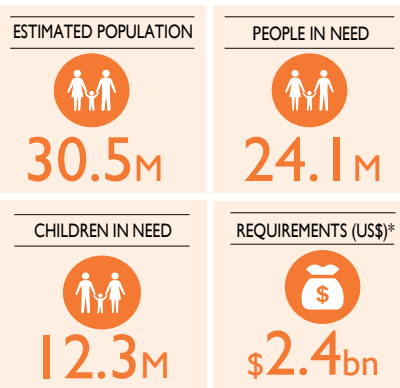




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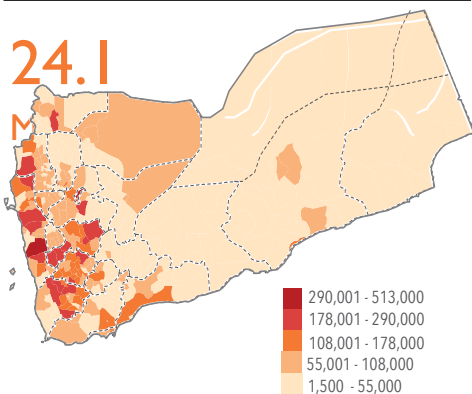
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HUMANITARIAN NEEDS IN YEMEN



* US \$ 2.4 billion is for period of June to December 2020. All figures are from 2020 HRP.

PEOPLE WHO NEED HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE



OVERVIEW

ADRA continues to implement the WASH project in Southern Yemen in Aden, Lahj and Al Dahle. As of the end of June, 6 waterpoints and 15 manholes have been completed. ADRA however was unable to start works on 6 water points and a wastewater treatment plant in Abyan due to the conflict that erupted between the government of Yemen and the STC in Abyan. With WV and ADH's approval, ADRA cancelled plans to work in Abyan and reallocated activities to Lahj. With this amendment, the project now will rehabilitate 29 waterpoints, 15 manholes and distribute 500 hygiene kits to internally displaced people.

The 2020 Humanitarian Response Plan for Yemen released in June 2020 confirms that over 24 million people, including 12.3 million children, continue to be in desperate humanitarian need. COVID-19 is now sweeping through the country along with a spike in Cholera and Dengue Fever overwhelming the already weak health system. The economy is crumbling under the strain of the continued conflict and the dropping oil prices both in Yemen and Saudi Arabia which is the source of much of Yemen's local remittances. Further depreciation of the Yemeni Rial has eroded individual purchasing power and food security.

Additionally, the humanitarian response is facing serious funding gaps. The High-Level Pledging Conference for Yemen in early June fell \$1 billion short of the needed \$2.4 billion for essential operations to continue until December 2020. Every aspect of assistance being scaled or shut down including water projects serving millions, food rations and health centre closures. This is worsening the humanitarian situation in the country.

"...without massive financial support, Yemen will fall off the cliff, with many more people starving to death, succumbing to COVID-19, dying of cholera and watching their children die..." Mark Lowcock, OCHA

YEMEN PROGRAMME UPDATE: APRIL TO JUNE 2020

ADRA WASH Project Update

Sanitation Facilities Rehabilitation

- ADRA reports that works on the 15 manholes in Aden are completed.

Water Points Rehabilitation

- Six (6) out of the original 26 water points have been completed and handed over by the contractor.
- Rehabilitation of the other 14 water points in Lahj and Al Dahle governorates is ongoing with completion expected in the second week of July 2020.
- ADRA has identified Water User Committees for the 20 water points. Six committees have been trained and training for the other 14 is ongoing. Social distancing measures are being observed. User committees are being identified for the remaining nine.



Completed waterpoint in Lahj, 2020 (ADRA)

Contextual challenges and impact on project implementation

- In early May, conflict erupted in Abyan resulting in the complete loss of access to the governorate. As a result:
 - Reconstruction of 6 water points in Abyan was moved to alternative sites in Lahj.
 - The €68K for constructing a wastewater plant in Abyan was reallocated to rehabilitate three additional water points and distribute hygiene kits to 500 IDPs in Lahj.
- Severe floods in Aden and Lahj in March and April led to some delays to some of the manhole and water point rehabilitation works.

Update on ADRA Partnership

- Monthly management meetings held between ADRA and WV for coordination, regular review of operational risks and collective decision-making.
- A Third Party Monitoring Agency will physically verify every construction, measure quality and provide feedback.
- The WV Yemen team has been supporting ADRA with:
 - Continuous conversations to ensure that ADRA will be able to meet end of project deadlines and provide technical advice on how to speed up implementation.
 - Ongoing WASH advice from GRRT technical specialist.
 - Other capacity building support on safety and risk management.

COMMUNICATIONS

- Thanks to World Vision Taiwan for the opportunity to be featured at their 30 Hour of Famine press conference and in follow-up media interviews.



COVID-19 is spreading rapidly across Yemen and about 25% of the country's confirmed cases have died - five times the global average

NEW DEVELOPMENTS



Responding to COVID-19:

COVID-19 has made the humanitarian situation in Yemen worse. The virus is spreading quickly as people are weakened by years of hunger and successive epidemics. Health systems that were weak before the pandemic are crumbling. As the fear of COVID-19 grows, the messaging to people is failing to curb negative behaviours including stigmatisation and scapegoating of groups.

To date, awareness-raising has been top-line messaging about social distancing and needing to wash hands. To improve this, the Yemen Response team are working with the Response Innovation Lab (RIL) in Somalia and RIL partners to develop material tailored to the Yemen context. The initiative will increase WVI impact in Yemen and respond to a real need in an innovative, cost-effective and low risk manner.

<https://www.responseinnovationlab.com/somalia-covid-19/>

YEMEN RESPONSE FUNDING

Support Office	Pledge (\$)
WV Germany	500 000
WVUS PNS	800 000
South Korea	200 000
WV Australia	50 000
WV UK	50 000
New Zealand	20 000
WV Austria	40 000
WV Taiwan	130 000
TOTAL	1 790 000

CURRENT TRENDS



FUNDING - The addition of COVID-19 to an already complex emergency affecting 80% of Yemenis is proving to be more than Yemen can handle. The UN High-Level Pledging Conference which was scheduled for June 2, 2020 raised \$ 1.35 Billion which only represents 56% of the needed amount to maintain the response. This and is leading to the scaling or shutting down of over 30 major essential programs. WFP alone is forecasting a gap of USD 1 Billion and is halving rations. Due to funding cuts, UNICEF and the WHO are also cutting key health programs including healthcare staff incentive payments and operations in 389 health care centres.

COVID-19 - Since the beginning of May 2020, Yemen has started recording COVID-19 cases. As at the end of June over 1,221 people from the few thousands tested were confirmed to have COVID with 325 related deaths. This figure is very alarming. The fatalities from COVID in Yemen are closer to 25% than the global figure of around 6%. Also, the official recorded cases are only a small part of the actual number of people suffering from COVID-19, many of whom go untested due to shortage of tests, health facilities and manpower. The United Nations estimates that 16 million people are vulnerable to COVID in Yemen due to long term hunger but there is not enough medicines, machinery or personnel to cover the needs.

CONFLICT - Fighting started in Abyan on 11 May 2020 between the Internationally Recognised (Hadi) Government (IRG) and the Southern Transitional Council (STC). This current iteration of the conflict between STC and IRG in the south marks the latest breakdown of the December 2019 Riyadh Agreement. The new spike in fighting in the south has so far been confined to Abyan which is now inaccessible to humanitarian actors. There has also been an uptick in violence in Al Dahle. For now, all activities in Lahj, Aden and Al Dahle are proceeding as planned. The Yemen Response team and are closely monitoring the situation in these places to assess the risk to the project. This is also assisted by a Yemeni Liaison consultant hired to gather information on context.

WV SUPPORTED PROJECTS IN YEMEN



Risks to Manage in the South

- Very insecure – STC and Hadi government and tribes positioning for control
- Less danger of airstrikes
- Significant needs but less than north
- Govt restrictions on NGOs growing but less than the North
- Access only by flights which are currently suspended due to COVID outbreak
- Difficult to get visas
- Presence of Radical proscribed groups on edge of project area
- Cholera and potential COVID - 19 epidemic
- Most NGOs work in both North and South – with their HQ in the North (Sanaa)

WHO WE ARE WORKING WITH



SUPPORT OFFICES:

- WV United States (PNS)
- WV Germany
- WV South Korea
- WV Taiwan
- WV United Kingdom
- WV Australia
- WV Austria
- WV New Zealand



DONORS:

- Aktion Deutschland Hilft (ADH)



PARTNERS:

- Adventist Development and Relief Association
- Response Innovation Lab Somalia

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