WHAT DO YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT YEMEN CRISIS

The conflict has made Yemen a living hell for children.
- Over 11 million children – 80% of all children in the country – require humanitarian assistance
- More than 17 million people, among which 9 million children, lack access to safe water and sanitation and basic health services
- Over 10 million children are in need of basic health services
- More than half of the health centres are non-functional, because they are damaged or lack an operating budget and staff
- Health workers have not been paid for over 2 years
- 1.2 million pregnant and lactating women and 2 million children are malnourished
- 360,000 severe acutely malnourished children are fighting for their lives

UNICEF and the European Union act together to build community health resilience
WHAT ARE UNICEF AND THE EU DOING TO BUILD COMMUNITY HEALTH RESILIENCE:

UNICEF and its partners pursue their efforts to provide basic quality health and nutrition services to the children of Yemen, even in the most remote areas.

Together with the European Commission’s Directorate-General for International Cooperation and Development (DG DEVCO), UNICEF launched Community Health Workers Networks in Yemen, to improve community resilience, support poor households in seeking care and reduce inequities between urban and rural areas.

In cooperation with the Ministry of Public Health and Population of Yemen, UNICEF and the EU are supporting the training of women health workers, covering incentives, providing medical equipment and supplies so they can go back to their communities to offer basic preventive and curative health and nutrition services at the household level within their communities.

Services offered include immunization, screening and referral for childhood illnesses and malnutrition, vitamin A and other micronutrient supplementation, deworming, antenatal and postnatal care for mothers and children living in remote areas.

COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS CONTRIBUTE TO:

- Better health outcomes for children
- Empowerment of women, bridging the gender gap and providing employment opportunities
- Community resilience by placing communities at the center of the process

RESULTS SO FAR:

- Rural communities have access to an essential integrated package of health and nutrition services in 6 priority governorates: Sana’a, Sa’ada, Hajjah, Al Hudaydah, Lajh and Ibb within 24 targeted districts
- More than 1,800 CHWs trained
- 639,000 under five children received health services, including malnutrition screening and treatment
- 696,300 households targeted for a total of 4.87 million indirect beneficiaries
- More than 353,000 pregnant and lactating women reached with maternal health and newborn care services.