hope for improvement of the situation in the near future.

The Yemen Humanitarian Country Team estimate that the current crisis has left 21.2 million people in need of some kind of humanitarian assistance, including more than 9.9 million children. Among people in need, 19.3 million require water and sanitation assistance, 14.1 million are in need of access to healthcare, 1.3 million children are at risk of acute malnutrition, 7.4 million children are in need of protection services, and nearly 2.9 million children have education-related needs.¹

As a consequence of the crisis, the country has faced the drop of imports and fuel, and the rise of prices of basic goods and services. However, during January, 2016, the number of ships berthing as well as the volume of food and fuel imports into Yemen increased compared to December 2015. This has in-

People in need of urgent humanitarian assistance:

21.1 million people, of which:

9.9 million are children

2.5 million are IDPs (31% children)

(Protection Cluster, includes prior to and since the conflict escalated)

320,000 children under 5 at risk of Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM)

1 million children under 5 projected to suffer Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM)

19.3 million people in need of WASH assistance

14.1 million people in need of basic health care

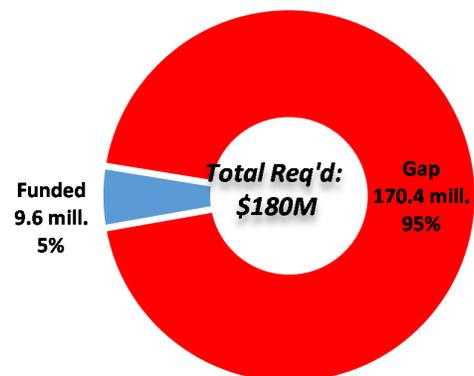
UNICEF 2016 Requirements:

US \$180 million

Funds received in 2016:

US \$ 9.6 million (95 per cent gap)

Overall Funding Status*



*Excludes US\$ 59.7 million carry-over funds pledged against the 2015 appeal.

¹ Humanitarian Needs Overview – Yemen 2016.

creased the availability of food and fuel in local markets, resulting in a decrease in prices. Fuel imports still remain 15 per cent lower than pre-crisis monthly requirements.²

Despite the volatile security situation in several areas, access constraints and extremely challenging logistics, the humanitarian presence in Yemen has increased significantly during the last six months, from 68 to 106 organizations –according to OCHA reports. Thanks to strong relationships with local partners and using alternative mechanisms (i.e. third party monitoring, Djibouti Logistics Hub) UNICEF has managed to maintain and scale-up its activities in the field. UNICEF continues to provide support across different sectors, including, but not limited to, health and nutrition, WASH, education, child protection and social protection, for the most vulnerable children and their families.

Humanitarian Leadership and Coordination

UNICEF continues to work in coordination with the Yemen Humanitarian Country Team (HCT) and is leading the WASH, Education and Nutrition Clusters and the Child Protection Sub-Cluster. UNICEF has also established sub-national level Clusters for WASH, Child Protection and Education in Aden and Nutrition Sub-Clusters in all field offices, and continues to be an active member of the Health Cluster.

In addition to the hub in Ibb, which has been operational since 15 November 2015, UNICEF leads the humanitarian hub in Sa'ada. UNICEF continues to review and monitor programme implementation through local partners, utilising remote monitoring and some innovative mobile technology. Efforts continue to diversify and expand partnerships with local NGOs to deliver humanitarian programmes on the ground.

Humanitarian Strategy

UNICEF's humanitarian strategy remains focused on providing an integrated package of health, nutrition and vaccination services and preventive measures to mothers, newborns and children, expanding treatment services for children with malnutrition and supporting displaced families through provision of safe water and hygiene facilities. UNICEF supports government partners to re-open schools, provide catch up classes, provide school supplies and encourage strategies for alternative accommodation for displaced persons occupying schools. Acknowledging the psychological distress experienced by children, UNICEF supports partners to provide psychosocial support through schools and community facilities including child friendly spaces (CFS). UNICEF and partners are scaling up efforts to reach the most vulnerable children and their families especially internally displaced persons. In light of the huge impact of poverty on children, targeted cash grants reach thousands of the most vulnerable families in Yemen. UNICEF continues to generate new evidence on geographic vulnerabilities, effectiveness of early relief efforts and remaining gaps in lifesaving interventions.

UN leaders at country, region and HQ level continue to advocate for unhindered humanitarian access and the protection of humanitarian supplies and sites. Given the disputed nature of the government of Yemen, UNICEF has maintained both its political neutrality and working relationships with government by partnering with technical ministries and sub-national government entities to deliver impartial humanitarian relief. To maintain coordination, UNICEF's rolling working plans have been shared with and signed by relevant line ministries. UNICEF's Humanitarian Action for Children (HAC) 2016 appeal was launched on 26 January, aiming to reach 7.5 million people – including 5.2 million children.³ In July 2015, UNICEF activated its Level 3 Corporate Emergency Procedure which mobilizes the highest level of organization-wide support to the current crisis in Yemen. Given the scale of the need, UNICEF's Executive Director announced the extension of the Level 3 Corporate Emergency Procedure up until 30 June 2016.

Summary of Programme Response

Health & Nutrition

Conflict-related damage to infrastructure, shortages and lack of staff are among the causes of the collapse of basic health services in Yemen. In its Humanitarian Needs Overview (HNO) for 2016, the Yemen Humanitarian Country Team (YHCT) estimates that during the year at least 14.1 million people will lack sufficient access to healthcare, three million children and pregnant or lactating women will require malnutrition treatment or preventive services, about 320,000 children under 5 will be at risk of Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) and 1 million children may suffer from Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM).⁴

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² OCHA Yemen: Snapshot on Shipping, Food and Fuel Imports for January 2016 (issued on 13 February 2016)

³ For more information, go to: <http://www.unicef.org/appeals/yemen.html>

⁴ Humanitarian Needs Overview – Yemen 2016.

As part of its humanitarian strategy for 2016, UNICEF is providing integrated health and nutrition services for the most vulnerable populations in Yemen. Of the total nutrition result reported in the table Summary of Programme Results, during the reporting period, over 30,000 people - including children under 5 years, pregnant and lactating women (PLW), and mothers – have benefited from health and nutrition services through 75 mobile teams (see Table 1). As part of the Community Management of Acute Malnutrition (CMAM) scale up plan, 44 outpatient treatment programmes (OTPs) were reopened in Taiz (14), Hajjah (2) and Sa'ada (28), bringing the total number of functional OTPs to 2,170 nationwide.

Table 1. Health and nutrition services provided by 75 mobile teams MTs (27 Jan - 9 Feb 2016)

Children screened for acute malnutrition through routine nutrition services in Sana'a, Hodeidah, Taiz, Sa'ada and Aden governorates (6,765 male, 6,629 female)	13,394
Severely malnourished children under 5 years admitted to feeding programmes in Hodeidah, Hajjah, Almahwit, Raymah, Lahj, Aden, Shabwah, Aldhalea, Abyan, Amman, Dhammar, Sana'a, Mareb, Sa'ada, Aljawf, Hadramut and Taiz (592 boys, 792 girls).	1,384
Mothers of children under 5 received infant and young child feeding counselling in Amman, Sana'a, Hodeidah, Hadhranut, Aljawf, Raymah, Aden, Taiz, Lahj, Aldhalea, and Abyan.	6,501
Children under 5 received vitamin A and micronutrient supplementation	3,289
Children under 5 received deworming capsules	3,794
Pregnant and lactating women received iron/folate supplementation	8,571

During the reporting period, data from an outreach campaign conducted during December 2015 was consolidated. The campaign - carried out in Almahwit and Hajjah - reached more than 72,000 children and 27,000 PLW including screening for acute malnutrition, provision of vitamin A, micronutrient supplementation and deworming capsules for children under 5, and iron/folate supplementation for PLW.

About 185 health workers and volunteers took part in capacity-building activities during the reporting period: 61 health workers in Taiz governorate trained on CMAM and Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF); 25 district nutrition coordinators in Ibb governorate trained on CMAM 'reporting tools'; 60 health workers in Hajjah governorate on CMAM refresher training; 39 community health volunteers from Khawalan district in Sana'a governorate participated in a coordination meeting. Since 9 January 2016, UNICEF is supporting the implementation and communication activities for the Polio and Measles-Rubella (MR) vaccination campaign, reaching over 3.9 million children (see previous SitRep). According to preliminary reports, the polio campaign reached all affected districts in Taiz, with a total of 487,267 children vaccinated, consolidated results will be reported in the next SitRep.

UNICEF provided the Ministry of Health with 5,692,200 doses of t-OPV⁵ to be delivered during the March National Immunization Days polio campaign, and 400,000 doses of IPV⁶, to be provided by routine immunization services. UNICEF also continues to procure, distribute, and transport maternal and child health supplies including medical supplies for community and facility level services in Ibb and Taiz, and IMCI⁷ drug supplies for Governorate Health Offices in Sana'a, Amran, Al Bydha and Dhammar, for approximately 20,000 children. With UNICEF and WHO support, EPI/ MOPHP is developing the comprehensive Multi Year Immunization Plan 2016-2020, which outlines the targets, strategies and the implementation plan for the next five years for both routine and supplementary immunization activities.

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

About 19.3 million people in Yemen are now unable to meet their basic WASH needs as a consequence of the ongoing conflict. To address identified needs, UNICEF strategy focuses on providing access to safe water and restoring lost service provision capacity.

19.3 million people
with WASH needs

By supporting local water corporations, during the reporting period UNICEF ensured access to safe water to 1,317,987 people in Amanat Al Asimah (Sana'a city), Amran, Lahj, Sa'ada and Taiz governorates. In addition, continued supporting Amanat Al-Asimah Water Corporation with the operation of the wastewater treatment plant, benefiting 1,400,000 people in Sana'a city. UNICEF continued providing fuel for the operation of 28 rural water projects in six districts of Sa'ada governorate, providing water supply to 147,397 persons.

Water trucking provided water for drinking and domestic use to 47,134 displaced people and their host communities in Amanat Al Asimah, Sa'ada and Taiz governorates. In addition, 200 households in Al-Shamayateen district (Taiz governorate) received 800 jerry cans, 11 water tanks were installed for 41 households.

In Sa'ada governorate, 5,000 ceramic water filters and 5,000 basic hygiene kits were distributed to 31,073 people, while in Hajjah governorate 8,533 IDPs benefited from the distribution of 1,219 basic hygiene kits. Over 61,800 people in Hajjah and Sa'ada governorates participated in hygiene awareness sessions -focusing on personal hygiene, hand washing and safe water storage- conducted by UNICEF partners. UNICEF continued to support the Sa'ada Cleaning Fund, providing fuel and oil for daily operation, cleaning supplies and maintenance of three cleaning vehicles. With this support, the Sa'ada Cleaning Fund has collected and disposed-off 690 tons of garbage and solid waste from Sa'ada city.

⁵ t-OPV: Trivalent oral polio vaccine.

⁶ IPV: Inactivated polio vaccine.

⁷ IMCI: Integrated management of childhood diseases.

Education

After the escalation of the conflict in Yemen, over 1.8 million school-aged children were forced out of school due to the closure of 3,584 schools. Schools re-opened in November 2015, but over 1,600 remain closed due to insecurity, damages and the use of schools as IDPs shelter, the closure of schools is now affecting about 387,000 children. During the reporting period, three additional schools in Bani Hosheish district (Sana'a governorate) suspended classes due to increasing hostilities.

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UNICEF continued to deliver a package of education support for IDPs and out-of-school children. During the reporting period, UNICEF and the Governorate Education Offices (GEOs) in Ibb and Sana'a governorates distributed school bags and school kits for 16,605 IDPs and other affected children. To date, UNICEF has provided supplies to 169,436 affected children in 13 of the most affected governorates (including recreational kits for 23,800 affected children). UNICEF and the Ministry of Education are distributing 100,000 boxes of chalks and 3,000 boxes of whiteboard markers to all schools lacking essential teaching materials.

Between 27 January and 9 February, UNICEF and the GEOs finished the rehabilitation of nine schools in Hodeida, rehabilitation of other 68 affected schools in Amran, Dhamar, Ibb, Sana'a and Taiz was launched. In Ibb governorate, 16 latrines are under construction and 12 are being rehabilitated in five schools. Rehabilitation and construction works in schools, are expected to benefit 5,946 children in the coming weeks.

UNICEF has also ensured the continuation of education in Temporary Learning Spaces (TLS) for over 5,250 children in Ibb, Hodeidah, Hajjah, Sana'a and Taiz. UNICEF and the GEO in Taiz installed four TLS for IDP children in the outskirts of the city. UNICEF also expanded support for the operation of non-formal education (NFE) and community-based classes, opening 32 community-supported classes in Hodeida to enroll 1,973 out-of-school-children (OOSC), in addition to 1,787 children who joined the NFE classes in the governorate. UNICEF has been paying incentives for volunteer teachers to provide 7,393 of the most vulnerable OOSC with education in NFE and community classrooms. In Hajjah governorate, UNICEF and the GEO have identified 8,500 children who haven't enrolled in education due to distance to schools, insecurity or lack of teachers. Plans are underway to enroll these children by the beginning of the second semester of the current school year.

Child Protection

As a result of the ongoing conflict in Yemen, it is estimated that 7.4 million children are in need of protection services⁸.

+7.4 million children
in need of protection services

In partnership with MOSAL,⁹ local and international NGOs - in 50 districts of ten governorates -, at least 27,494 people¹⁰ from conflict-affected populations, host communities and IDPs, received Psycho-Social Support (PSS) via Community based and mobile Child-Friendly Spaces (CFS) activities. Out of these, 108 cases of vulnerable children, mainly victims of child trafficking and GBV, were identified. At least 58% of them were provided with needed response including psychosocial support, health services and educational support.

In 14 governorates, 2,627 people received information and skills on the protection of children in emergency, including prevention from being used or recruited by armed groups or armed forces, trafficking, GBV and child marriage.

UNICEF contributed to the implementation of the CPSC's¹¹ capacity building plan and in partnership with MOSAL, YEMAC and DRC, at least 127 staff members from implementing partners were equipped with information and skills on mine risk education (MRE), psychosocial support (PSS) and Monitoring and Reporting on grave child rights violations (MRM) in Sa'ada and Ibb governorates. UNICEF has also provided MRE life-saving information in conflict-affected communities, reaching 80,431 people¹² in Sa'ada, Ibb, Aden, Hadramout, Al-Baydha and Amanat Al-Asimah. UNICEF, as the lead agency, held a meeting with the MRE Working Group in order to map planned MRE activities, geographic locations and time frame. As per agreement between UNICEF and YEMAC, a Training of Trainers on MRE will be conducted (date to be confirmed).

Despite conflict escalation and instability, UNICEF continues to engage with the Civil Registration Authority (CRA) to promote birth registration and register as many children as possible. A total of 21,605 marginalized, disadvantaged and vulnerable children¹³ were provided with birth certificates through mobile teams in Al Mahweet governorate, while children, parents and community members received awareness on the importance of birth registration.

Children in Yemen continue to be at risk of recruitment and use by armed groups. During the reporting period, 18 cases of boys associated with armed groups were verified in Abyan and Hodeidah. The Country Task Force on Monitoring and

⁸ Humanitarian Needs Overview – Yemen 2016.

⁹ MOSAL: Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour.

¹⁰ Including 24,301 children, 3,193 parents.

¹¹ CPSC: Child Protection Sub Cluster

¹² Including 68,388 children, 12,043 adults.

¹³ Including 8,777 girls, 12,828 boys.

Reporting (CTF MR)¹⁴ is working on the verification of at least five children killed and 28 children maimed in Taiz. Moreover, UNICEF continues strengthening capacities at the field on monitoring and reporting on grave violations against children, with 46 new field monitors in Sa'ada, Sana'a and Amran.

Social Policy

Since March 2015, the suspension of the Social Welfare fund (SWF) - government unconditional cash transfer programme – as well as the limited access to traditional safety nets and livelihoods, has left nearly 8 million people in need of urgent social protection.¹⁵ UNICEF has so far reached a total of 12,421 vulnerable families (86,947 individuals) with cash transfers in Amanat Al-Asima and Taiz. In Amanat Al-Asima, 4,938 families (34,566 individuals) have received three cycles of assistance, while in Taiz, 7,483 families (52,381 individuals) have received their first cycle. Coordination is underway with WFP to ensure that vulnerable families who did not receive cash assistance are reached by WFP's upcoming food and/or voucher assistance.

UNICEF is also preparing to reactivate activities with the Beneficiary Development Network (BDN). BDN activities (covering Amanat Al-Asima and Ibb) will focus on raising awareness about child wellbeing and child-friendly spending patterns, through frontline social workers from the Social Welfare Fund.

8 million people
in need of social protection

Communication for Development (C4D)

During the reporting period, 66,039 individuals were reached and engaged around key life-saving messages and practices, making a total of 248,769 individuals reached through interpersonal means since the beginning of 2016.¹⁶ Particular efforts were made in the three districts of Taiz (including Taiz City) to mobilize communities and improve knowledge on dengue fever, and malaria prevention and response. UNICEF and supported efforts by the Government Health Office (GHO) and civil society partners, focusing on disease prevention and reporting, routine immunization services and the importance of completing immunization schedules, handwashing with soap and household water storage, avoiding injuries from mines/UXOs and self-protection from falling debris.

Supply and Logistics

Since the escalation of the crisis in late March, a total of 4,019 metric tons of emergency supplies have been sent to Yemen. During the reporting period, 30,000 cartons of therapeutic spread were shipped to be distributed as part of acute malnutrition treatment. In addition, 284,600 vials of oral polio vaccine were sent to Yemen and will be used during March vaccination campaign, while 40,000 vials of IPV vaccine were shipped for coming routine vaccination campaigns.

Funding

In line with the Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP), **UNICEF's 2016 appeal is for US\$180 million**, UNICEF has received US\$ 9,621,098 million against the appeal, leaving a **95 per cent funding gap**.¹⁷ Additionally, US\$ 59.7 million have been rolled over pledged against the 2015 appeal.

Sector	Requirements	Funding Received*		Funding Gap	
		US\$	%	US\$	%
Nutrition	61,500,000	1,362,700	2%	60,137,300	98%
Health	36,000,000	3,772,130	10%	32,227,870	90%
Water, Sanitation and Hygiene	48,500,000	-	0%	48,500,000	100%
Child Protection	14,000,000	9,500	0%	13,990,500	100%
Education	14,000,000	-	0%	14,000,000	100%
Social Protection in Emergency	6,000,000	-	0%	6,000,000	100%
Being allocated		4,476,768			
Sub-Total	US\$ 180,000,000	US\$ 9,621,098	5%	US\$ 170,378,902	95%
Carry-forward		US\$ 59,692,673			
Total funding available**		US\$ 69,313,771			
Grand Total	US\$ 180,000,000	US\$ 69,313,771	39%	US\$ 110,686,229	61%

*Funds received do not include pledges.

**Total funding available includes total funds received against current appeal plus carry-forward.

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¹⁴ CTF MR: Country Task Force on Monitoring and Reporting of Grave Child Rights Violations in Armed Conflicts.

¹⁵ Estimated by UNICEF, based on SWF quarter 4- 2014 report.

¹⁶ Including 9,435 from Sana'a and Dhamar; 12,877 from Aden, Shabwa and Abyan; 4,569 from Hodeida; 8708 from Sa'ada and Al Jawf; 30,450 from Taiz and Ibb.

¹⁷ As of 15 February, 2016.

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SUMMARY OF PROGRAMME RESULTS

2016 PROGRAMME TARGETS AND RESULTS*	2016 Overall needs**	Cluster		UNICEF	
		2016 Target	Total 2016 Results	2016 Target	Total 2016 Results
NUTRITION					
Number of children under 5 are treated for Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM)	319,966	178,562	5,126	178,562	5,126
Number of PLWs benefitted from the IYCF counselling	2,076,914 ²	313,119	20,596	313,119	20,596
Number of children under 5 given micronutrient interventions ¹	4,298,163 ²	276,000	10,890	4,000,000	10,890
HEALTH					
	14.1 million				
Number of children under 1 vaccinated against measles (MCV1)				770,000	2,087
Number of children under 5 vaccinated against polio				5,039,936	3,963,881*
Number of children under 5 receiving primary health care				815,000	49,193
Number of pregnant and lactating women receiving primary health care				680,000	57,070
WASH					
	19.3 million				
Number of affected population (men, woman, boys and girls) provided with improved water sources and environmental sanitation services by developing, rehabilitating and maintaining the Public and community infrastructures ³		6,384,984	1,978,292	5,186,000	1,960,769*
Number of affected people with access to safe water as per agreed standards (7.5-15L per person per day)		682,332	234,410	100,000	61,649*
Number of affected people provided with standard basic hygiene kits		1,382,461	59,003	500,000	58,882
CHILD PROTECTION					
	7.4 million				
Number of children in conflict-affected areas covered by MRM interventions		1,372,933	25,000	1,372,933	25,000
Number of children in conflict-affected areas receiving psychosocial support		399,594	105,753	279,716	99,009
Number of children and community members receiving knowledge to protect themselves against injury/death of mine/UXO explosion		502,158	151,776	351,511	151,455
EDUCATION					
	3 million				
Number of affected school-aged children provided with access to education via Temporary Learning Spaces and School Rehabilitation		244,500	2,291	156,000	1,691
Number of affected children receiving psychosocial support services in schools		575,500	1,428	173,000	738
Number of affected children with access to basic learning supplies, books and classroom furniture to be integrated into education system		522,710	176,370	360,000	169,438
SOCIAL PROTECTION					
	8 million⁴				
Number of vulnerable individuals reached with humanitarian Cash transfer in Yemen ⁵				34,285	20,391
C4D					
Number of affected people reached through integrated C4D efforts				1,200,000	248,769

Footnotes:

(*) Indicators and results may change while the YHRP 2016 is finalized. Some programme results appear high as they are part of ongoing efforts initiated in 2015 (i.e. "Number of affected population provided with improved water sources and environmental sanitation services"—an indicator which measures large-scale urban and rural water programmes; "Number of children under 5 vaccinated against polio" were results are mostly attributed to the national vaccination campaign ongoing since 9 January Other results are expected to be achieved more gradually.

(**) According to Humanitarian Needs overview Yemen 2016, unless otherwise indicated.

- UNICEF's target for the indicator is 4,000,000 US children as Micronutrients interventions that UNICEF is supporting include Vit A supplementation and micronutrients sprinkles supplementation, while Nutrition cluster target did not include the Vit A supplementation and will consider only micronutrients sprinkles supplementation target: 276,000 children under 5.
- "Number of PLWs benefitted from the IYCF counselling" estimated based on the total number of PLWs (8% of population). "Number of children under 5 given micronutrient interventions", estimated based on the total number of children from 6 to 59 months old.
- Cumulative catchment number of people accessing safe drinking water through rehabilitation / repair of the existing urban water supply systems with established operations / maintenance routines, rehabilitation of rural and urban water and sewage systems infrastructure including supply of equipment, spare parts, fuel, chemicals for treatment and other operation and maintenance costs, and the cumulative catchment of number of people benefitting from support to solid waste management services with supply of equipment, spare parts, fuel and other operational costs.
- Number of people in need for urgent social protection, estimated by UNICEF based on SWF quarter 4- 2014 report.
- UNICEF target for 2016 is markedly low compared to 2015 since this activity moved from being under the NFI/Shelter Cluster to being under the Protection Cluster. Associated with this change in clusters was a change in the limits of funds that could be appealed, and thus a change in the target.