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UNICEF Yemen Situation Report

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Highlights:

- Rehabilitation work has begun on all 142 schools in the Global Partnership for Education (GPE) funded programme, which aims to improve education for 65,000 boys and girls in 5 governorates in Yemen.
- The Al Waleed Bin Talal supported schools project to encourage girls education was launched in Aden (in the south) and Hodeidah (central/west Yemen) this month, attended by deputy governors, education office, mother/father councils and district education officers.
- Recent and ongoing clashes in the north of the country mean that access to the area is risky and difficult.



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A boy uses the new WASH facilities in his school in Hodeidah Governorate

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

Nutrition cluster

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WASH cluster

- Contingency plans were developed in Haradh and Sa'ada (in the north) and the cluster participated in an inter-agency needs assessment for internally displaced persons (IDPs) from Dammaj.

Education cluster

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Child Protection sub-cluster (CPSC)

- Gender mainstreaming training for proposals and plans took place for CPSC members with further training due in December.



Child Friendly Space in Hodeidah

UNICEF Response

Nutrition

- 900 health workers and volunteers have been trained in nutrition this month throughout the country:
 - 22 health workers from different governorates in Yemen were trained by UNICEF, WFP and the Ministry of Public Health and Population (MoPHP) as trainers for the newly finalized community management of acute malnutrition (CMAM) integrated package.
 - 594 community volunteers (mostly female) from Hodeidah, Taiz (central/ west Yemen), Amran (north), Al Baida, Abyan and Lahj (in the south) were trained on the integrated package of health services at community level from (54 with Save the Children International (SCI)).
 - 161 health workers were trained on the outpatient therapeutic programme (OTP) in Hodeidah and Aden (73 with SCI)
 - 56 health workers were trained on infant and young child feeding (IYCF), 40 were trained as service providers by NGO partners Field Medical Foundation (FMF) and Mercy Corps, 16 were trained as trainers.
 - 20 health workers were trained on the integrated management of child health illnesses (IMCI) in Hajjah (north) through Vision Hope International (VHI).
 - 40 enumerators (30 female) and 7 supervisors were trained on SMART surveys in Sa'ada, with a view to finishing the survey in December 2013.
- 125,153 under 5 girls and boys with severe acute malnutrition (SAM) have been admitted to the OTPs since the beginning of the year, representing 74 per cent of the 2013 target.
- 1,358 operational OTPs and 28 therapeutic feeding centres (TFCs) throughout the country were supplied with sufficient quantities of plumpy nut, therapeutic milk, related medicines and consumable hygiene kits.
- 13 IYCF corners were established in 13 health facilities in the south with FMF following the training of 20 health staff on relevant counselling services.

HEALTH

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WASH

- 33,894 people have received 6,708 hygiene kits in Hajjah (9,689) Amran (1,644) and Sa'ada (6,494 girls, 6,974 boys, 5,132 women, and 4,051 men either disabled or otherwise affected by the 2009 Sa'ada War).
- 500 water filters have been distributed through in Monabbeh District, Sa'ada through OXFAM.
- 1,400 schoolchildren, including 714 girls will now have access to improved water supply following the completion of 3 rainwater harvesting systems in schools in Saqien District.



A volunteer in Hajjah teaches a girl how to wash her hands properly with soap and water to avoid diseases

- 50,365 IDPs and school children settled in and outside camps in Amran (3,190) and Hajjah (47,175) have continued to receive daily water supply while water trucking has continued for 2,000 families in the southern governorates of Lawder and Abyan through OXFAM.
- 31,795 IDPs settled in camp 3 (3,647) or outside with host community (28,148) have continued to take part in hygiene promotion and sanitation activities in Hajjah.
- 9,951 IDPs and school children in Sana'a (4,312) and Amran (5,639) have taken part in weekly awareness sessions run by hygiene promoters.

Education

- 10,603 children (7,993 boys, 2,610 girls) or one in five of the total student population in Sa'ada are set to benefit from the ongoing rehabilitation work with the Global Partnership for Education (GPE) in 32 schools. Work is still ongoing for 30 schools in Abyan, while 6 schools supported by Al Waleed Bin Talal Foundation (5 in Aden, 1 in Abyan) have been completed.
- 415 parents have been trained to run 24 schools effectively through mother/father councils in Damar (central Yemen) and Al-Bayda Governorates.
- Data has been collected from 115 child friendly schools in Rayma, Hajjah and Mahweet in the north, and Hodeidah, Taiz and Ibb Governorates in central/west Yemen to form a baseline for analysis.
- 150 community leaders, members of parents' associations and education authorities attended workshops and training in Hodeidah. 50 of these, who were from the areas surrounding 5 child friendly schools, were trained to advocate about education issues and come up with solutions. The other 100 learnt how to advocate about the importance of having female teachers in schools.
- 330 child-friendly schoolteachers have been trained on reading skills in Ibb (60) and Hodeidah (270).
- 117 voluntary teachers have been trained in Hodeidah (50 in 5 districts) and Hajjah (67 received refresher training in 4 districts) to deliver classes through the out of school programme. Also, 40 education staff from Hodeidah's local authorities and the illiteracy department at district and governorate level took part in training to ensure their support during programme implementation.
- 19,392 boys and girls have received learning materials in back to school bags, distributed as part of the campaign in Hodeidah, Hajjah, Mahweet, Rayma, Sa'ada and Al Jawf in the north.



GPE School rehabilitation

Child Protection

- 89,948 people (22,131 girls, 52,213 boys, 18,962 women, 18,773 men) received mine risk education (MRE) in partnership with MOSAL in Sa'ada and DRC/DGG in Abyan, under the supervision of YEMAC. This includes volunteers and staff who received MRE training on how to deliver the MRE messages. To reach more girls and women, 30 female volunteers from Sa'ada were also trained.
- 31,772 children (14,514 girls, 17,258 boys) received psychosocial support services (PSS) through community and school based child friendly spaces in five governorates organized by MOSAL, Mercy Corps, DRC/DDG, Shawthab, SSA, and Intersos. Furthermore, 6,158 community members, including 2,874 girls and 2,886 boys, attended awareness raising sessions on child protection issues such as child marriage, trafficking and violence against children. 128 social workers, teachers, community volunteers, NGO staff and children were also trained on child protection in emergencies (CPIE).
- 643 conflict-affected children (313 girls, 3330 boys) were given birth certificates in the first 5 days of the ongoing rapid emergency birth registration campaign in Abyan Governorate. This was done in close coordination with the CRA and MoSAL in collaboration with INTERSOS.
- 99 children were helped to voluntarily return to Ethiopia by IOM with UNICEF and DRC assisting with family tracing. This included 75 unaccompanied migrant children, 7 of whom were girls including a child mother and her one year old daughter; and 24 accompanied children (13 boys, 11 girls) and their parents. Now in Ethiopia, they are being provided with PSS and other appropriate services. However, at least 60 unaccompanied children (all boys) and 14 families with 36 children still remain at the Sana'a Immigration centre in Yemen and many more are expected to arrive on a daily basis. DRC, supported by UNICEF is interviewing them and providing them with interim care while waiting for their safe return back to Ethiopia.
- 24 grave violations against children were reported in November in Abyan (1), Amran (1), Lahj and Saa'da (21). As a result, 3 boys were killed, 26 children were maimed (21 boys, 5 girls) and 6 attacks against schools occurred. Incidents have significantly increased in Sa'ada Governorate due to the armed clashes between the Al Houthi/'Ansar Allah' and the Salafists. However verification of incidents is on-going given the challenges faced in access to the affected areas, which also includes reports of children that are said to have been recruited by the Salafists and Al Houthis.

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