UNICEF Yemen Situation Report
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Highlights:

• The Southern Movement informally eased the civil disobedience this month to allow 255,730 students sit for exams in the southern governorates of Aden, Lahj and Abyan.

• An estimated 150,000 children under 5 were screened and received deworming tablets, while close to 70,000 pregnant women were given iron and folic acid during the first of its kind, integrated Mother and Child Week launched initially in the 3 governorates of Lajh, Hajjah (in the north) and Taiz (central/west).

• Life-saving mine-risk education (MRE) activities have expanded into the eastern governorates of Shabwa and Hadramaut Governorates for the first time to protect children and their families from the risks of mines and unexploded ordinance (UXOs).

Girls in Al Shawkani School, Dar Sad District, Aden enjoy a game of basketball
Inter-Agency Collaboration, Coordination, Cluster Leadership and Key Partnerships

Nutrition cluster
- A project vetting committee has been nominated to re-prioritise Consolidated Appeals Process (CAP) projects based on the gap analysis done during the mid-year review of the Response Plan.
- A Capacity Building Technical Working Group has been established to improve partners’ assessment, response, monitoring and evaluation capacity.
- A google site has been launched to improve accessibility of information and other technical resources: Updates, maps, survey reports, response plans, contacts and other useful resources are now available. Please see https://sites.google.com/site/yemennutritioncluster/

WASH cluster
- NSTR

Education cluster
- Discussions at the cluster meetings this month included; the impact of the civil disobedience in Aden; rehabilitation work to be done in schools during the school holiday; and preparation for annual exams.
- 33 schools have been rehabilitated and handed to the Abyan education authorities by the Social Fund for Development (SFD, 24) and the Community Livelihoods Project (CLP, 9), work is ongoing in a further 8.

Child Protection sub-cluster (CPSC)
- 100 Child Friendly Spaces (CFS) were mapped, with the results helping to identify gaps in under-served areas and guide the establishment of new CFS. An international consultant has been advising the CPSC on developing a more strategic, harmonized and sustainable approach to CFS, both in schools and in communities, with a view to promoting early recovery. The new strategy will be finalized in June. Focal points were trained on basic monitoring and evaluation (M&E) and how to analyse proposals for CFS.
- 17,000 people (6,216 children) were reached through partners’ MRE programmes.

UNICEF Response

Nutrition
- The first phase of the mother and child campaign was launched in three governorates (Hajjah, Lahj and Taiz), with the help of 3,597 health workers who had received training on campaign planning, implementation and management. So far, some results are as follows:
  - 69,728 women were given iron and folic acid, 51,505 women were given a Tetanus vaccine, 63,936 women were given counselling and 18,157 women were found to be malnourished with some referred to supplementary feeding programmes supported by the World Food Programme (WFP).
  - 149,493 children were screened for malnutrition, 16,187 of whom were found to be moderately malnourished and a further 4,449 severely so.

More than 58,000 children now have access to their schools after working with Aden education office. When civil disobedience began, almost 100,000 children were unable to access their schools.

Increase in school attendance as of 15 May
104,513 children between 24-59 months were dewormed, 16,026 received oral rehydration solution (ORS) and Zinc for diarrhoea, 11,178 received Vitamin A with measles vaccination and 28,147 vaccinations were given to children for BCG, penta, polio or measles.

Health
- 60 community midwives provided essential maternal and newborn care through home visits in their communities in the northern governorate of Sa’ada with supportive supervision from the health offices.
- The wild polio virus has been detected in nearby Somalia and refugee camps in Kenya, so as a precautionary measure, vaccinators have been trained and social mobilization activities have taken place in preparation for sub-national immunization days in early June. A review has recommended strengthening the surveillance system to allow early detection of any wild virus importation into Yemen.

WASH
- Initial findings from a recent water quality assessment conducted in 92 villages indicate that 71% of the water supply in Hodeidah (west) and Hajjah is contaminated by e-colii and 41% is not suitable for drinking. Recommendations will be developed following further analysis.
- 80,152 people continued to receive water supply through UNICEF partners Oxfam, the Charitable Society of Social Welfare (CSSW) and the Executive Unit of the General Authority for Rural Water Projects (GARWAP), in the respective governorates of Abyan (11,200), Amran and Sana’a (21,700), and Hajjah (47,252 internally displaced persons (IDPs) in and outside camps, including 7,914 school children).
- 33,995 IDPs have been ensured adequate sanitation in Hajjah, Amran and Sana’a.
- 3,126 families (15,192 children) affected by the 6th Sa’ada war have received water filters and hygiene kits.
- 9,500 people are expected to benefit from a water scheme being implemented in Hayden, Sa’ada by UNICEF in partnership with Oxfam.
- 749 IDP families (2,097 children) received household cleaning materials distributed by CSSW in Lawder, Modiah and Al-Mahfad Districts of Abyan Governorate.
- Rehabilitation work is now complete in 43 schools in Abyan, with work ongoing in the remaining 10.
- 49 WASH volunteers in Haradh have been oriented on water-borne diseases, transmission, prevention, control and raising raise awareness, in anticipation of the summer’s high season for infections.

Education
- 33 schools have been rehabilitated and handed to the education authorities by SFD in Lahj (16) and Aden (19) with work ongoing in a further 21 (7 Lahj, 14 Aden) and a bidding process underway for a further 23.
- 1,334 out of school children (218 male, 1,116 female) have now been integrated into 40 non-formal education classes in Al-Mokha and Mawza’a Districts in Taiz. A further 800 girls and boys will benefit from 32 new centres in Hajjah.
- 326 volunteers and teachers from Grade 1-3 have been trained on the early childhood development (ECD) concept in 11 districts of Hodeidah, Hajjah and Mahweet (in the north).
- 1,627 fathers and mothers have been trained in various aspects of managing or using the council to improve the school: 1,076 in Hajjah and Hodeidah; 231 in Taiz and Ibb (central/west Yemen) and 320 in Sa’ada and Al-Jawf Governorates in the north.
- 1,500 children will benefit from 25 new temporary classrooms – 19 have already been installed, while the final 6 are still under construction.
Child Protection

- 10,000 individuals, including 6,216 children received mine risk education (MRE) in Sa’ada, Abyan and Amran Governorates, in partnership with Yemen Executive Mine Action Centre (YEMAC) and Democratic School (DS); 442 social workers and teachers were trained on MRE in Sa’ada.
- 12,072 people (9,557 children) were reached through awareness raising activities in schools and communities on key child protection concerns (e.g. child trafficking, child marriage, child labour) conducted by MoSAL, the Yemeni Women’s Union, Danish Refugee Council (DRC), DS and Save the Children in Aden, Amran, Hajjah, Lahj, Sa’ada, and San’a Governorates.
- 107,000 children and 600 parents received psychosocial support through school- and community-based child friendly spaces and outreach services in Aden, Abyan, Amnat Al-Asmia, Amran, Hajjah, Lahj, Sa’ada, San’a, Shabwa and Taiz Governorates, in collaboration with partners.
- 12 incidents of grave violations were reported and verified in May; these included several incidents in which boys were killed or maimed; 5 boys recruited into the Yemeni Armed Forces; and an attack against a school. These incidents took place in San’a city (4), Amran (3), Al Dahle (3) Marib (1) and Aden (1) Governorates.
- 58 unaccompanied boys (8 Yemeni, 50 Ethiopian) were transferred to the Child Protection Centre (CPC) in Haradh, operated by MoSAL in conjunction with INTERSOS and with UNICEF support. The 8 Yemeni children were consequently reunified with their families and the 50 Ethiopian children are due to leave for San’a by June 10th for repatriation. UNICEF continues to work with IOM, Government of Yemen Immigration authorities, UNICEF Ethiopia and regional offices to coordinate the expedited return to Addis Ababa of a further 150 remaining children.

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