Situation Update

Between 1 January and 23 April 2022, a total of 6,612 people (1,102 Households [HHs]) were displaced within or to Ma’rib governorate predominantly as a result of the ongoing conflict. Cumulatively, a total of 85,062 people (14,177 HHs) have been displaced since 1 January 2021. Of these, 74,850 people (12,475 HHs or 88 per cent of the total displacement) were displaced within Ma’rib governorate, mainly from Al Jubah, Harib and Sirwah districts. The remaining 10,212 displaced people (1,702 HHs) originated from other governorates.

The peak of the displacement was in October 2021 when over 20,958 people (3,493 HHs) were displaced in a single month. However, after December 2021, displacement rates significantly declined, with 498 people (83 HHs) displaced in the four weeks between 27 March and 23 April 2022. The majority of new arrivals are from locations 20 to 30 kilometres from conflict areas. Between 1 January and 23 April 2022, a total of 947 returnee HHs (5,682 individuals) were recorded in the governorate, out of which 489 HHs have returned to Harib district as a result of improved security conditions in the location of origin.

In response to the new displacement within and to Ma’rib governorate since September 2021, UNICEF, in coordination with partners, continues to provide critical health, nutrition and WASH services to internally displaced children and their families, in both Internally Displaced Person (IDP) sites and host communities. In addition, UNICEF partners provide the affected children with the support needed to continue with their education through formal and non-formal learning opportunities, and with psychological and physical wellbeing services to mitigate the impact of the conflict on their mental health and their cognitive development.

Key Achievements

WASH

115,694 people accessed safe water for drinking, cooking and personal hygiene.

123,357 people reached with critical water, sanitation and hygiene supplies and services and reached with messages on appropriate hygiene practices.

Health

378,585 children under 10 were vaccinated against polio.

11,580 children were vaccinated against measles.

41,957 children and women accessed primary health care in UNICEF-supported facilities.

Nutrition

1,390 children under 5 with Severe and Moderate Acute Malnutrition received curative services.

Child Protection

14,188 vulnerable children reached with mental health and psychosocial support services (MHPSS).

Education

1,290 children accessed formal education, including early learning.

Rapid Response Mechanism (RRM)

73,486 vulnerable displaced people received RRM Kits containing food, family basic hygiene kits and female dignity kits.

Social and Behaviour Change

40,181 people participated in engagement actions for social and behavioural change including COVID-19 RCCE.

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1 IOM Yemen Displacement Tracking Matrix Estimates April 2022
2 IOM DTM March – April 2022 reports
3 IOM Yemen DTM’s Rapid Displacement Tracking
Throughout April 2022, a total of 26,752 IDPs taking refuge in 13 sites, including Al Somaya’a IDP site, were provided with 11,249 m³ safe water for drinking, cooking and personal hygiene in Ma’rib City and Al Wadi districts. As part of its focus on durable water solutions for the IDP community, UNICEF continues to establish safe water networks in another 10 IDP sites benefitting 7,232 newly displaced IDPs. In response to a fire incident that occurred in Bin Abud site hosting muhamasheen, UNICEF provided 12 water tanks and 42 Basic Hygiene Kits (BHKs) to 294 affected people. UNICEF, in response to recent flooding caused by heavy rain and a storm which occurred on 25 April, provided 25 affected families (189 people) in Al Rweik IDP site with 9 water tanks and 25 BHKs. As part of the WASH Sub National Cluster-led response to prevent the spread of cholera, UNICEF provided 400 BHKs, benefiting 2,526 people in total.

### Health and Nutrition

Throughout April 2022, UNICEF supported 5 mobile health teams and 29 health facilities to provide integrated preventive and curative health and nutrition services in IDP sites in Ma’rib City, Al-Wadi, Raqwan and Hareeb districts. A total of 4,101 children under five (5) years old were screened for malnutrition in April 2022 and 99 children suffering from Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) and 140 children suffering from Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM) were admitted for therapeutic care. Of these, 78 children who were admitted for SAM treatment and 115 for MAM had recovered as of the end of April 2022. In addition, a total of 184 children were provided with vitamins and/or micronutrient supplements at UNICEF-supported health facilities, and 782 primary caregivers were counselled on optimal infant feeding and caring practices. In April 2022, as part of the routine immunization programme, UNICEF in partnership with the Governorate Health Office (GHO) supported the vaccination of 2,969 children under 10 years old against polio and 2,743 children against measles, while 720 children received their third dose of Pentavalent vaccines across the whole governorate. Additionally, 321 people were vaccinated against COVID-19 mainly in five IDP sites located in Ma’rib City and Al Wadi districts. In addition, 12,824 children and women were provided with primary health care in UNICEF-supported facilities across Ma’rib governorate.

### Child Protection

In April 2022, UNICEF and partners provided 405 children (187 boys and 218 girls) with mental health and psychosocial support services (MHPSS) in child friend spaces (CFSs) established in the Al Somaya’a IDP site. UNICEF established new partnerships with the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour (MoSAL), the Governorate Education Office (GEO) and some local Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) to provide IDP and host community children and primary caregivers with community-based MHPSS and mine risk education (MRE) training in Ma’rib City and Al Wadi districts in Ma’rib governorate. UNICEF continues to support the sub-national child protection area of responsibility (CPAoR) working group.

### Education

As of the end of April, the establishment of 50 Temporary Learning Spaces (TLSs) in Al Somaya’a, Al- Maasher and Al Sowaida Camps (Block 9) was completed and IDP children in these camps have been enrolled in formal education at the TLSs. Since the beginning of the year, 61 schools in Ma’rib City, Al Wadi and Hareeb districts have been provided with school grants by UNICEF aimed at improving school conditions and providing a safe and secure learning environment for over 31,094 children. As part of the Rural Female Teacher Training (RFTT) initiative, UNICEF, through the GEO, trained 42 teachers at 19 schools in Ma’rib City as of the end of April 2022. UNICEF continues to support sub-national education cluster coordination.

### Rapid Response Mechanism (RRM)

UNICEF, in partnership with UNFPA and WFP, supported 2,114 newly internally displaced persons (IDPs) with Basic Hygiene Kits, food and dignity kits throughout April 2022. Since September 2021, UNICEF has supported over 73,486 IDPs, including an estimated 35,273 children through RRM.

### Social and Behaviour Change

UNICEF promoted social and behavioural change in children and their caregivers during the month of Ramadan through the implementation of the COVID-19 Risk Communication and Community Engagement (RCCE) strategy, including the promotion of vaccine intake. This was achieved through partnerships with 3 private sector community radio stations and the deployment of 420 community mobilizers in the host community and in 15 IDPs sites. In addition, UNICEF trained 230 community volunteers (CVs) on integrating COVID-19 intake awareness-raising activities with the Expanded Programme on Immunization (EPI) outreach integrated activities. UNICEF continued to support the Executive Unit for IDPs Camps sites in Ma’rib governorate through support to the Hotline feedback mechanism which is functional in 55 IDPs camps.

### Partnerships:

UNICEF’s response in Marib is possible through partnerships established with several organizations. UNICEF partners with local authorities in Ma’rib including the GHO, GEO, MoSAL, the Executive Unit for IDPs Camp Management, GARWSP, NWSA, MOI, NRC, NFDR, MDF, Tabassam Association and local and international NGOs. UNICEF’s response has been made possible through the generous support from BHA/OFDA, KSRelief, Japan, World Bank, ECHO, UNOCHA, and FCDO.

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