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UNICEF Yemen Situation Report

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Highlights:

- 877 of the most vulnerable and conflict affected children (413 girls, 464 boys) received birth certificates during a rapid registration campaign in Aden Governorate, South Yemen.
- The nutrition sub cluster in Southern Yemen finalized the data collection phase of the ongoing SMART survey in Abyan during December. Data entry and analysis will begin in January 2013.
- 86,000 bags have been distributed as part of the back to school campaign for Hodeidah, Al-Mahweet and Raymah Governorates, North Yemen.
- 24 of the 35 schools in Aden have now been rehabilitated with the rest due to be finalized by mid-January 2013 for the benefit of around 28,500 children.



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Children with special needs celebrate the rehabilitation of their school.

Al-Kadsyah school in Aden, which has housed internally displaced persons (IDPs) for the past 16 months, has two classes specially allocated for 60 students with special needs.

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

Nutrition cluster

- 21 sub-cluster members took part in five days of training on Nutrition in Emergencies in Aden Governorate to improve nutrition programming in critical emergency situations. The training proved a success, with final tests scoring an average of 88%. Further training will be conducted in Sana'a.
- A Cluster Review Committee has been established to review nutrition cluster member projects submitted to the Emergency Response Fund (ERF).

WASH cluster

- WASH cluster partners including Government authorities, humanitarian agencies, the Deputy Minister of Water and Environment, the General Authority for Rural Water Supply Projects (GARWAP) Chairman, the National Water Resources Authority (NWRA) Deputy and the Head of Water from GIZ took part in a National level workshop, concluding with recommendations for the water and sanitation strategy review.
- A national cluster meeting was also held this month with participation from the 6 sub-clusters.
- 20 engineers took part in a week's training on water supply pipe network design. These engineers will go on to assist in rehabilitating Yemen's network, 30% of which is reportedly damaged.

Education cluster

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Child Protection sub-cluster (CPSC)

- Discussion at the CPSC meeting centred on the main findings of the 'child protection interventions in emergency' evaluation by a UNICEF commissioned international consultant. UNHCR also presented the National Policy for IDPs, underlining the importance of incorporating children's needs within the Policy, as they represent over half the IDP population.
- The Mine Risk Education (MRE) sub-group in Aden also held two meetings with NGO partners, YEMAC and the education office to assign Abyan schools to partners for MRE implementation.

UNICEF Response

Nutrition

- In Hajjah, North Yemen, 115 health workers from 72 health facilities in 13 districts were trained as part of the micro-plan implementation. A further 160 community volunteers from 7 districts were trained on community management of acute malnutrition (CMAM). 77 outpatient therapeutic care programmes (OTPs) are functional with another 59 due to be activated soon.
- 64 female volunteers attended training in two districts of Hodeidah (North Yemen).
- In Aden, a planning workshop bringing together all stakeholders within the health and nutrition sector was conducted to develop a detailed micro-plan following the completion of a SMART survey in the governorate. The detailed plan was shared with all stakeholders for implementation.
- Preliminary findings from the SMART survey in Ibb, Central Yemen show acute malnutrition rates of 7.6% and 8.6%; underweight 35.6% and 38.8%; and stunting 55.7% and 58.4% in the Eastern and Western Highlands respectively.
- Following preparatory work for nutrition and mortality SMART surveys, the data collection phase has been finalized as scheduled in the conflict affected and non-affected districts of Abyan Governorate.
- 38,800 cartons of Plumpy Nut, were distributed to 19 governorates, with therapeutic milk and medicines.
- 12 supervisors from the Central Statistic Organization in the Ministry of Planning were given anthropometry training in order to effectively conduct the baseline survey for UNICEF supported districts.
- 10 nutrition officers from the national nutrition department, Ministry of Public Health and Population participated in a planning session to address the community based interventions that form part of the UNICEF and European-Union funded nutrition project. The session outlined the need for qualitative studies; design of a new motivational system for volunteers; feasibility studies to pilot 'hearth' programmes; regular exit interviews and focus group discussions to assess impact; as well as community wide sensitization at the beginning of the project.

Health

- 44 midwives from Taiz and Ibb; and 38 midwives in Hodeidah attended training courses on community based maternal and newborn care to ensure better health and nutrition of mothers and their babies.

- 1.6 million children under 2 were targeted in the fourth round of integrated outreach services, which offered vaccinations against all antigens plus treatment of common illnesses like pneumonia and diarrhoea.
- 5 million doses of the polio vaccine have been procured for the Polio national immunization days, which have been postponed until January.

WASH



- 1,987 families of returnees (13,909 men and women and 5,563 children) were given hygiene kits in Jaar district of Abyan Governorate.
- 749 IDP families (5,243 people: 2,097 children) in Abyan Governorate and 5,801 IDP families (35,312 people) in Haradh District, Hajjah were given cleaning materials. The latter also received jerry cans and hygiene kits.
- 35,944 students (20,862 girls, 15,082 boys) in Aden are now benefitting from rehabilitated WASH facilities in 21 schools. Furthermore, 104,512 soap bars and 35,280 hand towels were provided in these schools along with hygiene promotion activities to improve hygiene practices among students.
- 37 schools in Aden and Lahj that were being used by IDPs have begun a thorough cleaning campaign. The 8 schools still accommodating 381 IDP families (1,463 adults, 580 children) in Aden are undergoing routine maintenance.
- In Saada, North Yemen, 1,516 ceramic water filters were given to 682 and 834 families in Sahar and Al-Safra Districts respectively. Four 1,000-liter and 27 2,000-liter water tanks were provided in Sahar District for 845 families. Furthermore, 13,197 school hygiene kits have been distributed throughout 15 schools in Saada City where 30 teachers have also been trained to increase hygiene promotion activities in schools.
- In Haradh, UNICEF continues to support the supply of water to 42,318 IDPs; and sanitation and hygiene promotion activities to 32,915 IDP camps and nearby areas of Hayran, Mustaba, Abs and Al-Khamisain Districts. 379 pit latrines have been maintained and 335 community latrines have been constructed to benefit 5,285 IDPs in camp 3, Khairan, Al-Moharraaq, Hairan, Mustaba and Al-Khamisain Districts.
- In Amran, also in the north, UNICEF continues supporting the daily water supply and hygiene kit distribution to 10,585 IDPs (1,511 families) in 13 IDP settlements and districts. Furthermore, 3,602 students and 867 families were reached by hygiene promotion activities in 22 schools and 56 communities in December.

Education

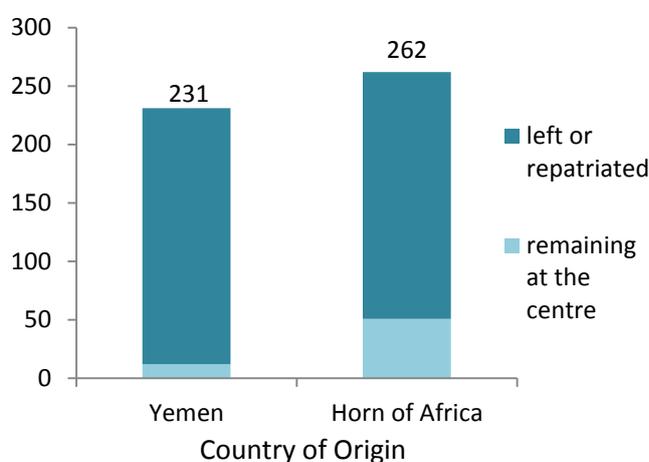
- 862 students (513 boys, 349 girls) from IDP and host communities stand to benefit from 16 new, temporary classrooms being constructed in Al-Mazraq IDP Camp 3, Haradh District, Hajjah Governorate.
- 350 school bags and learning materials were also distributed, 2 UNICEF tents were installed and the building is being reconstructed at Al-Siddeeq school in Al-Mirnaf IDP Settlement, Abs District.
- 698 teachers, school principals and social workers from Hodeidah, Raymah, Al-Mahweet and Hajjah Governorates were trained on child rights concepts, 360 of whom were also trained on class management techniques.
- 86,000 bags have been distributed as part of the back to school campaign for Hodeidah, Al-Mahweet and Raymah Governorates.
- 51 student councils have been elected in Hodeidah and Hajjah's Child Friendly Schools (CFS).
- 162 recreation kits and 81 early childhood development (ECD) kits have been distributed in CFSs in Hodeidah, Hajjah, Raymah and Al-Mahweet Governorates.
- 24 of the 35 schools in Aden have been rehabilitated with the rest due to be finalized by mid-January 2013: 28,500 children are expected to benefit from this.

Child Protection

- In December, 6 more children (5 boys and 1 girl) were reportedly victims of grave child rights violations in the south: 2 boys were killed, while 4 children were maimed.
- 877 of the most vulnerable and conflict affected children in Aden Governorate (413 girls, 464 boys) were ensured access to one of their most basic human rights through a rapid birth registration campaign. Local NGOs/CBOs worked closely with local religious leaders who played a strategic role in informing the families of the ongoing birth registration activities through the local mosque.

- Two training workshops on birth registration were conducted in two governorates to introduce the new birth registration model and clarify the integral roles and responsibilities of birth registration procedures for the Civil Registration Authority, health, education and justice services/offices. Agreements were made between relevant services on activities, monitoring and information flow as a result of these workshops.
- A total of 4,471 people including 4,243 children (1,667 girls and 2,576 boys) and 228 adults (65 women and 163 men) were taught about the hazards of mines and UXOs in Saada and Hajjah Governorates. These activities were organized by Shawthab and the Democratic School under the guidance of YEMAC
- 50 community facilitators from Abyan were trained in mine risk education (MRE) by YEMAC under a UNICEF-IOM agreement.
- 5,800 people (2,943 boys, 2,293 girls, 352 men and 212 women) received awareness on child protection in emergency in Sa'ada, Hajjah, Amran, Amanat Al Asimah, Aden, and Abyan Governorates.
- A total of 26,512 IDP and IDP affected and vulnerable children (16,149 boys, 10,363 girls) were provided with access to psychosocial support through recreational, sports and play activities in partnership with Save the Children, Shawthab, CPI, AHRF, INTERSOS, SSA, Al-Ferdous, Attakaful, MOSAL, Democratic School and IOM. This took place in child-friendly spaces based in schools, community or homes with focus on the most vulnerable children. 801 (388 girls, 413 boys) have been identified as extremely vulnerable and referred to appropriate services.
- 409 teachers and community volunteers (292 females, 117 males) and 259 children (44 girls, 215 boys) in Abyan, Aden and AL-Hodeidah were trained by Save the Children, INTERSOS, SSA, IOM, DRC, and DDG on child protection in emergency, psycho-social support, mine/UXO risk and how to report child protection issues.
- The Child Protection Centre in Haradh received an additional 98 unaccompanied, trafficked or smuggled boys, 61 of whom were migrants from the Horn of Africa. During the same time 45 Yemeni children were reunified with their families. At the end of 2012, there are only 63 boys, including 12 Yemeni children hosted at the centre.

Unaccompanied Minors at Haradh's Child Protection Centre During 2012



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