



UNFPA RESPONSE IN YEMEN

Monthly Situation Report #07 – August 2016

Key Figures

21.2 million
People in need

15.2 million
People lack access to basic health services

12.6 million
People targeted for life-saving interventions

3 million
People displaced by conflict

3.4 million
Women of girls of reproductive age

400,800
Pregnant women

68,000
Women of reproductive age at risk of sexual violence, including rape



“Last night I could not sleep. I am really excited to receive these supplies and get back to work”, says Tabia, an unemployed midwife. Tabia travelled four hours from her village to receive these items. She is among 10 unemployed midwives who are being supported by UNFPA to start their home-base clinic in Ibb Governorate.

Situation Overview

The cessation of peace talks in early August 2016 without a peace agreement being reached has seen the intensification of fighting across the country with an alarming increase in airstrikes, having devastating impact on civilian lives as civilian infrastructure, such as schools and hospitals continue to be hit. In addition to the fighting and insecurity, the continued closure of Sana’a airport to commercial flights is having serious implications for patients seeking urgent medical treatment abroad. The upsurge in fighting has also increase forced displacement across Yemen. The conflict has now uprooted 3,154,572 people, which include 2,205,102 individuals who remain displaced across the country and some 949,470 displaced people who have attempted to return home.

The 2016 Yemen Humanitarian Response Plan has been revised seeking \$1.6 billion to reach 12.6 million people with a range of life-saving and protection services across Yemen. These figures represent a 7 per cent decrease in the number of people targeted and 9.3 per cent decrease in financial requirements, as compared to the initial appeal launched in February 2016. . With only 31 per cent of original requirements funded as of end of August 2016, humanitarian partners closely reviewed planned activities in order to ensure that original targets remained feasible and to prioritize the most urgent life-saving programmes for the last quarter of 2016.

Highlights of UNFPA Response

- UNFPA supported the establishment of **10 home-based clinics for community midwives** in Ibb Governorate.
- The installation of **emergency obstetric care equipment** in 16 health facilities in Ibb Governorate and two hospitals in Sana’a Governorate is currently underway.
- **Thirty thousand dignity kits** are being distributed to women and girls across 10 governorates, allowing them to maintain their personal hygiene and dignity.
- A total of 509 beneficiaries (423 female, 86 male) were reached with **GBV services** in August, with the highest being for psychosocial support services (367) followed by health services support (151).
- **A technical working group on reproductive health** was established to coordinate the reproductive health response among humanitarian actors in the governorates of Taizz and Ibb.
- UNFPA continues to be actively engaged in the development of the **2017 Humanitarian Needs Overview** through its leadership role in coordination of the Gender-based Violence sub-cluster, Inter-Agency Working Group on Reproductive Health and its presence at the UN hub level in the governorate of Ibb and Sa’ada.
- **A training on GBV data collection** was conducted in August to sensitize GBV sub-cluster members on inputting to the OCHA humanitarian dashboard and other reporting tools on the humanitarian response in Yemen.
- The GBV sub-cluster conducted a training on **gender-based violence in emergency settings** for its members (35 members from UN, INGOs, local organizations across Yemen), with the objective of enhancing knowledge and skills on addressing GBV in humanitarian settings and in the provision of multi-sectoral services to survivors of gender-based violence using survivor-friendly approaches.
- In strengthening coordination of the response to gender-based violence, two task forces were developed, one on case management and referral pathways chaired by International Mercy Corps and another on multi-sectoral service mapping, chaired by UNFPA. The objective of these task forces are to develop unified approaches to addressing these issues within the GBV response in Yemen.
- Through the **under-funded window of Central Emergency Relief Fund (CERF) for Yemen**, UNFPA received **\$625,000** (\$375,000 for GBV services in Amanata Al Asama area of Sana’a Governorate, and \$250,000 for life-saving reproductive health services targeting IDPs and most vulnerable host populations in Ibb Governorate).