



# **YEMEN**

# **HUMANITARIAN**

# **RESPONSE**

# **SITUATION**

# **REPORT**



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# GENERAL OVERVIEW

Since mid-March 2015, conflict in Yemen has spread to 21 of Yemen's 22 governorates prompting a large-scale protection crisis and compounding an already dire humanitarian crisis brought on by years of poverty, poor governance, conflict and ongoing instability.

- The total number of people in need of humanitarian assistance is 18.8 million or 70% of the population, including 10.3 million children.
- 7,684 people including 4,773 civilians have now been killed, and over 42,553 injured of whom 8,272 are civilians.
- Conflict has affected the lives of approximately 3 million internally displaced people and returnees including 1.6 million children. 2 million people remain displaced.
- 17 million people are food insecure including 6.8 million who are severely food insecure.
- More than 6.2 million children are in need of protection assistance.
- 14.5 million people lack clean water and sanitation, including 8 million children.

- 24.3 million people (90% of the population) lack access to electricity through the public grid.

- More than half of the health facilities assessed in 16 of the 22 assessed governorates in Yemen are closed or partially functioning due to the conflict, leaving over 14.8 million people in need of basic healthcare including 8.1 million children

- As of 12 March 2017, a total of 23,506 suspected cases of Acute Watery Diarrhea/cholera (33% are children below 5 years), including 198 confirmed cases and 108 associated deaths have been reported (11 cholera and 97 Acute Watery Diarrhea).

- 4.5 million children and pregnant or lactating women are in urgent need of nutrition services to treat or prevent malnutrition. This includes 1.1 million pregnant or lactating women and 2.2 million children under the age of five who are acutely malnourished – of whom 462,000 children are severely acute malnourished.

- Approx. 2 million of the 7.3 million school-aged children in Yemen do not have access to education. This includes 513,000 IDP children. According to the Education Cluster, as of February 2017, 234 schools have been totally destroyed, 1,265 partially damaged, 143 are currently hosting IDPs and 9 are currently occupied by armed group.

## Recent Context Developments

### Al-Mukha and West Coast fighting and Displacement

Fighting remains concentrated around Al-Mukha. Since taking the port town last month, the progress of Saudi led coalition-backed forces has slowed, with hostilities ongoing around the village of Yakhtil, to the north of Al-Mukha town. Coalition aircrafts carried out several airstrikes targeting positions of pro-Houthi fighters in the hotspot areas in Al-Mukha and nearby districts as well as in southern Al-Hudaydah governorate.

According to UNHCR, as of 10 March, the fighting has led to more than 48,000 people being displaced from across Taizz Governorate. The majority are from Al Mukha and Dhubab districts in the south-west of the country.

### Food Security Crises

According to the latest Yemen Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC Report), released on 15 March:

- 17 million people are food insecure: 6.8 million people in IPC Phase 4 ‘emergency’ and 10.2 million people in IPC Phase 3 ‘crisis’. There are 3 million more food insecure people in March 2017 compared to June 2016.
- Seven governorates are rated as IPC 4 and Save the Children is delivering assistance in five of them Al-Hudaydah, Taizz, Sada’a, Hajjah and Lahj.

## Impact on Children

The ongoing conflict has had a devastating impact on children. According to UNICEF’s latest Monitoring and Reporting Mechanism (MRM) between 26 March 2015 and 28 February 2017, at least 1,546 children have been killed and 2,450 others maimed. Between 26 March 2015 and 31 January 2017, there were also 200 verified attacks on schools and 93 attacks on hospitals. Moreover, 1,476 incidents of military recruitment and use of children have been verified, as well as 232 cases of abduction and arbitrary detention of boys. These verified cases are however just considered to be the “tip of the iceberg”, primarily because of inadequate reporting mechanisms.

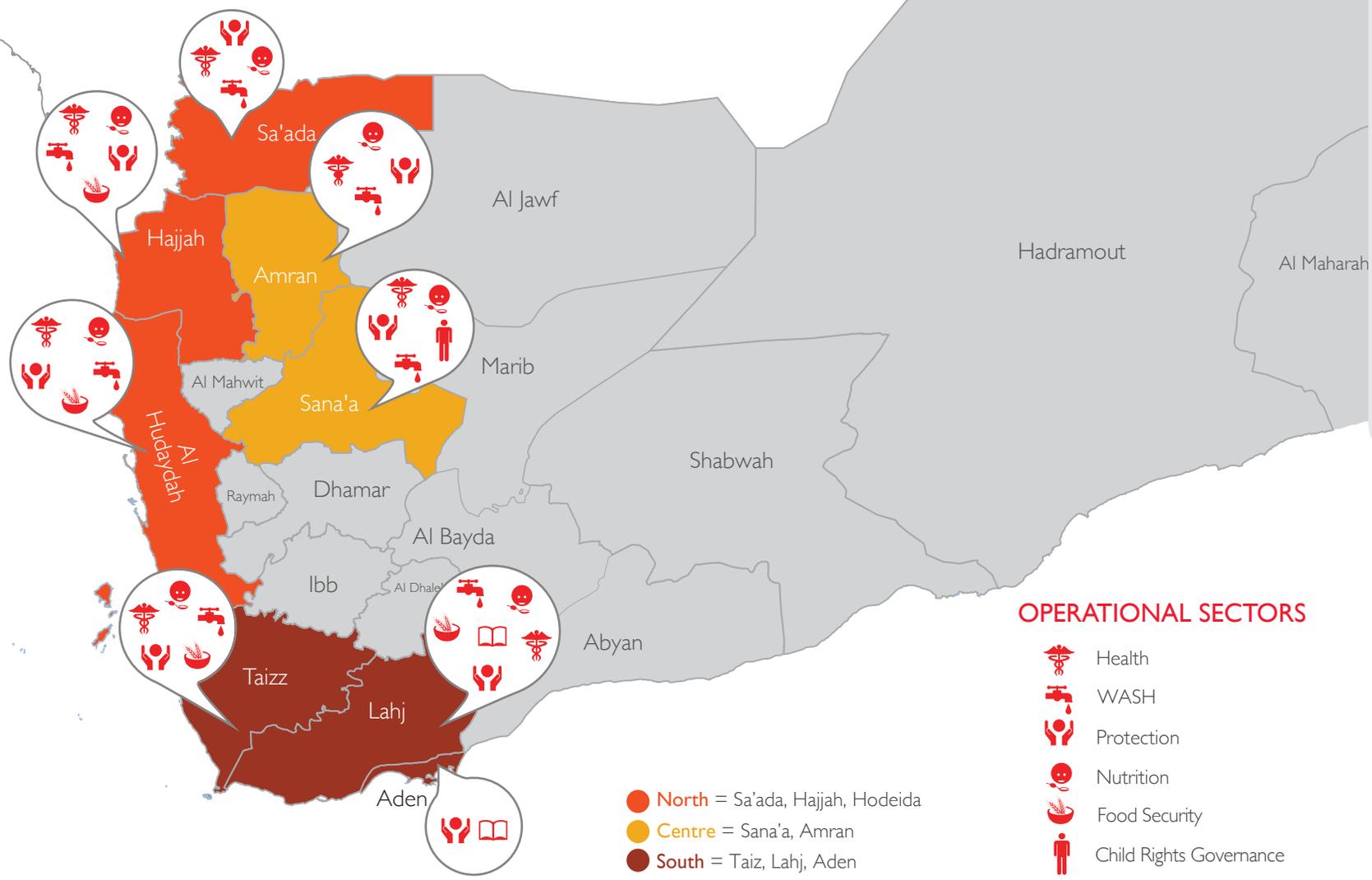
## YHRP 2017 Funding

THE 2017 YEMEN HRP aims to target 12 million of the most needy people and is appealing for 2.1 billion USD. At the beginning of April, it is just 9% funded at 178 million USD

# KEY FACTS

Since March 2015, conflict has spread to 21 of Yemen's 22 governorates, prompting a large scale protection crisis and aggravating an already severe humanitarian situation brought on by years of poverty, poor governance and instability. Today, 18.8 million people, or 70 per cent of the population, are in need of some form of humanitarian assistance. This includes 10.3 million children.

Every day, the death and injury toll continues to rise, displacement increases, communicable diseases such as cholera spreads, half of the population lacks access to basic healthcare and water and sanitation services, and malnutrition rates grow. One child under the age of five is dying every ten minutes from totally preventable diseases such as malnutrition, diarrhoea and respiratory tract infections.



- North = Sa'ada, Hajjah, Hodeida
- Centre = Sana'a, Amran
- South = Taiz, Lahj, Aden

-  People in need of humanitarian assistance\* **18.8 m**  
including ~ **10.3 million children**
-  Children in need of protection assistance\* **6.2 m**
-  Children out of school\* **2 m**
-  Food insecure people\* **17 m**
-  People lacking basic health care services\* **14.8 m**  
including ~ **8.1 million children**
-  People in need of water, sanitation and hygiene support\* **14.5 m**  
including ~ **8 million children**
-  People that have been internally displaced\*\* **3 m**  
including ~ **1.6 million children**

\* UNOCHA Yemen HNO 2017  
\*\* Protection Cluster Yemen, TFPM, 12th Report

## OPERATIONAL SECTORS

-  Health
-  WASH
-  Protection
-  Nutrition
-  Food Security
-  Child Rights Governance
-  Education

## Health

- During the reporting period, we continued supporting 74 fixed health facilities and 10 mobile health and nutrition teams in all areas of Yemen.
- 24,213 people (including 13,992 children) were consulted and treated. Since May 2015, 490,860 including over 259,000 children, have been consulted and treated.
- 3,687 women were also assisted with reproductive health services during March and over 95,000 since May 2015.

## Nutrition

- During March 3,180 children received nutrition assistance, including 692 children admitted for Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) treatment and 2,488 for Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM) treatment.
- Since May 2015, 47,670 children under five have been treated for malnutrition through our interventions.

## Child Protection

- During March, 1287 new children were registered to participate in Child Friendly Space (CFSs) activities. Since May 2015, 49,836 children have participated in our CFS.
- 275 children were also registered for child protection case management, bringing the total to 4,857 children since May 2015.

## Food Security & Livelihoods

- 5,115 Households received food baskets or cash transfers, in March. This helped 33,552 people during March.
- Since May 2015, we have reached 890,985 people with our Food Security and Livelihoods interventions.

## Water Sanitation & Hygiene

- 37,017 people, including 21,323 children, participated in WASH awareness sessions during March.
- Nearly 573,000 individuals have participated in WASH awareness sessions since May 2015.
- 494 water storage tanks and water filters were distributed during March.

## Education

- 2,850 people, including 1,902 children attended Mine Risk Education awareness sessions during March, bringing the total to 12,633 people, including 5,385 children since May 2015.

# Key beneficiary statistics



**Number of  
beneficiaries  
reached in  
March 2017**

**Number of  
beneficiaries  
reached since  
May 2015**

**Children**

**64,554**

**866,210**

**People**

**107,567**

**1,520,941**

Ali\* (15) is a student at Dar Al Salam School in Lahj. His sister usually helps him by carrying his bag. Ali\* lost his leg in a landmine explosion in Lahj. Since then he has used crutches to walk. Save the Children conducts Mine Risk Awareness to reduce the risks to children.

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