HEALTH CLUSTER BULLETIN
July and August 2021

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

YEMEN
Emergency Level: Level 3
Reporting period: July and August 2021

- A total of 1,245 Health Facilities (16 Governorate Hospitals, 136 District Hospitals, 62 General Hospitals, 20 Specialized Hospitals, 384 Health Centers and 627 Health Units) are being supported by Health Cluster Partners.

- As of the 31st of August 2021, 7873 positive COVID-19 cases and 1473 deaths have been confirmed by MoPHP Aden (COVID-19 reports are only from the southern governorates).

- As of the 31st of August 2021, Health Cluster Partners supported a total number of 258 DTCs and 503 ORCs in 169 Priority districts.

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**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.

This has led to increasing number of people in need for live saving & essential health services. According to HNO 2021, the 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. the situation in 2021 is not looking any better. Failure to acquire the funds needed for the health response will endanger the lives of millions of Yemenis who are in dire need of the medical health services being provided.

In addition to economic deterioration including the inflation of the Yemeni Rial exchange rate, which broken the 1000 YR/ 1 USD barrier in the South and 600 YR/1USD in the North.

Intensified fighting in Marib governorates have increased during the past few months. According to the IOM displacement tracker, more than 6000 households have been displaced in Marib so far. This is putting more strain and load on the health cluster partners who are providing essential health services to the IDPs.

**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 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 registered on April 10th, 2020. As of the 31st of August 2021, 7873 positive cases have been reported and 1473 deaths (please note that these figures represent the southern part of the country only). The real number of cases is unknown due to low testing capacity and sharing of information by the authorities. The UN and all its partners are working under the assumption that the country is in a full-scale community transmission. Furthermore, a large increase in the number of reported data has been noticed.

ADD Vaccination Info

COVID-19 Vaccination

For updated data on COVID-19 vaccination, please visit the official MoPHP dashboard at the below link:

https://app.powerbi.com/view?r=eyJrIjoiOWIwZDU5MGQtZjJmM2MyMzY0MzYwNGU3MTk2NjI0Y2E5ZjBhN2MiIiwidCI6IjMxYTkzOGQzLWY3NDgtNDhhYy05NGMyLWY4ZmJhNWMwZjJiMiIsImMiOjl9

Non-communicable diseases and Mental Health

There were 25,621 new hypertensive and 2,395 individuals with mental health illness who received medical attention and psychosocial support by health partners during the month of July and August 2021.

Health Facility Support

During July and August 2021, 38 Health Cluster Partners have sustained their support to the 1,245 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. 1,716,730 Liters of fuel and 40 million liters of water were supplied to the health facilities in addition to 0 IEHK basic Kits, 10482 other types of kits and 5 Trauma kit to support various health facilities across the country.

**Health Cluster Action**

Health Cluster Partners include 4 UN agencies, 20 INGOs, 16 NNGOs in 22 Governorates in Yemen. During July and August 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 – July and August 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.

**United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)**

- **Key Highlights during July and August 2021:**
  - **Enhancing reproductive health services in areas most affected by conflict in Yemen**
  - UNFPA enhanced the provision of reproductive health services with support to 12 health facilities in Sa’ada and Al Jawf Governorates during August 2021, where hostilities continue to intensify. This included the provision of ultrasound machines, essential life-saving medicine and medical supplies needed to perform C-sections, normal deliveries, and other reproductive health services.
  - In frontline areas of Al Jawf Governorate, which has seen large-scale displacement in recent months and limited health facilities, UNFPA supported two mobile clinics to provide integrated reproductive health and women’s protection services. Each mobile team comprises of a doctor, a midwife, a nurse, a pharmacist, a medical assistant, and a psychologist. The mobile clinics offer free medical services including antenatal and postnatal care, family planning, medical consultations, distribute free medicine and psychosocial support.
In response to increased displacement in the southern Governorate of Al Baydah, UNFPA distributed clean delivery kits to visibly pregnant women to ensure safe deliveries among displaced women and thereby reduce maternal mortality and morbidity.

- **UNFPA Steps Up Support as Third Wave of COVID hits south Yemen.**

- In response to the third wave of COVID-19 across southern Yemen, UNFPA distributed PPE items to 22 health facilities in Abyan, Aden Lahj, Al Dhalea, Al Maharah, Hadramout, Shabwah, Socotra and Taizz Governorates in August. This will help to ensure the continuity of the reproductive health services, protect health workers, as well prevent the spread of the virus.
- Since January 2021, more than 300,000 PPE items were provided to 50 hospitals across Yemen and 100 health workers have been trained on infection prevention and control.

- **Intensive training for healthcare providers across nine governorates in Yemen**

- A training of trainer’s workshop for the clinical management of rape was conducted for 30 health workers under the Ministry of Health and the Reproductive Health Inter-Agency Working Group from the governorates of Aden, Lahj, Abyan, Al Dhalea, Taizz, Shabwah, Hadramout, Marib and Al Maharah governorates in July 2021. The training aims to create a pool of skilled health care providers who can provide comprehensive, empathetic and confidential services to survivors of gender-based violence.
- In addition, 24 midwives were trained on the provision of family planning services as part UNFPA’s effort to strengthen the skills of service providers and thereby improve the quality of reproductive health service provision.

**Building for Development (BFD)**

**Key Highlights during July and August 2021:**

- Provide Medication, Medical supplies, essential equipment, cleaning tools, and printed materials to the targeted RH-HFs and MTs.
- Activating the integration services for GBV within RH services by including 7 female psychologists in 5 MTs (1 MT in Al Masluob Al Jawf - 4 MTs in Marib) and 2 HFs in (Shaheed Mohammed Hail HF in Marib- Barat Alanin HF in Al Jawf)
- Case management - GBV training was conducted for 23 Female HWs (6 HFs and 4 MTs & RRM) on August 2021-Marib.
- CMR training was conducted for 25 female HWs (6 HFs and 4 MTs & RRM) on August 2021-Marib.
- On Job training on Neonatal Resuscitation was conducted for 34 female HWs at Ad Dohi Hospital- Al Hudyada and 11 Female nurse in Barat Al Anan Hospital on August 2021- Al Jawf.
- 1 Basic EPI (Expanded Program on Immunization) training was conducted for 24 HWs (12M/12F) on August 2021-Sanaa
- 1 IMCI (Integrated Management of Childhood Illness) training was conducted for 24 HWs (20M/4F) on August 2021-Sanaa.
- 1 CBMNC (Community-based maternal and newborn care) training was conducted for 14 Midwives on August 2021-Sanaa.
- 2 Basic Therapeutic Feeding Centers Case Management training was conducted for 24 HWs (19M/5F) on August 2021-Sana’.
- 10 CHV refresher training was conducted for 240 CHNVs on August 2021-Al Jawf.
- 2 Basic Community Health Volunteers training was conducted for 56 CHNVs on August 2021-Al Jawf.
- 2 IMCI training was conducted for 45 (26 Male 19 Female) On August 2021-Taizz
- 1 CBMNC (Community-based maternal and newborn care) was conducted training for 14 Midwives on August -Taizz
- 1 Basic Therapeutic Feeding Centers Case Management was conducted for 12 (6 Male 6 Female) on August-Taizz
- 2 Basic Community Health Volunteers training was conducted for 48 CHNVs on August 2021-IBB
- 2 Refresher Community Health Volunteers training was conducted for 62 CHNVs on August 2021-IBB

Implemented rehabilitation and maintenance for 20 HFs (8 Taiz, 10 Ibb and 2 Aldhalae) as the following: Taizz (Almusallah HC, Alnwba HC and Alkhazaja HC in Haifan and Alshahila HC, Hajda HC, Rikab HU, M.Hail HU and Albwmia HU in Maqbana).Ibb (Wraf HC in Jibla, Sheib Yafie HC in Reef Ibb, Malya HC, Ribat Alqalaa HC, Qoron HU, Aras HU in Yareem, Mataya HC, Almasaida HU in Alsabra, Bait Alashawl in Alsadah and Almakhader HC in Almakhader).Aldhalae (Bani Sobh HC and Najd Almaklah HU in Alhusha district).

- 1 Basic IMCI (Integrated Management of Childhood Illness) Training was conducted for 24 HWs (21 M – 3 F) on August 2021-Al Bayda
- 1 CBMNC Community-based maternal and newborn care) Training was conducted for 13 Midwife on August 2021-Al Bayda
- 1 CMAM (Community Management of Acute Malnutrition) Training was conducted for 21 HWs (13 M – 8 F) on August 2021-Al Bayda
- 13 Basic Community Health Volunteers training was conducted for 319 CHVs on August 2021-Al Bayda
- 3 Refresher Community Health Volunteers was conducted training for 87 CHVs on August 2021 Al-Mahweet.
ADRA

Key Highlights during the months of July and August 2021:

- ADRA supports 262 HF's staff incentives payable at the end of every month to achieve the systematic acquisition, utilization, maintenance, and outplacement of work force.
- Incentives paid to 230 CHVs.
- Supportive Supervisory Visits conducted in 56 health facilities, to mentor staff on service delivery, pharmaceuticals management, human resource and staff attendance, reporting and history taking.

- **Trainings:**
  - Conducted COVID-19 training to strengthen District and Governorate HCWs capacity in infection prevention and control, including screening, detection, and case definition of COVID-19, providing PHC services during Covid 19 pandemic with an aim of supporting health system capacity of preparedness and response during outbreaks: 240 Health care workers trained.
  - Conducted ANC training for 33 Midwives to strengthen the District and Governorate Midwives capacity in Antenatal care, high risk pregnancy, including disease associated with pregnancy as Anemia, Pregnancy induced hypertension, Diabetes mellitus and diagnosis of bleeding during pregnancy and management in Lahj, Abyan and Aldhalae Governates.
  - Distribution of MSP primary health essential and IMCI medication to 56 health facilities across Lahj, Abyan, and Aldhalae. Including Distribution of 56 IEHK kits from WHO to health Facilities.
  - Distribution of Cleaning Materials and IPC supplies to 58 Health Facilities.
  - Total Outpatient consultations:
    
    | Male  | Female | Total  |
    |-------|--------|--------|
    | 26379 | 25386  | 51,765 |

- Total Consultations for Communicable Diseases:

    | Male  | Female | Total  |
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    | 13795 | 12976  | 26771  |
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Skilled Birth Deliveries (259)

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Save the Children (SCI)

Key Highlights during July and August 2021:

- 114661 beneficiaries received consultation in OPD
- 3209 children under one year received Penta 3 vaccination

Hodeida

- Referral of 353 complicated cases (121 Male, 232 Female) from Health Facilities to the AL-Hali, AL-Hawak, Bet AL-Faqeeh, AL-Mina District's Hospital.
- Referral of 24 SAM cases with complication (6 Male, 18 Female) from OTP to AL-Thawarah & Bet AL-Faqeeh TFC in the district's Hospital.
- Referral of 3 suspected COVID-19 cases (2 Male, 1 Female) from Health Facilities to the COVID-19 isolation center in AL-Thawarah Hospital.
- Distribution of Medicines and PPE and IPC to 27 HFs (10 HFs in AL-Hali, 6 HFs in AL-Hawak, 3 HFs Bait alfaqeeh) districts.
- Distribution of clean delivery kits (CDK) for 14 HFs in Bait Al-Faqeeh District.
- Supporting Hod GHO with Medicines of anti-malaria for (AL-Mina, AL-Hali, AL-Hawak, Bajel, Bet AL-Faqeeh) Districts.
- Distribution of Medicines for COVID-19 isolation Center in AL-Thawrah hospital in AL-Hawak district.
provide the Pharmacy in the IDPs clinic in Hod SCMCHA with shelves and Maintenance of the clinic.

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Hajjah

- Outbreak response including management of Acute Watery Diarrhea through diarrheal treatment centers (DTC) in Bani Qais district.
- Conduct awareness raising session for COVID-19 by HWs and CHVs at 39 HFs & community.
- Provide Primary healthcare Minimum Service Package, including outpatient consultation, EPI services, malnutrition screening, reproductive health care services and support to referral services at 35 HFs.
- Continue providing operational cost for 39 HFs.

Aden/Lahj

- Supportive supervision for 108 health facilities in Aden and Lahj governorate
- Referral system on job training for health providers in targeted health facilities, trained of 34 females and 20 male
- Distribution of IUD set and implant removal set for one health facility
- Conduct of National TOT family planning package training at alsadaqaa hospital for 16 RH supervisors from 13 governorates.
- Distribution of Bonney forceps for 101 health facilities in Aden and Lahj governorate
- Distribution of IPC material for 106 health facilities of Aden and Lahj government
- Installation of solar refrigerator in two health facilities in Tuban district of Lahj government (Bar Nasser HF) and in Aldopa HF in Alhota district.
- Distribution of medicines and medical supplies for 4 HF of Daar saad district
- Conduct refreshment training for 20 midwives on EmONC and essential neonatal health care from 4 HFS in Tor-Albaha district.
- Conduct refreshment training to 20 health workers on CMAM from 4 targeted HFs in Tor-Albaha district.
- Conduct breast feeding campaign from 1st to 8th August 2021.
- Distribution of medicines to 4 targeted HF in Tor–Albaha district.
- Distribution of CDK, HK and baby kits to 4 HF in Tor–Albaha district.
- Distribution of PPE and IPC materials to 4 targeted HF and 64 CHVs / CHWs HF in Tor–Albaha district.
- Conducted C4D refresher training for CHVs on Aug 2021 in Lahj governorate, AlMaqatirah district targeted 40 CHVs F.
- Conducted Module1 refresher training for CHVs on Aug 2021 in Lahj governorate, AlMaqatirah district targeted 40 CHVs F.
• Conducted first Aid training on Aug 2021 in Lahj governorate, AlMaqatirah district targeted 40 CHVs F.

Taiz
• Supported primary health services and operational in 26 HFs in Alma’fer, Sama’a, Alshymeetin, Almoasite, Almesrikh districts.
• We supported 107 HFs in 17 districts under by family planning package.
• Continuously outreach activity in IDPS sites in Alshymeetin districts under YHF fund.

Health Cluster Coordination
During the reporting period of July and August, the Health Cluster at the National and Hub level conducted over 19 Health Cluster coordination meetings. (Aden, Al Hudaydah, Ibb/Taizz, Sa’dah, Sana’a, Marib, Hadramout, and West Coast).

The Health Cluster at the National and Hub level also participated in 81 technical meetings, which include but are not limited to ICCM, RCT, TWGs, COVID-19, inter-sectoral, and government meetings. This is on a weekly, bi-weekly, and monthly basis. Furthermore, the Health Cluster conducted 14 field visits during the reporting period due to COVID-19 restrictions. The Health Cluster at the National and Hub level conducted 52 bilateral meetings with partners, agencies, and government entities to ensure the proper coordination and implementation of activities and projects as well as resolving any pending issues on the field.

Links to the 4Ws are as follows:


Training of Health Staff
During the months of July and August 2021, Partners across the country conducted training sessions for 603 community health workers on health education, health promotion and infection prevention, 268 midwives on various topics in Reproductive Health and 330 staff on MSP.

Trauma and Injury Care
With the ongoing conflict in several parts of the country, 7970 thousand patients were treated for conflict related trauma injuries in various health facilities across the country during July and August 2021.

Child Health
65506 children were immunized for Penta-3, while 62296 children were treated for SAM with complications cases and refereed for further follow up and support during this reporting period.
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