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UNICEF Yemen Situation Report

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Highlights:

- Eight incidents of grave child rights violations were reported in August, five of which were verified. The verified incidents include the death of one boy and injury of 10 others (9 boys, 1 girl). The incidents took place in the Governorates of Abyan (2), Sana'a (1), Sa'ada (4), and Shabwa (1).
- The Out of School (OOS) Children Survey in Al-Dhale Governorate (in the south of Yemen) has been completed. Preliminary findings show that 78% of the 4553 children who dropped out of school were girls.
- Capacity building of health workers (HWs) in Community Management of Acute Malnutrition (CMAM) continued with the training of 44 health workers and refresher training of 40 others from, Rayma and Mahweet Governorates in the north of Yemen. These HWs will support the provision of nutrition services in the additional 34 outpatient therapeutic posts (OTPs) that have been established.



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Access to and retention of girls in school, especially adolescents, must become a key national priority

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Inter-Agency Collaboration, Coordination, Cluster Leadership and Key Partnerships

Nutrition cluster

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WASH cluster

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Education cluster

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Child Protection sub-cluster (CPSC)

- **Harmonization of the Child Friendly Spaces (CFS) project:** A round-table discussion with Child Protection (CP) actors involved in the implementation of the CFS project was held to discuss the future directions of CFS. It was decided that given the incidents of grave child rights violations, Standard Operating Procedures (SoP) for 2-3 key violations will be developed for the CFS to focus as an immediate measure, while plans for a comprehensive CP systems building approach is being developed.
- **Organisational Capacity Development:** In an effort to address capacity development amongst NGOs, a draft work plan and timeline has been agreed upon in conjunction with the Early Recovery cluster to include the organisational capacity development of up to 30 NGOs in the areas of fund-raising, proposal writing and programme cycle management.

UNICEF Response

Nutrition

- The first draft of the Yemen National Nutrition Multi Sectoral Plan has been submitted to the National Steering Committee. A revised version based on feedback from the Committee is being developed with technical support from the SUN secretariat and UN agencies.
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- UNICEF is undertaking a desk review of the main findings of all nutrition surveys to define a causality framework to address chronic malnutrition in Yemen. This framework will better inform nutrition programming to ensure sustainable interventions and impact, as well as forge stronger linkages with other sectors such as WASH and Health.
- By mid 2013, a total of 60,956 children with SAM have been enrolled in the CMAM programme with a total of 25,012 have been cured (59%), 180 were reported dead (0.4%), 15,992 defaulted (38%) and 1156 (3%) were non-respondent.

Health

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WASH

- Al-Amal, UNICEF partner in Sa'ada, has commenced distribution of 460 water tanks of 1,000 litre capacity to 460 conflict affected families in Baqim District. This distribution is hoped to benefit some 4,076 persons including 2,648 children.
- WASH in Schools (WinS) activities are on-going in seven schools in Saqayn District in Sa'ada Governorate. Installation of water supply and sanitation facilities in six target schools in Razeh District has also been completed.

- UNICEF in collaboration with the Executive Unit of GARWSP is working on a pipe network to facilitate supply of water to IDPs in camps around Al-Khamisen and Mazrat. The installation of the pipe network is expected to cut down on the on-going water trucking to the camps.
- Almost 73% of the water supply network (12,720 out of total of 17,520 meter length) has been completed with installation of necessary fittings in Hydan District in Sa'ada Governorate.
- A total of 26 hygiene awareness sessions were carried out (17 sessions in Hydan and 9 in Jumat bin Fadil) during the reporting month to disseminate hygiene messages to the target communities. The sessions were attended by 86 children (57 girls and 29 boys) 138 women and 43 men. Importance of hand washing at critical times, personal and household hygiene were amongst the main topics addressed during the sessions.



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Education

- The review of bids for the rehabilitation of 35 GPE (Global Partnership for Education) supported schools has been completed and the results have been submitted to the High Bidding Committee headed by the Governor of Sa'ada for final decision. It is expected that contracts will be signed with 5 contractors in the coming weeks.
- The Out of School (OOS) Children Survey in Al-Dhale Governorate, southern Yemen has been completed. Preliminary findings show that 78% of the 4553 children who dropped out of school were girls.
- 40 non-formal education classes for 1299 (213 M and 1086 F) out of school children have resumed in 2 districts (Al-Mokha and Mawza'a) in Taiz Governorate.
- A workshop for the Local Education Group (LEG) was held at the Ministry of Education (MOE) to brief participants on the overall objective of the comprehensive national study on Out of School Children expected to begin in September. The group will reconvene in December when findings of the first draft report will be shared.
- The bidding process for the renovation of 25 schools in Abyan, Lahj, Aden Shabwa, Al-Dhale Governorates supported by the Government of Japan and 10 schools in Aden and Lahj supported by the Al-Waleed Bin Talal Foundation has been finalised. Work is expected to start in the coming weeks.

Child Protection

- A total of 6075 individuals (including 3,303 children, 54% girls) received mine risk education in Abyan Governorate in partnership with DRC/DGG and InterSoS. Community volunteers, NGO partners and governmental staff also received MRE training in Abyan.
- A total of 10,190 children and adults (9,845 children, 46% girls) received psychosocial services (PSS) through community-based CFSs in Abyan, Aden and Shabwa in collaboration with DRC, InterSoS and SSA.
- An additional 11,164 children (37% girls) received PSS through school-based child friendly spaces (CFSs) in Abyan, Aden, Shabwa and Hajja in collaboration with Intersos, MOSAL, DRC, Shawab and SSA. Intersos and SSA provided a further 1580 counselling sessions for children of whom 49% were girls.
- A total of 7976 community members, of whom 5,556 were children (47% girls), received awareness raising sessions on a variety of child protection issues such as child marriage, child trafficking and violence against children. This was provided by Intersos, MOSAL and DRC in Abyan, Aden, Amran, Hajja and Sa'daa Governorates.

- In Aden, eighty-eight (88) unaccompanied migrant children of Ethiopian origin (all boys) were repatriated to Ethiopia in collaboration with DRC and in coordination with IOM and UNICEF-Ethiopia. It has been confirmed that those in need of psychosocial support and family reunification are receiving these services in Ethiopia.
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