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UNICEF Yemen Situation Report

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Highlights:

- Every Saturday and Wednesday, nearly 50,000 children in Aden Governorate in the south, are denied access to their schools. The pro-separatist movement known as Al-Hirak has called for 'civil disobedience' in the governorate to draw attention to their demands. Through this, many schools are forced to close, while staff and students risk attack or intimidation.
- A rapid return system will soon be established for migrants in Haradh in the north including the 77 children currently hosted at the International Organization for Migration (IOM) shelter, the military camp and the child protection centre. This follows a visit in April by IOM, UNICEF and the United Nations Humanitarian Coordinator/Resident Coordinator, to assess the humanitarian condition of migrants and to find urgent solutions for their return.
- A mobile team has been deployed for the first time in Shabwa Governorate in the east of the country, to serve children affected by severe acute malnutrition (SAM) in one of the most affected districts.



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Pro-separatist supporters physically prevent students and staff from entering this school in Aden Governorate.

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

Nutrition cluster

- The first draft of the national Community Management of Acute Malnutrition (CMAM) guidelines was revised and upgraded during the national workshop attended by high level academic experts and practitioners.

WASH cluster

- NSTR

Education cluster

- NSTR

Child Protection sub-cluster (CPSC)

- A list of minimum child protection responses within the Yemeni context has been developed by the CPSC through consultation with the global Child Protection Working Group in order to identify gaps in child protection programming nationally.
- The CPSC suggested several indicators relating to child protection (such as early marriage and child labour) which are linked to poverty within the Yemeni context. These indicators are likely to be used in the Multi-dimensional Livelihoods Assessment in Conflict Affected Areas to help decipher the relationship between poverty and salient child protection issues. The information emerging from the study will be instrumental to the cluster in better defining prevention programmes.



Community Volunteers visit the hardest to reach areas to screen children for severe acute malnourishment (SAM)

UNICEF Response

Nutrition

- Approximately 23,755 children have been enrolled in the CMAM programme since January 2013.
- 275 health workers from Raymah, Hajjah, Al Jawf (all in the north), Aden, Lahj (in the south) and Hodeidah, received training on severe acute malnutrition (SAM) management during April as part of the ongoing nationwide outpatient therapeutic care programme (OTP) training.
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- 360 community volunteers, mainly from Al-Mahweet (north) Hodeidah, Raymah, Hajjah, Al Jawf, Taiz (central/west), Aden and Lahj, have been trained on the integrated nutrition package.
- 81 district monitors (31 from Hajjah, 30 from Taiz, 20 from Lahj) received one week of training on CMAM programme performance monitoring in the field.
- The Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) technical working group is expanding to include the Ministries of Agriculture, Water Resources and Fisheries in addition to the Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation and the Ministry of Public Health and Population.

Health

- 23 community midwives from targeted districts in Sa'ada, in the north received three weeks' competency based training on Community Based Maternal Newborn Care (CBMNC) at hospital and community levels.

WASH

- 58,452 people continued to receive water supply through UNICEF partners Oxfam and the Executive Unit of the General Authority for Rural Water Projects (GARWAP), in the respective governorates of Abyan (11,200) and Hajjah (47,252 internally displaced persons (IDPs) in and outside camps, including 6,804 school children).
- Water trucking has been phased out of two areas of Al-Mazraq, Haradh Governorate that are being connected to the main water supply in the area.
- 34,984 people in Hajjah Governorate now have access to 2,047 family latrines constructed or rehabilitated by UNICEF partner Al-Khair. A further 1,890 people, including 756 children are using 270 emergency latrines constructed by partner OXFAM in Khanfer and Zinjibar Districts, Abyan Governorate.

- 2,422 IDPs, including 969 children, received monthly hygiene supplies through UNICEF partner the Centre for Comprehensive Social Services (CSS) in in Aden Governorate. A further 490 IDPs, including 196 children also received supplies from partner Save the Children in Aden and Lahj Governorates.
- 70% of the rehabilitation work in the 53 schools of Abyan has been completed so far. When fully complete, 14,155 boys and 14,029 girls will benefit.

Education



Children study under a collapsed roof in a school destroyed during the Sa'ada war.

- 840 children, most of whom are returnees are now using 14 temporary classrooms that were installed in April in Sa'ada.
- 40 literacy teachers were trained in April to run literacy classes for out of school children in two target districts of Taiz Governorate. The latest results from the rapid assessment show that 4,025 (1,087 boys, 2,938 girls) are out of school in the 40 villages. 1,200 of these children are being targeted initially by UNICEF for integration into non-formal classes.
- 699 teachers have been trained on child rights and class management (453 from Hodeidah and Hajja; and 246 from Sana'a Governorate in central Yemen). A further 38 female volunteer teachers have begun a training course on how to deal with out of school children in Hodeidah.

- 16 parent councils are currently being trained in Sana'a Governorate on key tasks, roles and purpose of the council. This is expected to improve links between the school and local community.
- School supervisors, education officers and other education staff from 8 districts in Aden attended a workshop funded by UNICEF to energise and reactivate schools affected by the continuing 'civil disobedience'. As a result, the participants agreed that to ensure that children are able to access schools and receive education of an acceptable quality; support for teachers; daily monitoring; and weekly meetings with parents councils, prominent community members and religious leaders (Imams); will be conducted for the remainder of the school year. Imams are also urged to publicize the importance and value of education in their Friday sermons so that children do not lose out on their education.
- 50 rural, untrained teachers are currently under selection for training during May. Their recruitment is expected to improve the rate of enrolment of girls in schools as well as to cover to some extent the shortage of teachers in the rural areas of Sa'ada Governorate.
- 191 government education staff, school principals and heads of parent councils in Hodeidah Governorate (central/west) attended workshops on the importance of early childhood development (ECD) for children under 6. 16 teachers and ECD volunteer teachers were also trained on the concept of ECD.

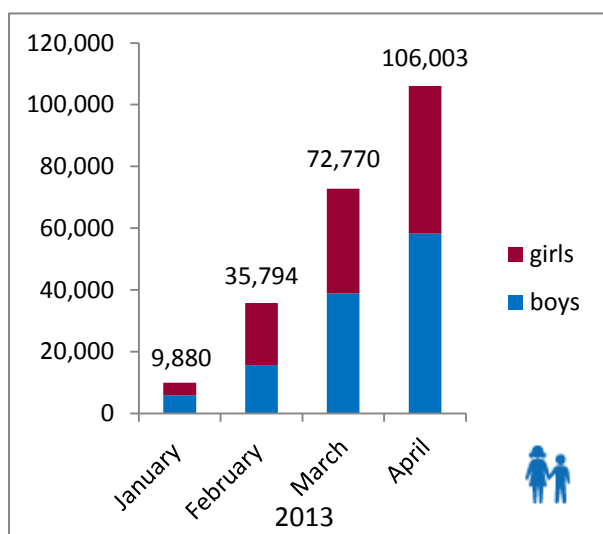


A child plays in an ECD classroom

Child Protection

- During this reporting period, 10 incidents of grave rights violations were reported. These incidents included 5 attacks on 3 schools in Aden due to the continued 'civil disobedience movement. Also affected were 1 girl and 6 boys, 2 of whom were caught in cross fire between Al-Hirak and the Yemeni Armed Forces in Aden and Lahj; and 2 were killed due to mines in Sa'ada Governorate.
- Approximately 30,243 people (girls: 10,199, boys: 13,838, women: 2,236, men: 3,970) were reached with community based mine risk education (MRE) in the high risk districts of six governorates. The MRE activities were conducted by YEMAC with UNICEF support and assistance from DRC, DS, INTERSOS,

Vulnerable, displaced and conflict affected children provided with psychosocial support



Save the Children, and Shawthab. In addition, 93 teachers/social workers and community volunteers (female: 34, male: 59) were trained on how to disseminate MRE messages to children and adults.

- 106,003 vulnerable, displaced and conflict affected children (boys: 58,240, girls: 47,763) were provided with psychosocial support through recreational, sports and play activities in 10 governorates. These took place in child-friendly spaces (CFS) based in schools, communities and homes, as well as in adolescent clubs and mobile teams, in partnership with Al-Ferdous, Attakaful, CSSW, CPI, DRC, DS, INTERSOS, IOM, IR, Mercy Corps, MOSAL, Save the Children, Shawthab and the Social Services Association (SSA). Out of these children, 954 (girls: 437, boys: 517) were identified as extremely vulnerable, with 241 (girls: 84, boys: 157) referred for specific services and provided with direct support such as food and non-food items.

- The capacities of 255 community volunteers, teachers and social workers (female: 126, male: 129) and 1,177 children (girls: 486, boys: 691) were

strengthened on child rights and child protection in emergency and child participation in five governorates, organized by DS, Mercy Yemen, MoSAL, Shawthab. In addition, 494 children (girls: 219, boys: 275) received key messages on the main child protection issues.

- 15,343 people, including children (boys: 4,868, girls: 2,600), parents and community members (men: 4,228, women: 3,647) were made aware of measures related to protecting children from the effects of conflict in Abyan, Aden, Hajjah, Lahj, Sa'ada, Sana'a, Amanat Alasimah, and Shabwa, organized by DRC, DS, Mercy Corps, MOSAL, Save the Children, Shawthab and SSA.
- The Child Protection Centre in Haradh operated by Intersos and the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour (with UNICEF support) provided protection services to an additional 38 unaccompanied, trafficked or smuggled children, 6 of whom were migrants from the Horn of Africa. At the same time, 29 Yemeni children were reunified with their families, leaving a total of 70 boys (18 of whom are Yemeni) hosted at the centre at the end of April.



MRE awareness activities in Haradh

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