



HEALTH CLUSTER BULLETIN January 2021

*** All Health Cluster Coordination meetings are conducted virtually.

YEMEN

Emergency Level: Level 3

Reporting period: October 2020



17.9M
PIN of Health Assistance



7.3M
Targeted with Health Interventions



3.34
Million** IDPs



508M
Funds required



1 Million
Returnees

HIGHLIGHTS

- A total of 1,206 Health Facilities (16 Governorate Hospitals, 131 District Hospitals, 62 General Hospitals, 19 Specialized Hospitals, 382 Health Centers and 596 Health Units) are being supported by Health Cluster Partners.
- As of the 31st of January 2021, 2125 positive COVID-19 cases and 616 deaths have been confirmed by MOH Aden (COVID-19 reports are only from the southern governorates).
- The cumulative total number of suspected Cholera cases from the 1st of January to the 31st of January 2021 is (5135) with (2) associated deaths (CFR 0.04%). Children under five represent (26.64%) whilst the elderly above 60 years of age accounted for (6%) of total suspected cases. The outbreak has so far affected in 2021: (13) of 23 governorates and (152) of 333 districts in Yemen.
- As of the 31st of January 2021, Health Cluster Partners supported a total number of 137 DTCs and 252 ORCs in 169 Priority districts.

HEALTH SECTOR



71 HEALTH CLUSTER PARTNERS
9.7 M PEOPLE IN ACUTE NEED

KITS DELIVERED TO HEALTH FACILITIES/PARTNERS



5 IEHK BASIC KITS
6 IEHK SUPPLEMENTARY KITS
0 TRAUMA KITS
25 OTHER TYPES OF KITS

SUPPORTED HEALTH FACILITIES



1,206 HEALTH FACILITIES



1,378,189 OUTPATIENT CONSULTATIONS
10,994 SURGERIES
55,993 ASSISTED DELIVERIES (NORMAL & C/S)

VACCINATION



43,081 PENTA 3

EDEWS



1,982 SENTINEL SITES

FUNDING US\$



REQUESTED FOR COVID19
FTS)

Situation update

The overall situation in Yemen, including the Humanitarian situation, has been deteriorating and worsening during the past years, resulting in catastrophic numbers and levels.

The impact of the drivers of the crisis is most visible in the growing risk of famine and severe acute malnutrition, disease outbreaks (COVID-19, Cholera, Diphtheria, Vector-borne(Dengue & Malaria), conflict casualties, forced displacement and reversal of past development gains.

Over six years of conflict that has killed and injured tens of thousands of civilians, causing immense suffering for the Yemeni people. In 2020 ,the conflict intensified, the number of frontlines increased from 33 to 49, and 172,000 people were displaced, bringing the number of Internally Displaced People (IDPs) to at least 4 million.

This has led to increasing number of people in need for live saving & essential health services. According to HNO 2021 people in need for health assistance during 2021 will reach a whopping 20.1 Million people with 11.6 million are in acute need.

Health Cluster Partners are continuing to support & to strengthening the public health system to ensure that essential, life-saving health services, are being provided to respond to the urgent health needs of the people of Yemen.

However, the shortage in funding during 2020 led to further deterioration of the current health system. Out of the 304.6 million USD needed for the health sector, only 27.4%% was funded during 2020. Unless more funding is received during 2021, we can expect the health situation to continue deteriorating, which might lead to un-imaginable impact on mortality & morbidity figures of the people of Yemen.

In addition to economic deterioration including the inflation of the Yemeni Rial exchange rate, which reached 880 YR/ 1 USD in the South and 602 YR/1USD in the North. In addition, and since last June 2020, a sever fuel crisis in have been recorded in northern governorates in Yemen. A 20-liter bottle of gasoline reached around 15 to 16 thousand Yemeni Rials. This is impacting all aspects of life in these governorates, including the availability and accessibility to health services.

Public health risks, priorities, needs and gaps

The main risks being faced is maintaining the functionality of the public health system in Yemen. AS per 2020 data, only 50% of all health facilities inside the country are fully functional (HeRAMS 2020). The burden of the COVID-19 pandemic and epidemic-prone diseases, food insecurity with an increase in acute malnutrition, and low vaccination coverage, overstretched the already weekend health system and limited its ability to provide the essential needs of health services to the most vulnerable groups, including women and children, elderly and IDPs. The majority of the Yemeni population have limited access to health services as a result of the in-security situation in many areas, roadblocks and poor access, and harsh socio-economic conditions, which is impacting their ability to seek health services. In addition, the escalation of conflict on multiple frontlines and recurrent natural disasters are leading to the diversion of established live-saving support, in order to meet the emerging needs of the people impacted by these situations. In 2021, more than two-thirds of the total number of districts (273 of the

total 333 country districts) are in severe needs of health services (vulnerability scoring 1,2 and3) and these affected districts cover all 22 governorates.

The Fuel crisis continues in Yemen, thus hindering the accessibility to and provision of health services to the population in need, and also limiting the referral process from primary health care to the secondary & tertiary care levels, decreasing the availability and increasing cost of primary and specialized care alongside limited resources. The Health Cluster is monitoring the situation on a continuous basis through its partners in the field.

COVID-19 Highlights

The first confirmed case of COVID-19 in Yemen was declared on April 10th 2020. As of the 31st of January 2021, 2125 positive cases have been reported and 616 deaths (please note that these figures represent the southern part of the country only). The real number of the cases is unknown due to low testing capacity and sharing of information by the authorities. The UN and all of its partners are working under the assumption that the country is in a full-scale community transmission.

Health Cluster partners led by CLA- WHO are currently supporting 37 isolation units out of the 59 IUs identified by the health authorities in the South and North to receive severe and critical COVID-19 cases. They support with medicines, medical supplies, equipment, ventilators, IPC, case management & IPC training hazard payment and operational support. UNICEF and UNFPA are also supporting with ventilators and various materials of IPC, PPE and medicines. MSFs France, Belgium, Spain and Swiss have done good efforts in COVID-19 response by running (fully or partially support) 4 isolation units in Aden, Sana'a, Ibb and Al-Hudaydah, however some of those facilities went back to provide the normal non-COVID services.

Health Cluster partners are continuing to provide support to several aspects of COVID measures in the non- COVID health facilities they support.

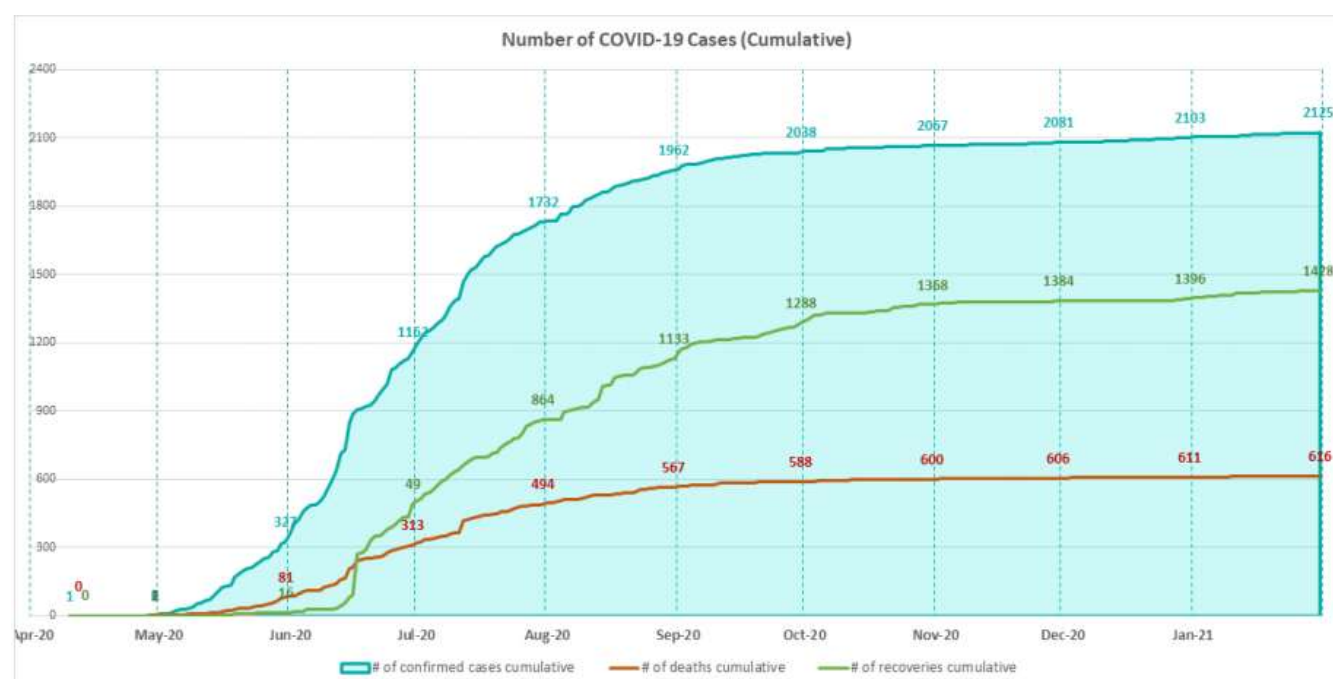


FIGURE 1 COVID-19 CASES REPORTED FROM SOUTHERN GOVERNORATES- TILL END OF JANUARY 2021.

Communicable Diseases

From the 1st to 31st of January 2021, there were (5135) cholera suspected cases reported and (2) associated deaths and the outbreak has affected (13) of 23 governorates and (152) of 333 districts in Yemen. The districts reporting the highest number of suspected cases of cholera during month of January 2021 were Mobabbih, Hamdan, Az Zuhrah, Khawlan, and Al-Hali.

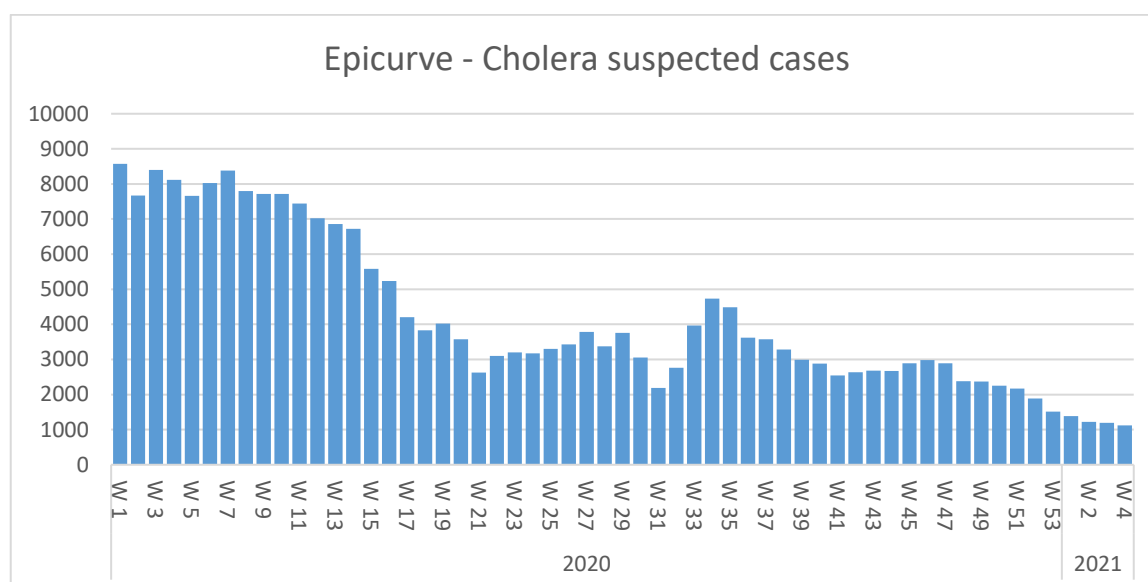


FIGURE 2 EPI CURVE: CHOLERA SUSPECTED CASES FROM WEEK 1 2020 TO WEEK 4 2021- SOURCE – EOC

Non-communicable diseases and Mental Health

There were 9,468 new hypertensive and 1,225 individuals with mental health illness who received medical attention and psychosocial support by health partners during the month of January 2021.

Health Facility Support

During January 2021, 40 Health Cluster Partners have sustained their support to the 1,206 health facilities including operational support, incentives for the health workers, training of health workers and provision of medicines and medical supplies.

Availability of essential services

The Health Cluster Partners are continuing to support primary and secondary health care services across the country. These services are offered free of charge across all health centers and units, with secondary health care provided in the governorate and district hospitals, as a result of the support of partners with incentives and operational costs. Some of the main challenges that are hindering the delivery of quality health services are insecurity, access impediments and inadequate health workers (capacity and numbers). The economic situation is becoming worst on a daily basis as the Yemeni Rial continues to depreciate and the majority of the population are not able to afford transport to and from the health facilities. In addition, the roads are in poor state and can some of them are no longer usable. In an effort to counter these challenges, Health Partners are supporting and facilitating patients'

transportation and referral through the voucher system in order to improve acceptance, access and utilization of health services by the patients.

Availability of Health Staff

The health workers available in the health facilities are not enough, as the majority have migrated from their locations due to insecurity, access challenges or lack of salaries. Those still in the health facilities are largely dependent on incentives offered by the humanitarian actors to sustain the remaining services offered in these facilities.

Availability of Essential Drugs, Vaccines and Supplies

Health Cluster partners supported the health facilities' operations with medicines and medical supplies as well as payment of incentives to health staff. 1,332,596 Liters of fuel and 18 million liters of water were supplied to the health facilities in addition to 5 IEHK basic Kits, 25 other types of kits and 0 Trauma kit to support various health facilities across the country.

Health Cluster Action

Health Cluster Partners include 3 UN agencies, 18 INGOs, 19 NNGOs in 22 Governorates in Yemen. During January 2021, 40 Partners reported through the Yemen health information system.

Partners Implementation Status can be accessed at the below link:

<https://www.humanitarianresponse.info/en/operations/yemen/health>

Health Cluster Partners Updates – January 2021

Health Cluster Partners continued supporting health service delivery across the country. Below are a few examples of different Health Cluster Partners operating in different governorates inside Yemen.

International Organization for Migration (IOM)

IOM is one of the main UN agencies responding to the health needs in Yemen. It is on the frontlines of the response to the COVID-19 pandemic in Yemen.

Key Highlights during January 2021:

- 17130 Consultations in 12 Health Facilities.
- 5 Mobile teams providing primary health care services to IDPs, migrants and refugees.
- COVID-19 testing for 33 individuals in the Assisted Voluntary Return program before travel.
- The GF MER project continued to support the National AIDS Program (NAP) in providing nutritional support to a total of 1,837 out of 3,858 People Living with HIV (PLHIV) receiving Antiretroviral Therapy (ART) at 5 public ART sites in Sana'a, Aden, Taizz, Al-Hudaydah, and Al-Mukalla cities.
- Provision of 4500 Medical Examination Gloves to NAP-Aden.
- Provision of 15 types of Anti-Retroviral drugs to NAP-Aden.
- Provision of 3 consignments of PPEs to MoPHP-Aden.

- Transportation of 238,008 Bed Nets to 11 targeted districts in Hadramout for a total of 476,016 people.



FIGURE 3 IOM ACTIVITIES DURING JANUARY 2021

Polish Humanitarian Action (PAH)

PAH is an INGO which was established in 1922 and is operating in close to 50 countries around the world. PAH is working by promoting humanitarian values and reaching approximately 11 million people in need.

Key Highlights during January 2021:

- Project providing continued support to Iman HC (since August 2019) and supporting 3 new HFs in Aden started on January 1, 2021 (funded by Caritas Poland) and YHF-funded project supporting 3 HFs in Al-Dhalea'a started on February 1, 2021 - sub-agreement and endorsement process is ongoing.
- Support to Imran HCs continues since August 2019, it provided 789 consultations.
- Field visits and WASH assessments are ongoing during the process of mobilization for support and obtaining of sub-agreements.
- 10 normal deliveries were received in Imran HFs in January 2021.

Action Contre La Faim (ACF)

Key Highlights during January 2021:

- SAM U5 new admission: 291 Individuals
- MAM U5 new admission: 588 Individuals
- MAM PLWs new admission: 569 Individuals
- IMCI consultations: 4250 Individuals
- OPD consultations: 10651 Individuals
- RH services (ANC/PNC): 1760 Individuals
- H/Nut awareness sessions: 14916 Individuals
- Care practices new admissions and consultations: 716 Individuals
- U5 children U5 screening through CHVs and HFs: 5664 Individuals
- PLW screening through CHVs and HFs: 1339 Individuals
- Hazard allowance support: 240 Individuals
- Training for Health workers (TFC) at Qafl-shamer stabilization center: 11 Individuals



FIGURE 4 ACF ACTIVITIES DURING JANUARY 2021

Health Cluster Coordination

The Health Cluster conducted four National Virtual and physical Health Cluster meetings and eight Sub-National Health Cluster coordination meetings in the functional hubs (Aden, Al Hudaydah, Ibb/Taizz, Sa'dah, Sana'a, Marib, Hadramout, and West Coast).

The Health Cluster participated in two ICCM meetings and two HCT meetings at the national level and the Sub-National Health Cluster Coordinators attended eight RCT meetings, three ICWG meetings in all the hubs in addition to 23 bilateral meetings. In addition, the Health Cluster coordinators attended SAG meetings, CCCM meetings, and COVID-19 task force meetings.

In regards to the 1st Standard Allocation, most of the partners have signed the project agreements with OCHA during the month of January 2021 and began the process of signing the sub-agreements with the National Authorities.

Links to the 4Ws are as follows:

<https://www.humanitarianresponse.info/en/operations/yemen/infographic/yemen-health-cluster-4w-draft-january-2021-en>

Training of Health Staff

During the month of January 2021, Partners across the country conducted training sessions for: - 132 community health workers on health education, health promotion and infection prevention - 58 midwives on various topics in Reproductive Health and 70 Nurses.

Trauma and Injury Care

With the ongoing conflict in several parts of the country, 2626 thousand patients were treated for conflict related trauma injuries in various health facilities across the country during January 2021.

Child Health

43,101 children were immunized for Penta-3, while 24,801 children were treated for SAM with complications cases and refereed for further follow up and support.

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