

UNFPA Response in Yemen

SITUATION REPORT



a female-headed newly displaced family with emergency relief items received through the UNFPA-led Rapid Response Mechanism at their temporary shelter in Al Jawf, Yemen ©UNFPA Yemen

FAST FACTS



21.6M
In need of humanitarian assistance



13.4M
In acute need



20.3M
In need of health assistance



17.7M
In need of protection



4.5M
Internally displaced



5.5M
Women of reproductive age (15-49 yrs)



1.5M
Malnourished pregnant & lactating women



7.1M
Women in need of GBV protection

HIGHLIGHTS: APRIL - JUNE

Yemen remains one of the world's largest humanitarian crises, with an estimated 21.6 million people needing humanitarian assistance or protection in 2023. The humanitarian crisis, primarily driven by continued conflict and an economic collapse, has been exacerbated by critical funding gaps, global inflation, and access challenges.

The knock-on effects of the war in Ukraine have worsened global food shortages and impacted many households in Yemen as food prices become unaffordable for vulnerable families; particularly households headed by women. An estimated 26 per cent of displaced households in Yemen are now headed by women.

Extreme weather conditions across Yemen, including heavy rains and flooding led to increased displacement in the second quarter of the year. The majority of those affected resided in areas that are hard-to-reach and host families displaced by conflict. The UNFPA-led Rapid Response Mechanism (RRM) stepped up its response to assisted flood-affected families in 18 affected governorates. More than 73,000 people affected by flooding were assisted up to June 2023, with sixty-six percent of individuals targeted for RRM assistance constituting those affected by floods.

Shortages in funding continue to force aid organizations to reduce or close critical assistance programmes. The 2023 Humanitarian Response Plan, seeking US\$4.34 billion to assist 17.3 million people, was only 29.1 per cent funded by June.

UNFPA's appeal of US\$70 million to sustain programmes for women and girls in 2023, remains funded at 46 per cent.

In the first half of the year, UNFPA's response reached nearly a million individuals with life-saving reproductive health services, protection information and services and emergency relief, with support to 88 health facilities, 29 safe spaces, eight shelters and five specialized mental health centres.

UNFPA GOVERNORATE RESPONSE

UNFPA's interventions cover 20 of the 22 governorates in Yemen. Overall coordination is handled by UNFPA's office in Sana'a. In other governorates, joint UN humanitarian hubs coordinate. UNFPA has presence in all operational UN humanitarian hubs. Services provided and people reached from January to June are detailed below:

HIGHLIGHTS: JAN- JUNE 2023



GOVERNORATE

PEOPLE REACHED

SERVICES DELIVERED

	Women reached with reproductive health services	Women reached with protection information & services	Health facilities supported with RH services	Women and girls safe spaces supported
Abyan	21,573	3,805	3	1
Aden	21,642	331	2	0
Al Bayda	33,937	2,108	4	1
Al Dhale'e	9,377	0	1	0
Al Hudaydah	48,938	22,993	12	5
Al Jawf	28,308	0	4	0
Al Maharah	6,345	11,813	1	1
Al Mahwit	16,057	3,116	3	1
Amanat Al Asimah	29,930	11,695	6	1
Amran	6,076	2,785	3	0
Dhamar	16,754	5,002	2	0
Hadramaut	20,847	16,654	3	2
Hajjah	67,134	9,596	7	1
Ibb	7,425	32,149	3	3
Lahj	6,272	5,935	1	1
Marib	68,295	29,430	6	5
Sa'ada	14,167	2,579	4	1
Sana'a	856	667	2	0
Shabwah	22,447	6,742	3	1
Taizz	172,841	68,559	18	5
Raymah	0	0	0	0
Socotra	0	0	0	0

A WOMAN DETERMINED TO GIVE BIRTH SAFELY

Hayat Ahmed Saleh, 32, from Al-Suqya District in Lahj Governorate, suffers from severe anemia. The family survive with the little income they make from rearing sheep, which is barely enough to have one meal a day. Hayat has already lost two children, who were born prematurely. Hayat was undernourished during her pregnancies and delivered at home with the help of an unskilled birth attendant. They did not have enough money to hire a car to go to a health facility - the closest facility was 40 kilometers away - or pay for the health care.

"I was determined to have a child. I did not want to give up. I prayed daily for a solution to carry to term and give birth to a healthy baby," Hayat told UNFPA. Hayat heard from people in her village about Al Ara Rural Hospital that provides free reproductive health services. Al Ara Rural Hospital is supported by UNFPA to provide reproductive health services with the financial assistance of King Salman Humanitarian Aid & Relief Centre (KSrelief).

"When I heard about free reproductive health services being provided at Al Ara Rural Hospital, and the availability of a female doctor and midwives, I decided to walk there and explain my situation," tells Hayat.

A month later, Hayat fell pregnant. She adhered carefully to the instructions given by the doctor even if it meant walking hours on foot to reach the hospital. When the delivery date drew close she stayed with a relative residing close to the hospital. "When I was ready to give birth I was nervous but confident because I was in the hands of specialists inside a health facility, which I never thought was possible," tells Hayat.

Since January 2023, nearly 56,000 women have been able to give birth safely at 88 health facilities UNFPA supports across the country with the generous support of CERF, EU Humanitarian Aid, KSrelief, Netherlands, Qatar, USAID's Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance and the Yemen Humanitarian Fund.

RAPID RESPONSE MECHANISM (RRM)

UNFPA is leading the efforts of three agencies i.e. UNFPA, UNICEF and WFP to distribute immediate, most critical life-saving emergency supplies to families who are newly displaced, on the move, in hard-to-reach areas or stranded close to the front lines. The RRM minimum assistance package is comprised of these components: (1) ready to eat food provided by WFP; (2) family basic hygiene kits provided by UNICEF; and (3) one female dignity/transit kit provided by UNFPA. A total of 15,390 RRM kits were distributed from January to June 2023. Other highlights for the period June 2018 to June 2023 include:

HIGHLIGHTS FROM JUNE 2018 TO JUNE 2023

Since June 2018, RRM kits were delivered to **614,275 families (4.4 million individuals)**.

249,904 RRM kits distributed through the **Al Hudaydah** humanitarian hub from June 2018 to June 2023.

150,244 RRM kits distributed through the **Aden** humanitarian hub from June 2018 to June 2023.

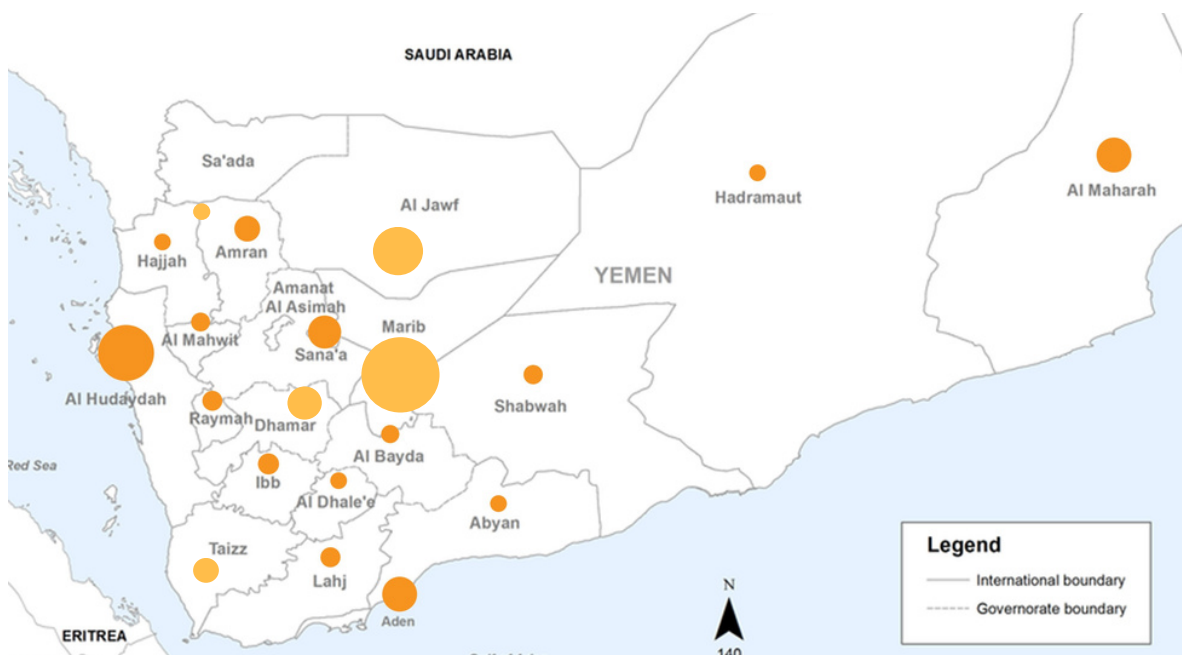
99,620 RRM kits distributed through the **Sana'a** humanitarian hub from June 2018 to June 2023

30,873 RRM kits distributed through the **Ibb** humanitarian hub from June 2018 to June 2023

96,211 RRM kits distributed through the **Sa'ada** humanitarian hub from June 2018 to June 2023



Distribution of rapid response kits in Al Jawf and Shabwah ©UNFPA Yemen/YARD



The RRM is operational country-wide. The map indicates RRM distribution by governorate and volume of distribution.

Donors to the RRM: European Union Humanitarian Aid, USAID Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance and Yemen Humanitarian Fund

IN THE NEWS

PEOPLE REACHED

	NO.
No. of people reached with reproductive health services	619,221
No. of safe deliveries supported	55,938
No. of cesarean sections supported	11,795
Individuals reached with family planning services	76,104
Dignity kits distributed	15,394
Individuals reached through the Rapid Response Mechanism	107,730
No. of women reached with protection information & services	235,959
No. of health facilities supported with reproductive health services	88
No. of safe spaces supported	29
No. of women shelters supported	8
No. of supported specialized psychological care centres	5



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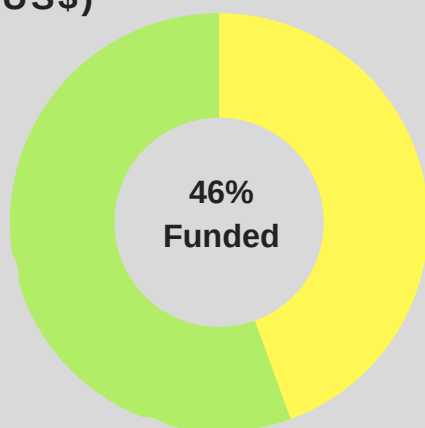
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2023 UNFPA RESPONSE FUNDING STATUS (US\$)

\$70 M
REQUIRED
\$32 M
FUNDED
\$38 M
FUNDING GAP



2023 Donors (alphabetical order): Canada, CERF, European Union, Iceland, KSrelief, Netherlands, Norway, Qatar, Sweden, Switzerland, USAID, Yemen Humanitarian Fund

KEY CHALLENGES

- A non-permissive operating environment with limited humanitarian access and shrinking humanitarian space.
- Limited funding available for the continued provision of humanitarian services .
- Lack of national resources for the provision of basic social services.
- Lack of health workers in severely conflict-affected areas.
- Increasing restrictions imposed on implementing partners for humanitarian operations in conflict-affected areas.
- Delays in transportation of supplies due to bureaucratic impediments.