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## UNICEF Yemen Situation Report

### Reporting period: January 2013

#### Highlights:

- 4.5 million children under 5 received oral polio vaccine and vitamin A supplementation in a nationwide campaign that took place at the end of January.
- 28.8% of the population in conflict affected areas of Abyan Governorate is chronically malnourished and 16.1% acutely malnourished according to preliminary findings from the nutrition SMART survey. The southern governorate has recently emerged from a two-year armed conflict.
- 16,000 boys and girls were able to attend their mid-year exams in their home towns in Zinjibar and Ja'ar Districts of Abyan Governorate, South Yemen, following the rehabilitation of their schools.
- 10,329 IDPs and host community families received consumable hygiene kits in Aden (South Yemen), Haradh and Sa'ada (in the north) accompanied with nutrition interventions.



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

### Nutrition cluster

- 25 Government and NGO staff members took part in a Standardized Monitoring and Assessment of Relief and Transition (SMART) survey training course organized by the south sub-cluster. In Hodeidah Governorate (Central/West Yemen), 25 participants were trained on Nutrition in Emergency (NiE)

### WASH cluster

- A standardized manual on hygiene promotion for the Yemen WASH cluster has been drafted and shared. An electronic library of all information, education and communication (IEC) materials used by WASH cluster partners in Yemen was also compiled. These steps will help the cluster to send a clear message as one voice and will give a boost to WASH promotion activities in Yemen.

### Education cluster

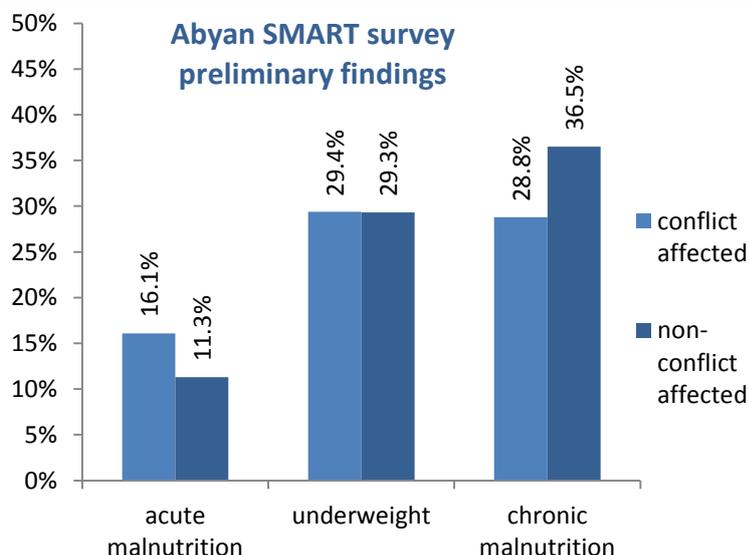
- The Global Partnership for Education (GPE) has agreed to allocate \$10 Million for emergency projects in education. UNICEF has been designated the 'Managing Entity' for this fund, providing management and oversight of the project, while GIZ has been made responsible for coordination. A working group from the Ministry of Education (MoE) and the cluster are developing a detailed plan to implement the programme.
- Aden sub-cluster identified and prevented overlapping of rehabilitation work in 5 schools. The cause of the overlaps has also been identified and discussed with MoE to prevent recurrence.
- Cluster needs indicators have been developed in conjunction with OCHA: A partner member (from CHF International) with a strong assessment background has agreed to represent the cluster in assessment meetings and define the indicators further.

### Child Protection sub-cluster (CPSC)

- The CPSC meeting involved a comprehensive orientation and discussion on mine risk education (MRE) and a policy paper on the legislative review related to children. Participants provided valuable inputs and feedback to enrich these two components.

## UNICEF Response

### Nutrition



- Preliminary findings from the SMART survey in Abyan show acute malnutrition rates of 16.1% and 11.3%, underweight 29.4% and 29.3%, and chronic malnutrition 28.8% and 36.5% in conflict and non-conflict affected areas respectively.

- 50,000 children under 5 from 10 districts in Taiz (South Yemen), Amran, Hajjah and Al-Jowf (all in the north) will be targeted under a new agreement signed by UNICEF and the Charitable Society of Social Welfare (CSSW). A team of 16 national trainers on infant and young child feeding (IYCF) counselling was formed to cascade capacity development training in IYCF in Aden, Hodeidah and Sana'a Governorates (south and central Yemen).

- The accumulated number of mothers who attended IYCF corners during 2012 is 6,832 according to reports received from Hajjah, Sa'ada, Lahj, Aden and Sana'a City (excluding December for Sana'a City).
- 21 health cadres from 3 districts of Taiz Governorate were given 6 days Training of Trainers (TOT) on the national integrated package of community based interventions, which includes: promoting the use of available foods and resources, exclusive breastfeeding, appropriate complementary foods, provision of micronutrient supplements, hygiene promotion, provision of home-based basic treatment for Pneumonia and Diarrhoea including supplementation of Zinc tablets and integrated management of acute malnutrition.

## Health

- 4.5 million children under 5 were targeted in country-wide house to house National Immunization Days (NIDs) for Polio, which took place at the end of January 2013. Preliminary data indicates 96% of the target children were vaccinated, 86% coverage was also reported for Vitamin A and over 2.8 million households were visited during the campaign. Specific results include:
  - 66,669 children under 5 were vaccinated in Abyan, representing 95% of those targeted compared to 72% in June 2012 when security reasons prevented vaccinators from having full access to the governorate.
  - In Sa'ada Governorate, the house to house strategy was denied so only 79% coverage (90% is deemed a success) was achieved, mostly through fixed facilities and 126,605 children under 5 were vaccinated.
- 54 community midwives from Ibb Governorate (29) in Central Yemen and Aldhalea Governorate (25) in the south were trained on competency based maternal and newborn care.



The Deputy Governor of Dhamar gives polio drops to a child during the recent campaign.

## WASH

- 3,514 internally displaced persons (IDPs) in Hajjah Governorate are now benefiting from the 466 pit or community latrines constructed during January in Haradh, Khairan, Al-Moharraq, Hairan and Mustaba Districts.
- In Amran in the north and in 4 districts of Sana'a in Central Yemen, UNICEF continued with the daily provision of water and hygiene kits to 1,511 families in 13 IDP settlements, while 1,579 families were reached with hygiene promotion activities and the rehabilitation of 10 water points. In addition, 6 family latrines were rehabilitated in the transit camp for vulnerable people.
- In Abyan, 37 water tankers were distributed to the most vulnerable communities and 28 water points were installed for a total of 11,200 IDPs. In addition water supplies (tanks, pipes, public fountains etc) were rehabilitated and 2 generators provided for 13,500 people, including 5,400 children.
- In Sa'ada, 1,333 ceramic water filters and 1,333 hygiene kits were given to 355 and 978 families in Monabih and Kataber Districts respectively. 107 water tanks with 1,000-liter capacity in Saber District and eight 2,000-liter water tanks were provided for Al-Jumhuri Hospital in Sa'ada City. Furthermore, the rehabilitation of 16 schools in Razeh and Saqin Districts began, in cooperation with MoE.

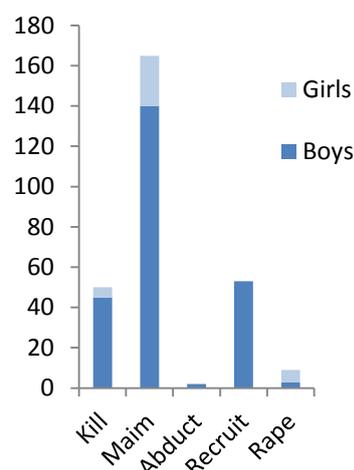
## Education

- 64,000 children in Hodeidah and 4,514 children in Sa'ada received bags as part of Back to School Campaigns. 10,000 school bags have also been distributed to children in the affected districts of Shabwa.
- 1,239 teachers, principals and social workers were trained on child-centred teaching practices throughout districts in Hodeidah, Sa'ada and Taiz Governorates.
- 70 voluntary teachers (63 female, 7 male) from 4 districts were given 10 days training in coordination with the literacy department in Hajjah. More than 1,600 out-of-school children (age 8-18) are expected to benefit from this programme.
- 28 early childhood development (ECD) classrooms have been prepared in all 28 schools in the 6 targeted districts of Hajjah Governorate: Children are expected to register following the training of caregivers. 39 schools in Hodeidah have also established ECD classes, which are expected to commence in February.
- 39 schools in Hodeidah have established WASH clubs, which play a pivotal role in engaging students to be aware of better hygiene practices and to lead in maintaining water and sanitation facilities in their schools.
- 24 people including education authorities; community leaders; heads of girl's departments; and religious leaders, attended a two-day workshop to form the Girls Education Coordination Council, in order to advocate for improving girl's enrolment in Al-Mahweet Governorate, North Yemen.
- Preparations are underway for the construction of 25 temporary classrooms in 24 schools in Sa'ada Governorate. The temporary classrooms are expected to enable more than 1,500 children to go back to schools that were either totally or partially damaged during the conflict.



## Child Protection

- In January, one school was reportedly attacked in Hadramaut after refusing to take part in a political event.
- One incident was also reported and verified this month of a boy who was maimed by an air strike in Abyan in 2011.
- 31,287 people were reached with mine risk education (MRE) from YEMAC in January; 7,565 were in the most affected districts of Hajjah Governorate, while 23,722 (4,351 girls, 10,851 boys, 2,443 women, 6,077 men) were in Abyan, Aden and Sa'ada Governorates. 46 teachers and community volunteers were also trained on how to disseminate MRE messages to children and adults.
- In addition to those already being hosted at the Child Protection Centre in Haradh, a further 88 unaccompanied, trafficked or smuggled boys, all from Yemen, were received in January. In the same month, the centre was able to reunite 88 Yemeni children (though not necessarily the same boys) with their families. Currently, the number of children hosted at the centre totals 55 boys, 46 of whom are from the Horn of Africa.
- 9,880 displaced and vulnerable children (5,869 boys and 4,011 girls) were provided with access to psychosocial support through recreational sports and play activities. These took place in child-friendly spaces (CFS) based in schools, homes, adolescent clubs or in the community with mobile teams, with a focus on the most vulnerable children. Through this a total of 689 (162 girls and 527 boys) were identified as extremely vulnerable and referred to appropriate services.
- 382 teachers and community volunteers (256 females, 126 males) and 32 children (16 girls and 16 boys) in Abyan and Aden were trained on child rights and child protection in emergency.
- 4,110 people (1,587 boys, 1,160 girls, 890 men and 473 women) received awareness messages on child protection in emergency in Aden, Amanat Al Asimah, and Sa'ada Governorates.
- 462 birth certificates were issued for 360 girls and 102 boys in Aden Governorate, by Al Ferdoos Association in collaboration with the Civil Registration Sector.



Total number of verified grave violations against children in 2012\*

\*Total verified figures for 2012 are; 50 children (45 boys, 5 girls) were killed; 165 children (140 boys, 25 girls) were maimed; 53 children (all boys) were recruited and used by armed forces and armed groups; 2 children (2 boys) were abducted; 9 children (3 boys, 6 girls) were sexually abused.

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