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## UNICEF Yemen Situation Report

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### Highlights:

- Over 10 million people were reached with messages and activities for Global Handwashing Day (GHWD) this year.
- A four-year birth registration project was launched this month by UNICEF, the European Union and the Civil Registration Authority.
- 50 female teachers trained by UNICEF have been deployed to rural Sa'ada in the north, to encourage enrolment and retention of girls in schools.



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This child is being treated for malnutrition in the Stabilization Center in Zabid,  
Hodeidah Governorate

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

### Nutrition cluster

- 94,661 severe acutely malnourished (SAM) and 68,832 moderately acutely malnourished (MAM) children have been reached with therapeutic and supplementary feeding programmes by cluster partners throughout 2013.
- A SMART Nutrition Survey has been carried out in Amran Governorate in the north, with the final report expected to be disseminated by mid-November.



A child receives 'plumpynut' as part of an appetite test in Zabid, Hodeidah

### WASH cluster

- The Ministry of Education led Yemen's involvement in GHWD 2013, with all cluster partners celebrating the events. 1.4 million children, 3 million mobile phone users and over 6 million people were reached with events and information about the importance of handwashing.

### Education cluster

- An estimated 4,000 children in Aden, Southern Yemen are still unable to use their own schools because a number of families continue to occupy them. However, an assessment carried out in October revealed that some of these families are not actually displaced (IDPs) while others' homes are now safe to return to. The results of this assessment will help reinforce ongoing advocacy for the swift vacation and rehabilitation of the schools.

### Child Protection sub-cluster (CPSC)

- Training on gender sensitive programming/gender mainstreaming was conducted for cluster members in order to prepare them for proposal and project writing particularly for HPC 2014-15
- A list of proposed toys and games for child-friendly spaces (CFSs) was shared with sub-cluster members and overwhelmingly endorsed.

## UNICEF Response

### Nutrition

- 3,915 SAM children were admitted to the Outpatient Therapeutic Programme (OTP) and 1,480 were discharged cured in October.
- 126 health workers (86 in Taiz, 40 in Aden) were trained on OTP, while in the western governorate of Hodeidah, 320 health workers and 100 volunteers were trained on nutrition.
- 120 volunteers and 30 community leaders in Taiz (central/west), Raymah and Hodeidah were trained on communication for development to help disseminate messages throughout their communities.
- 63 health workers and volunteers from Taiz, Aden, Lahj (in the south), Shabwa (in the east), Abyan and Al Dhale were trained in infant and young child feeding; and 24 health workers in Hodeidah were trained on the health systems strengthening package.
- 20 community leaders from Sa'ada participated in an orientation workshop in preparation for a community based intervention with local NGO partner Al-Shefa.
- 3,000 kilos of Potassium Iodate was procured and delivered to the Ministry of Public Health and Population to cover the next two years. This investment is a core contribution from the European

Commission to sustain the provision of affordable quality iodized salt for human consumption in the local market.

### Health

- 148,891 children under 5 years old from Sa'ada received polio vaccines during the October campaign, with a coverage rate of 90 per cent.

### WASH

- 6,500 children and teachers at 9 schools in Sa'ada are able to use 81 newly rehabilitated latrines.
- 5,240 Muhamasheens<sup>1</sup> (including 1,630 girls and 1,532 boys) were given 622 family basic hygiene kits in Sa'ada, while a further 615 families received them in the south and 82 families received them in Abyan (in the south) through partner CSSW. UNICEF has prepositioned a further 1,000 kits in anticipation of any further displacement.
- Pipes are currently being replaced for the Al-Mazraq water project in Sa'ada, which when finished will mean that water trucking will no longer be needed outside the camps. Water trucking has already stopped in Bait Al-Sha'ab in Sana'a Governorate following the rehabilitation of the water supply scheme.
- 31,795 IDPs in Sa'ada, including 28,148 settled outside camps and other districts with host community continue to take part in hygiene promotion and sanitation activities.
- 2,000 people in the southern governorate of Lahj are now able to use clean and drinkable water from 4 new wells.

### Education



Children continue to study in one of the damaged schools in Sa'ada

- 99 schools across five southern governorates (supported by GPE: 64, Government of Japan: 25, and Al Waleed Bin Talal Foundation: 10) are undergoing renovations, with an average completion rate of 50 per cent. Children are still able to study during this time but most schools are expected to be fully accessible once again by the end of November 2013.
- 10 NGO staff have been trained as trainers on using community participation methods to deal with education issues to benefit 5 child-friendly schools in Bet Alfaqih District.
- 42 Father and Mother Council members from 5 schools in Mahweet have been trained, while councils have been established in 11 schools in 2 districts of Raymah.
- 1,299 out of school children (213 boys and 1,086 girls) have completed mid-year exams in Taiz Governorate and will continue in the Accelerated Learning Programme for the rest of the year.
- 36 ECD classes have been started for pre-school children in Taiz Governorate.
- 279 teachers from Grade 1-3 have been trained on writing and dictation skills in 4 districts of Hodeidah.

<sup>1</sup> Muhamasheens, formerly known as Al Akhdam are a marginalized group in Yemen.

## Child Protection

- 14,216 people (5,416, girls, 7,260 boys, 620 women, 1,540 men) received mine risk education in partnership with YEMAC (Amran) and DRC/DGG (Abyan). This includes community volunteers/ NGO or governmental staff who received MRE training on how to deliver the MRE messages.
- 23,790 children (10,493 girls, 13,297 boys) received Psychosocial Support Services through community and school based CFSs in 6 governorates organized by local partners. Furthermore, 2,072 community members, including 1,567 children, received awareness raising sessions on a variety of child protection issues such as child marriage, trafficking and violence against children in 8 governorates.
- At least 170 people were trained on CFSs, either as trainers or as animators, by UNICEF jointly with the CPSC. Functioning CFSs will be used to identify and refer vulnerable children for appropriate services.
- 953 conflict-affected, displaced and most vulnerable children (462 girls, 478 boys) in Aden were given birth certificates in October, bringing the total to 1,356 since the emergency response campaign began on 22 September. Nationally, UNICEF, The European Union and the Civil Registration Authority launched the 4-year project 'Promoting Equity and Legal Identity for Children in Yemen through Improving Civil Registration'.
- At least 95 unaccompanied children remain at the Sana'a migration centre in Yemen (81) and MoSAL Attakaful Center (14 tbc) in Aden. DRC, supported by UNICEF is interviewing them and providing them with interim care while waiting for their safe return back to Ethiopia in the coming days.
- 13 grave violations against children were reported and verified in October in the governorates of Aden (3), Al Dhale'e (1), Amran (5), Hajjah (3), and Lahj (1). As a result, 7 boys were maimed and 1 boy was killed: 5 of these, including the death, were due to one explosion of unexploded ordnance (UXO) in Aden. The other incidents included four schools that were physically damaged in Amran due to the conflict of Al Ashah and Al Qaflah tribes; one hospital that was attacked in Aden; and four denials of humanitarian access.

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