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UNICEF Yemen Situation Report

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Highlights:

- 35,794 vulnerable displaced and conflict affected children (boys: 15,597, girls: 20,197) were provided psychosocial support in Abyan, Aden, Al Dhale'e and Lahj (South Yemen), Amran, Hajjah and Sa'ada (North), Amanat Al Asimah, Sana'a and Taiz Governorates (Central/West).
- The UNICEF WASH team is working with other cluster partners in preparedness for the upcoming World Water Day (March 22nd 2013).
- 371,785 school bags have been distributed for children throughout Sa'ada, Abyan, Aden, Lahj, Al Dhale, Haradh (in the north), Ibb and Hodeidah (central/west) Governorates as part of the ongoing Back to School campaign.



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12 year old Nessrin and her brother Omar, displaced internally by the conflict, have just watched a puppet play by their peers on the importance of hand washing, Aden, South Yemen.

"One day I will go back home, I will tell my story, what it is like to be forced to leave home, what is like to take a school as a home and a classroom as a house, one day I will go home, surely I will."

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

Nutrition cluster

- Topics for the national community management of acute malnutrition (CMAM) guidelines were endorsed and finalized by the cluster task force group during February 2013.
- The nutrition cluster has submitted a US\$600,000 proposal to CERF for IOM and UNICEF to provide lifesaving nutrition interventions to children under 5 and pregnant and lactating women (PLW) in Abyan, Shabwa and Al-Dhale Governorates, South Yemen.

WASH cluster

- Field visits to Aden, Haradh and Sa'ada sub-clusters were conducted to; review the roles and responsibilities of the sub-cluster lead and strategic working group; monitor the gap analysis mechanism; review the regional response plans; and promote joint programming.
- A proposal to cover urgent funding gaps (to benefit the displaced in Abyan Governorate) was submitted through OCHA to the CERF secretariat.
- The WASH cluster has begun to conduct additional meetings in Arabic specifically for Arabic speakers, chaired by the general Authority for Rural Water Supply Projects (GARWSP) with support from UNICEF.

Education cluster

- During the Education Cluster planning workshop this month, it was agreed that cluster members would participate in implementing 20 per cent of the Global Partnership for Education (GPE) grant programme. Data from USAID's assessment of damage in Abyan, Lahj, and Aden Governorates was compiled and shared with the Ministry of Education (MoE) to inform decisions about emergency interventions in the south. Assessment of psychosocial support activities has also started, with results to be shared in March.
- The government education offices of Aden, Lahj and Abyan agreed to update and finalize the list of the schools to be rehabilitated through the GPE emergency fund.

Child Protection sub-cluster (CPSC)

- The CPSC identified priority gaps in life-saving interventions in northern Yemen to address the impact of conflict and grave violations on children through enhanced protection monitoring, community awareness, prevention and response services. This has informed the development of a child protection submission for US\$600,000 in CERF funding (via UNICEF).
- The CPSC also prepared a comprehensive capacity building plan for the sector in 2013 across Yemen, building on previous initiatives. Immediate priorities are to establish a core inter-agency team capable of conducting child protection rapid assessments in emergencies; as well as strengthening capacities in child protection monitoring.

UNICEF Response

Nutrition

- 75 health workers were trained on CMAM management: 50 for 25 new Outpatient Therapeutic Programmes (OTPs) in Taiz; and 25 for 10 new OTPs in the most vulnerable districts of Lahj.
- 16 master trainers from Lahj, Shabwa, Al Dhale and Abyan were trained in infant and young child feeding.
- Nearly 120,000 people are set to receive integrated services through two new project cooperation agreements signed with International Medical Corps (IMC; 80,823, including 30,000 aged under 5) and Vision Hope International (VHI; 38,730, including 21,000 under 5).
- Supplies have been delivered in preparation for six newly planned, mother and child nutrition campaigns in Aden, Lahj, Ibb, Taiz, Hodeidah and Hajjah Governorates.



- UNICEF submitted a CERF proposal for US\$450,000 to benefit 11,500 individuals in Abyan, including 8,500 children under 5.
- UNICEF and the Ministry of Public Health and Population have finalized preparations to launch the first communication campaign to fight malnutrition in Yemen, using trained journalists and all available national media channels. The campaign, funded by EU, ECHO, DFID and USAID, and in partnership with the national centre for information and health education, will target decision makers and public figures in its first two-month stage, followed by one year of focused behavioural change messages.

Health

- 81 community midwives from Lahj, Ibb and Taiz Governorates were trained on Community Based Maternal Newborn Care (CBMNC).
- 3,000 CBMNC manuals were printed for trainees and 500 copies were printed for trainers nationally.

WASH

- 34,339 people (4,131 host and 30,208 IDPs) continue to be supported by UNICEF with WASH in Hajjah Governorate through two NGOs – Oxfam GB and Al-Khiar; 40,337 IDPs (17,052 inside camps and 23,285 in host communities) also continue to be provided with a daily water supply in 5 districts of Hajjah; and UNICEF through the Charitable Society of Social Welfare (CSSW) continues to provide water supply to over 14,000 people in Sana'a (Central/West Yemen: Arhab and Nehim Districts) and Amran Governorates.
- 8,497 students (3,815 boys, 4,682 girls) are set to benefit from ongoing construction/ rehabilitation of water and sanitation facilities in 16 schools in Razeh and Saqayn Districts, Sa'ada.
- 2,051 families (18,495 people) in Hayden District, Sa'ada, received ceramic water filters and hygiene kits from partner Al-Amel, which also distributed household water tanks to 514 families (3,889 persons) in Saqayn District.
- Over 35,944 students (20,862 girls, 15,082 boys) are now using rehabilitated water and sanitation facilities in 20 schools in Aden. A further 54,108 students are set to benefit from similar work now taking place in 27 schools in Aden and 16 schools in Lahj.
- 749 IDP families (5,243 individuals including 2,097 children) benefited from monthly hygiene consumables, community awareness raising sessions and cleaning campaigns in Lawder, Modiah and Al-Mahfad Districts of Abyan Governorate, by UNICEF in partnership with CSSW.
- 11,200 people (1,600 families) in three districts of Abyan Governorate are now using 28 water points with 112 taps, installed by UNICEF in partnership with Oxfam GB. Thirteen water schemes in three areas of Khanfer District, Abyan Governorate have also been rehabilitated.

Education

- 50 conflict affected schools in Aden and Lahj received a sum of US\$1,500 each, to improve their physical environments after providing utilization plans in consultation with all stakeholders belonging to the school community.
- 395 teachers and supervisors have been trained on class management, child-friendly schools and child rights in Taiz and Ibb, while 600 newly recruited teachers were trained on class management in Lahj. 46 teachers have also been trained on writing and reading skills in Raymah Governorate in the north.
- 111 (86 male, 25 female) teachers, social workers and child-friendly-school principals have received 10 days' training on child rights and class management in Aslam and Ashagherah Districts in Haradh Governorate. A further 86 teachers (11 female, 75 male) have been trained in child-friendly schools in Razih, Sahar and Majz Districts in Sa'ada Governorate.
- As part of the on-going Back to School programme, 371,785 school bags with learning materials have been distributed to: 50,000 children in Sa'ada, 40,000 in Abyan, 40,000 in Aden, 36,000 in Lahj, 20,000 in Al Dhale, 30,000 in Ibb, 150,000 in Hodeidah, Hajjah, Raymah and Al-Mahweet, and 5,785 IDP and host

Children with their new schoolbags in Sa'ada



community children in Haradh.

- 862 children (513 boys, 349 girls) from IDP and host communities in Haradh have begun their second school term in 16 temporary classrooms, which were fully prepared in terms of furniture, WASH in schools, levelling and clearing of the school grounds. Also in Haradh, a further 283 students are using two new tents in Al-Anwar School, Hayran District, provided by UNICEF in collaboration with Save the Children.
- A Girls' Education Coordination Council has been formulated aiming to advocate for improving girl's enrolment in Kamis ben Sad District, Al-Mahweet Governorate, in the north. The two-day planning workshop involved 24 people, representing education authorities, community leaders, heads of girls' departments and religious leaders.

Child Protection

- Approximately 23,475 people (girls: 7,258, boys: 12,351, women: 1,771, men: 2,095), were reached with continued activities on community mine risk education (MRE) in the high risk districts of Hajjah, Lahj and Abyan Governorates, conducted by partner YEMAC, with assistance from DRC/DDG, DS, IOM, Save the Children and Shawthab. In addition, 558 teachers/social workers and 150 adolescents were trained on how to disseminate MRE messages to children and adults.
- 35,794 vulnerable, displaced and conflict affected children (boys: 15,597, girls: 20,197) were provided with psychosocial support through recreational, sports and play activities in ten 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, CPI, DRC/DDG, DS, IOM, MOSAL, Save the Children, Shawthab, SSA and YWU. Out of these children, 1,627 (girls: 1019, boys: 503) were identified as extremely vulnerable, with 917 (girls: 339, boys: 578) referred for appropriate services.
- 965 community volunteers, teachers and social workers (female: 377, male: 588) and 416 children (girls: 144, boys: 272) were trained on child rights and child protection in emergency, alternatives to corporal punishment and child protection monitoring, in Abyan, Al Dhale, Hajjah, Lahj, and Sa'ada Governorates, organized by partners DRC/DDG, DS, MOSAL and Save the Children.
- 10,748 people, including children (boys: 3,698, girls: 2,285), parents and community members (men: 2,972, women: 1,793) received awareness on measures related to protecting children from the effects of conflict in seven governorates, organized by partners Al Ferdous, DRC/DDG, DS, MOSAL, Shawthab, SSA, YMU.
- The Child Protection Centre in Haradh operated by partners Intersos and the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour, provided protection services to an additional 71 unaccompanied/trafficked/smuggled children (1 girl), 10 of whom were migrants from the Horn of Africa. At the same time, 57 Yemeni children were reunified with their families, leaving 53 boys (5 Yemeni), hosted at the centre at the end of February.

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