

Daily Key messages

Humanitarian operations will cease unless supply of fuel to Yemen is restored. The country's health, water and sanitation systems are at imminent risk of collapse, largely due to shortages of fuel for generators and water pumps. Humanitarian partners and the commercial sector should be enabled to resume the import of critical supplies into Yemen.

Overview

On 28 April, an airstrike hit the runway at Sana'a International Airport and an aircraft belonging to a private transport company was damaged. The runway is not usable at present and may take a few days to repair. This may affect plans to deliver humanitarian assistance through the airport. Airstrikes were also reported at the Al Hudaydah airport and other targets in Sa'ada.

Widespread internet and phone disruptions have been reported in several governorates, mostly due to lack of fuel and electricity. On 25 April, the Yemen Public Telecommunications Corporation warned that unless the fuel crisis is resolved, telecommunication services (mobile phones, internet, and land lines) will shut down within a week. The disruption in communication is hampering information flow on humanitarian needs and operations as escalation of conflict continues.

One health partner still cannot access their warehouse in Al Jumhouria hospital in Khor Makser District in Aden Governorate because militias who entered the facility on 27 April still occupy the hospital.

On 28 April, militias entered and shot at offices housing humanitarian partners in Aden and a local guard was injured. Militias occupied the office of a national partner. Meanwhile, armed clashes were reported between militias in several districts of Aden. Shelling was also reported from battleships at sea towards the Khor Maksar District.

Displacement and casualties

Updated conflict-related casualty figures compiled by the Health Cluster show that at least 1,244 people have died (including 28 women and 56 children) between 19 March and 27 April, while 5,044 have been injured (including 85 women and 159 children). The number of displaced people has more than doubled from the 150,000 reported on 17 April, according to partners.

Access and humanitarian response

Response

A boat carrying medical supplies for UNICEF arrived in Aden on 28 April. The supplies are intended for hospitals and health centres in Aden, Al Dhale'e, Lahj, Abyan and Shabwah governorates, and will benefit more than 500,000 people, mostly woman and children, over the next three months. The supplies include medicines to treat up to 7,000 children for acute watery diarrhoea and 50 midwifery kits that will support the safe delivery of 2,500 babies. Another consignment of supplies is expected to arrive by boat in Al Hudaydah today, 29 April 2015.

Without urgent fuel replenishment, food distribution operations across Yemen will stop. Partners have run out of fuel in Al Hudaydah Governorate and an additional 125,000 litres of fuel is needed in Al Hudaydah to continue humanitarian operations for another week. In Sana'a, an additional 50,000 litres of fuel is needed to move the remaining food stocks from the warehouse. As of 28 April, 163,000 people have received food assistance in seven governorates, namely Amran, Aden, Hajjah, Al Hudaydah, Sana'a, Al Mahwit and Dhamar. It is the first time food has been distributed in Amran since the conflict escalated. The total number of beneficiaries of the immediate food response has now reached 690,000 in eight governorates, including Lahj.

In Haradh, partners have suggested to stop mobile health services in the district because of the rapidly worsening security situation. On 29 April, Haradh was heavily bombarded since 6.30 am, including areas near the main hospital. In the last 10 days, at least 15 people have been killed and 80 injured. Two partners working in Haradh have relocated their medical teams following recent attacks.

Update on the Flash Appeal

The Yemen Humanitarian Pooled Fund's allocations closed yesterday and received in total US\$311 million worth of proposals in response to the humanitarian situation in Yemen. Some 43 partners applied for funding through the Flash Appeal that is fully funded by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. The reserve allocation with a

resource envelope of \$10 million, received \$22 million of proposals of which 15 were from the national NGO partners, 19 from international NGOs and 12 from UN agencies.

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