



UNFPA RESPONSE IN YEMEN

Monthly Situation Report #06 – June 2017



“I was terrified when I heard about the cholera outbreak and how it unmercifully kills people. I want to protect my children and myself. The hygienic items in this kit were just what I needed. My husband travels for months in search of work. He does not leave us enough money so I would not have been able to afford these items on my own. I am also happy to have a new Abya” said Om Ibrahim, after receiving a dignity kit provided by UNFPA with the support of the Government of Japan. Om Ibrahim, a 24-year old mother, lives in a camp for displaced persons in Sana’a Governorate.

Situation Overview

The **cholera epidemic** continues to sweep across Yemen with suspected cases exceeding 200,000 people, increasing at an average of 5,000 every day, with one person dying every hour.

The **number of people in need of humanitarian assistance has increased** from 18.8 million to 20.7 million since January 2017, resulting from increased food insecurity and the fast-spreading cholera outbreak. This includes 9.8 million people in acute need of immediate assistance to save or sustain life, and 10.8 million people who require assistance to avoid slipping into acute need.

Despite challenges, 124 humanitarian partners are responding across Yemen’s 22 governorates, including 83 national NGOs, 32 international NGOs and nine UN Agencies. The **Yemen Humanitarian Response Plan** is currently **funded at 40 percent** with \$825.4 million received against an appeal of \$1.2 billion.

Key Figures

20.7 million

People in need

9.8 million

People in acute need

14.8 million

People lack access to basic health services

2.0 million

People internally displaced

2.2 million

Women of girls of reproductive age

1.1 million

malnourished pregnant women at risk of contracting cholera

352,000

Pregnant women

52,285

Women of reproductive age at risk of sexual violence, including rape

Highlights of UNFPA Response

- Over 3,000 dignity kits also containing information on cholera prevention were distributed to women and girls, including in areas with high numbers of suspected cholera cases.
- A total of 1,153 multi-sectoral services were provided for gender-based violence survivors in June with the highest being for psychosocial support services and health services.
- Reproductive health kits were distributed to health facilities in the governorates of and Amran, Al Bayda and Marib. UNFPA continues to monitor the distribution of these kits in cholera treatment centers where resources have been overstretched by the epidemic.
- Hundred and eighty-two awareness raising sessions on gender-based violence were conducted in June, which included awareness raising on the role of women in the prevention of cholera.
- Sixty healthcare providers were trained by UNFPA on the **Clinical Management of Rape** in Ibb and Sana’a Governorates.
- Partners of the **Inter-Agency Working Group on Reproductive Health**, led by UNFPA, has integrated cholera prevention and nutrition interventions into reproductive health services, working closely with the health, nutrition and WASH clusters.

Challenges

- The **cholera outbreak is impacting the provision of already overstretched health services**, including reproductive health services, which are being redirected to deal with the new and added burden of managing the epidemic.
- Recent **insufficient fuel imports into Yemen** is hampering the ability to respond to the worsening humanitarian crisis, particularly in the transportation of medicines and supplies.

Funding Status

- UNFPA’s response on gender-based violence received **\$1.3 million** from the **Kingdom of Netherlands** for 2017.
- The **Government of Italy** contributed **€350,000** to UNFPA’s response in Yemen for 2017.
- The UNFPA response is currently **funded at 29 percent** with a funding gap of **\$15.6 million** out of **\$22.1 million** required for its humanitarian response in 2017.