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I. Situation Overview

There were no major changes in the situation in and around Al Hudaydah City in the first half of December, prior to the announcement of a ceasefire agreement between the warring parties following the political consultations in Sweden from 6 to 13 December. The agreement includes a clause indicating that the parties will facilitate the freedom of movement of civilians and goods from and to Al Hudaydah City and the ports of Al Hudaydah, Saleef and Ras Issa and the delivery of humanitarian aid through the ports of Al Hudaydah, Saleef and Ras Issa. The UN is expected to significantly scale up its presence and operations in Al Hudaydah in the coming weeks. The UN country team is seeking the necessary administrative measures and security guarantees, in addition to the necessary resources, to facilitate and enable the planned scale up.

During the reporting period, intermittent airstrikes and artillery fire continued in areas around Al Hudaydah City, particularly in the east and northeastern outskirts, while hostilities continued in southern districts. On 8 December, the Protection Cluster reported a mass casualty incident when artillery shells hit a house in Al Hawak District resulting in 18 civilian casualties, including 10 children, 5 of whom died. In the same week, a sea mine reportedly detonated off Kamaran island killing four fishermen.

Throughout the reporting period humanitarian partners continued to assist families displaced by conflict within Al Hudaydah Governorate and in neighbouring governorates as indicated in the following table.

Yemen RRM Response Summary as of 13 December 2018

Duration	Registered	Assisted with RRM	Hub
June 2018 to 13 December	90,152	90,152	Al Hudaydah
	18,234	16,520	Aden
	9,727	9,727	Ibb
	24,261	24,261	Sanaa
Total	142,374	139,688	

Source: UNFPA RRM mechanism

On 17 December, the Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Yemen announced that a ceasefire in Al Hudaydah would enter into force at 00:00 local time, on 18 December 2018.

Currency value

In Al Hudaydah City, the value of the Yemeni rial decreased again from the high of 390YER/USD reported at the end of November; money exchange shops were exchanging the rial at 492YER/USD in the first week of December and 515-520YER/USD in the second week. The value of the currency remains higher than the low of around YER 740/USD reported in October.

At the end of the reporting period, fuel prices in the city were 435YER for a litre of petrol and 475YER for a litre of diesel.

III. Cluster response



Food Security and Agriculture Cluster (FSAC)

Response:

- WFP and its partners continue to provide food assistance to internally displaced people (IDPs) in Al Hudaydah Governorate who have received RRM kits. A total of 57,721 IDP families were provided with food assistance through the general food distribution and commodity vouchers through Traders' Network (CV-TN) modalities.
- In November, WFP and its partners reached over 303,000 beneficiaries in Al Hudaydah Governorate through general food distributions and 342,264 beneficiaries through the CV-TN programme. In December, WFP aims to reach approximately 370,000 beneficiaries in Al Hudaydah with a general food distribution. Plans are also underway to conduct a blanket distribution in Al Tuhat and Ad Durayhimi districts, where access constraints have obstructed humanitarian access for the past three months. WFP and its partners will reach 354,000 beneficiaries through the regular CV-TN programme, of which 66,102 beneficiaries are in Al Hudaydah City.



WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE CLUSTER

Response:

- In order to improve the capacity of water supply in Al Hudaydah City, the Al Qutaie well field projects supplied four pumping units, a main pumping line, a high voltage electricity line, and two generators to the water network which supplies water to 168,000 people.
- WASH partners strengthened the sanitation systems through the installation of 1,400 latrines in Aslem and Quaidinah districts; 1,600 latrines in Abs District and 30 latrines in Al Mansouriah.
- Seven water tanks were installed and connected with the water network in Al Mansouriah.
- Chlorine powder was provided to Al-Salam Psychological Health Centre in response to an urgent request from the local authority.
- Wash partners provided 100 consumable hygiene kits and 50 basic hygiene kits.



PROTECTION CLUSTER

Response:

- Psycho-social support services were provided through the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour (MOSAL) to 18,815 children and care-givers (1,106 girls, 705 boys, 11,801 women and 5,203 men).
- Mine risk awareness sessions run by MOSAL and the country portfolio coordinator to 18,815 people.
- Case management services were provided to 146 children (76 girls and 70 boys).
- Mine risk education awareness sessions run by MOSAL and the Yemen Executive Mine Action Centre reached 46,778 people (15,336 girls, 14,438 boys, 11,801 women and 5,203 men).
- Protection partners continued to provide victim assistance services in Al Hudaydah City and southern districts in the form of medical support to children.
- Cluster partners are in final stages of setting up four community centres in Al Hudaydah to provide case management, legal assistance, protection cash assistance, psycho-social support and livelihood protection interventions.



HEALTH CLUSTER

Response:

- Health Partners continue to support 13 district hospitals, 3 general hospitals, 62 health centres, 170 health units and 4 specialized hospitals in Al Hudaydah Governorate.
- Neonatologist deployed to Comprehensive Emergency Obstetric and Newborn Care (CEmONC) team at Al Thawrah Hospital; CEmONC and Basic Emergency Obstetric and Newborn Care services provided at eight health facilities in Al Mahweet and Hajjah governorates; medical equipment provided to the expanded CEmONC centre at Al Thawrah hospital; two shipments of medicines and medical supplies provided to health centres in Zabid and At Tuhayat districts; Ear, Nose and Throat specialist deployed to Bajil Rural Hospital.
- Hygiene kits distributed to health facilities in Al Hali, Bayt Al Faqih and Bajil districts.
- Work to install UNFPA-funded solar power in Al Mahweet and Al Hudaydah governorates initiated; medicine distributed to Ad-Dahi and Al Meghlaf districts; trash management established in Zabid.
- Over 700 medical consultations conducted by IOM in Al Hudaydah and Hajjah governorates and at 3 facilities in Reymah; reception centre for displaced people opened in Al Hudaydah City, registered 601 new IDPs and provided healthcare assistance to 212 people; medical supplies, including intravenous fluids, furniture and healthcare awareness leaflets, provided to facilities in Al Hudaydah City; three oral rehydration centres (ORCs) in Bura District and a diarrhea treatment centre (DTC) in Al Qanawis District supported.
- Fuel provided to 32 health centres and water to 53 health facilities; support provided to 421 Electronic Disease Early Warning Systems (eDEWS) and the oxygen station at Al Thawrah Hospital; support provided to 10 surgical teams, 10 primary health teams and 12 emergency mobile teams; support provided to 14 stabilization centres/therapeutic feeding centres (SC/TFC); operating costs of seven ambulances funded; incentives paid for 64 staff at Al Thawra Hospital; 97 specialists provided to support surgical capacity in Al Hudaydah; medicines and medical supplies provided to health centres; severe acute malnutrition (SAM) kits provided to TFCs; polio campaign in the Al Hudaydah City completed and preparations undertaken for outreach immunization; fuel provided for cold chain houses; health activities supported through 58 mobile teams; operational costs of 389 health facilities supported; cholera running costs funded in 39 ORCs in Al-Mahweet and 5 DTCs in Al Hudaydah, and costs of cholera preparedness provided in Hajjah Governorate.



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