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UNICEF Yemen Situation Report

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Highlights:

- 1,036 of the most vulnerable and conflict affected children were given birth certificates during a rapid birth registration campaign in Aden Governorate, South Yemen.
- An additional 228 outpatient therapeutic care programmes (OTPs) have been opened so far in 2013 for the treatment of children with severe and moderate acute malnutrition, including 34 in Sa'ada, North Yemen.
- Over 22,675 people are being served by 7 new water pumping sets installed in Abyan and Lahj, South Yemen.
- CERF funding of nearly US\$3 million has been agreed for UNICEF to support lifesaving services in WASH, nutrition, child protection and education in 2013.



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Community volunteers distribute soap bars and powder to women attending awareness raising sessions for hygiene promotion, in Dear Omar in Zaidia District, Hodeidah Governorate, Central/West Yemen.

This activity is part of UNICEF efforts to address malnutrition in an integrated way.

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

Nutrition cluster

- The Abyan nutrition and mortality survey report has been finalized and a multi-sector micro-planning workshop for integrated nutrition response has been carried out based on its recommendations.
- Through a consultative process, a nutrition cluster capacity building plan for 2013 has been developed and nominations for a national level pool of master trainers have been submitted by partners.
- From April, all the seven major indicators of success in the 2013 Nutrition Response Plan are expected to be reported timely with improved accuracy and completeness, following the introduction of reporting tools.

WASH cluster



Cycle marathon to celebrate World Water Day 22nd March

- World Water Day was celebrated with several events, including a 6km cycle race and an exhibition emphasizing water issues in Yemen. The exhibition, held on 23rd March, was attended by the Minister of Water and Environment; the Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation; the German Ambassador, Dutch representation and UNICEF.
- CERF funding of US\$1.47 million was approved for UNICEF and IOM to respond to 100,000 emergency-affected people in Abyan.
- UNICEF and CARE worked with WASH cluster partners to develop a hygiene promotion manual for emergency, which will be field tested and promoted for use by all agencies intervening in WASH.

Child Protection sub-cluster (CPSC)

- UNICEF trained a core group of 27 trainers on how to conduct CPRAs in emergencies as part of its leadership of the CPSC and commitment to early recovery and emergency preparedness. Further training will take place in four zones nationwide to expand the group of skilled Government, NGO and UN professionals capable of conducting a CPRA.
- On 31 March, UNICEF and MOSAL launched the results of two child protection inter-agency rapid assessments conducted in seven conflict affected governorates. The results of these assessments are used to plan the 2013 Child Protection response (CAP) for vulnerable children in conflict affected areas.
- Coordination meetings took place in five governorates: In Haradh, MOSAL and Intersos prepared Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) and a code of conduct on working with child victims of trafficking and other vulnerable children. Members in Sa'ada were orientated on the humanitarian child protection coordination mechanism; mapping of who, what where (3Ws); and the Standard Reporting Format (SRF).

Education cluster

- CERF funding of US\$ 894,477 has been approved to support 39,002 school age boys and girls (19,002 boys and 20,000 girls) in conflict affected areas with education materials and furniture.

UNICEF Response

Nutrition

- 228 outpatient therapeutic care programmes (OTPs) have been opened and provided with supplies and equipment in the community management of acute malnutrition programme since the start of the year, which represents a 36 per cent increase in the number of facilities providing such services.
- 643 volunteers have been trained on the integrated package and 712 health workers have been trained on management of severe acute malnutrition (SAM) since the start of 2013.
- The district health profile exercise (assessment of health facilities) has been finalized in four governorates with data currently available at facility level to inform programming.
- 74,223 people, including 10,419 children under 5 are set to benefit from a project cooperation agreement signed with a local NGO, the main objective of which is to improve access to quality, equitable, lifesaving, therapeutic and preventive nutrition services in 5 districts of Abyan, Al Dhale'e and Shabwa Governorates in the south of Yemen.
- 1,803 households were reached with awareness raising sessions, soap distribution and screening for children under 5 in Hodeidah.

- In preparation for the first high-level national workshop for Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) in April, terms of reference (TOR) for the national SUN coordination platform have been finalized; and Government sectors and key stakeholders have been identified.
- CERF funding for UNICEF's nutrition intervention in Abyan has been approved for US\$450,000 to provide lifesaving therapeutic nutrition interventions to 3,500 SAM children under 5.

Health

- 20 community midwives from 12 governorates have been trained as trainers for Community Based Maternal Newborn Care.

WASH

- 7,604 people (3,916 children) in Sa'ada are benefitting from the distribution of 762 household water tanks.
- Over 22,675 people in Abyan and Lahj are now benefitting from 7 newly installed water pumping sets.
- Over 35,944 students (20,862 girls, 15,082 boys) in Aden, South Yemen are using rehabilitated water and sanitation facilities in 20 schools; representing 100 per cent completion. A further 28,184 students (14,155 boys and 14,029 girls) in Abyan are expected to benefit from similar work in 53 schools in four districts.
- 9,703 internally displaced people (IDPs: 1,165 families) have received monthly hygiene consumables in Aden, Lahj, and Abyan Governorates, while 11,400 school hygiene kits have been distributed through partner Save the Children in 48 schools in Lahj and Aden.
- 11,200 people (1,600 families) in Khanfer District, Abyan; and 4,796 IDPs in three more districts of Abyan continue to receive water trucking through OXFAM (Khanfer) and the Charitable Society of Social Welfare.
- UNICEF continued to provide 46,834 IDPs and schoolchildren in Hajjah, North Yemen and 18,678 IDPs in Amran with water supply. 6,823 IDPs (967 families) in settlements 2 and 3 also received monthly hygiene consumables and sanitation services.
- In Amran and Sana'a, 1,828 IDP families have received monthly hygiene consumables; 567 IDP families have received water filters; and 33 new latrines have been constructed (20 in Sana'a, 13 in Amran).

Education

- 56 schools have elected Parents' Councils, with 532 mothers and 657 fathers nominated from the community in 9 targeted districts of Hodeidah (central/west), Hajjah and Al-Mahweet (north) Governorates. Training for parents involved in 16 councils in Sana'a has also begun.
- 1,053 Grade 1-3 teachers were trained in class management and child rights: 390 in Hodeidah and Hajjah; 163 from Sa'ada and Al-Jawf (both in the north); and 500 newly recruited teachers from Al-Dhale'e. 246 have also begun similar training in Amran (104), Sana'a (75) and Dhamar (67) Governorates.
- 500 community leaders, parents and education staff celebrated World Water Day with the Education office in Bayt Al Faqiah District, Hodeidah.
- 1,908 children (477 boys, 1,431 girls) are out of school according to initial results from the on-going rapid assessment in Al-Mokha and Mawza'a Districts, Taiz Governorate (central/west). UNICEF will support local NGOs in coordination with the literacy office to integrate those children into non-formal classes.
- Around 1,800 children are expected to benefit from the construction of 25 temporary classrooms in damaged schools, which has recently commenced in 12 conflict affected districts of Sa'ada Governorate.



Students take exams in a school in Taiz, seated on the ground due to lack of furniture.



- 88 master trainers have been trained in Sana'a with the aim of making schools more child-friendly. This was done in collaboration with child protection (60) and WASH (28) sections.
- 70 people from the Ministry of Education took part in a broad consultative meeting on 'Educational Planning at Local level' and 'Improving the Education Data Collection' tools. This activity was funded jointly by UNICEF, GIZ and the Basic Education Development Project (BEDP).

Child Protection

- Approximately 40,013 people (girls: 14,241, boys: 16,537, women: 3,545, men: 5,690) were reached with mine risk education (MRE) activities carried out by YEMAC (with UNICEF support) in the high risk districts of Hajjah, Lahj and Abyan Governorates, with assistance from CSSW, DRC/DDG, DS, INTERSOS, Save the Children, and Shawtha. In addition, 69 teachers/social workers were trained on how to disseminate MRE messages to children and adults.
- 72,442 vulnerable, displaced and conflict affected children (boys: 38,853, girls: 33,917) were provided with psychosocial support through recreational, sports and play activities in nine 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/DDG, DS, INTERSOS, IOM, IR, Mercy Corps, MOSAL, Save the Children, Shawthab, SSA. Out of these children, 324 (girls: 67, boys: 257) were identified as extremely vulnerable, with 212 (girls: 4, boys: 208) referred to medical services and/or legal aid and provided with additional support such as food and non-food items.
- The capacities of 647 community volunteers, teachers and social workers (female: 60, male: 112) and 475 children (girls: 179, boys: 296) were strengthened on child rights and child protection in emergency, alternatives to corporal punishment, and child protection monitoring in Aden, Hajjah, Sa'ada and Sana'a Governorates, organized by CSSW, DRC/DDG, DS, MOSAL and Save the Children.
- 8,855 people, including children (boys: 6,134, girls: 3,950), parents and community members (men: 1,620, women: 1,101) received awareness on measures related to protecting children from the effects of conflict in eight governorates, organized by Al-Ferdous, DRC/DDG, DS, IOM, IR, Mercy Corps, MOSAL, Save the Children and SSA.
- 1,036 of the most vulnerable and conflict affected children (girls: 522, boys: 514) in Aden Governorate had their births registered during a rapid birth registration campaign by UNICEF in coordination with the Civil Registration Authority and NGO partners.
- The Child Protection Centre in Haradh operated by Intersos and MoSAL (with UNICEF support) provided protection services to an additional 82 unaccompanied/trafficked/smuggled children, 10 of whom were migrants from the Horn of Africa. At the same time, 59 Yemeni children were reunified with their families, leaving 66 boys, (17 of whom are Yemeni) hosted at the centre at the end of March.
- 1 boy was killed and 7 boys were maimed in March due to four verified incidents of grave violations against children.
- Schools in Aden are under attack due to the continued 'civil disobedience' triggered by the southern cessation movements where schools are forced to shut down on Saturday and Wednesday. At the time of writing at least 12 schools were reportedly attacked where teachers and students have been intimidated by 'sound' bombs and armed groups entering the school premises. Advocacy efforts are ongoing to exclude schools from the continued civil disobedience.

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