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Highlights

- The five-day humanitarian pause in Yemen ended on 17 May at 23.00. Airstrikes were reported in Aden shortly after the pause ended; unconfirmed reports also indicate several strikes in Hajjah and Sa'ada. Armed conflict was reported in Aden and Al Dhale'e.
- Overall, the pause made a substantial difference in facilitating the delivery of critical humanitarian assistance. It also allowed civilians in many areas to move out of insecure areas and seek aid. A renewed humanitarian pause would allow partners to deliver more life-saving aid and resolve remaining logistical challenges.
- During the pause, partners dispatched enough food aid to cover one month of food needs for 416,543 people; delivered fuel to ensure safe water access for 1.2 million people for one month; and transported or distributed enough essential non-food items for 43,302 people. Additional achievements are summarized in this report. Final figures may shift somewhat as additional reports are received.
- Violations of the pause continued throughout. Armed clashes and shelling were reported in several locations – mainly Aden, Taizz, Marib, Lahj, Abyan and Al Dhale'e. Ongoing insecurity, fuel shortages and other logistical challenges undermined full implementation of the humanitarian plan during the pause. Poor telecommunications links have also hindered full reporting.

1,820

Deaths recorded in health facilities due to conflict since 19 March

7,330

Injuries recorded in health facilities due to conflict since 19 March

545,719

People displaced within Yemen between 26 March and 7 May

416,543

Total people to be covered by food aid dispatched during the pause

1.2 m

Total people with safe water access due to fuel deliveries during the pause

43,302

Total people to be covered by NFIs dispatched during the pause

Situation Overview

The humanitarian pause in Yemen ended 17 May at 23.00h local time. The pause saw significant improvements in security compared to pre-pause conditions, despite violations over the five days, notably clashes and shelling in parts of Aden, Lahj, Taizz, Abyan, Marib, Al Dhale'e and Sa'ada governorates. High-intensity conflict continued in parts of Taizz through much of the pause. Airstrikes reportedly occurred last night in Aden, with unconfirmed reports of additional strikes in Hajjah and Sa'ada. Armed conflict was reported in Aden and Al Dhale'e.

During the pause, conflict-affected people in many locations were able to seek medical care, reach services, and access basic commodities. The pause also facilitated delivery of critical fuel and humanitarian supplies, as well as the completion of needs assessments. Partners dispatched enough food to meet one month of food needs for 416,543 people; provided fuel to local water corporations to maintain public water networks for 1.2 million people for one month; dispatched shelter supplies and non-food items for 43,302 people; pre-positioned enough nutrition supplies to treat 34,550 people; and provided mine risk education and psychosocial support to 18,782 people. By the end of Day 4, partners had also dispatched 47.6 metric tons (MT) of medical supplies – enough to treat 10,350 patients. Additional achievements are summarized in the cluster response sections below. Final figures may shift somewhat as additional reports are received.

Continued insecurity – including restrictions imposed by parties to the conflict – posed a challenge to partners throughout the pause. These challenges were strongest in Aden, Taizz, Al Dhale'e and Lahj. Continued fuel shortages constituted an additional major obstacle. All parties to conflict have an obligation to facilitate the delivery of humanitarian assistance to people in need in accordance with humanitarian principles.

According to estimates by the Humanitarian Country Team's Population Movements Task Force, 545,719 people were displaced in Yemen between 26 March and 7 May. Health facilities report that at least 1,820 people have been killed and 7,330 injured due to the conflict since 19 March. Data collected on casualties is likely to be significantly less than real figures.

+ For more information, see “background on the crisis” at the end of the report

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Humanitarian Response

Operational information in this section summarizes cumulative cluster results for the entire pause wherever possible. Cumulative reporting is based on received reports. Given telecommunications difficulties, final numbers are likely to shift somewhat as more reports are verified. Summaries of activities on Day 5 are also provided.



Food Security and Agriculture

Response:

- During the humanitarian pause, partners dispatched enough food aid (6,736 MT) to cover one month of food needs for 416,543 people. Of this total, 137,098 people had actually received food assistance by the end of Day 5. Supplies are en route to reach the remaining beneficiaries (279,445 people) in the coming days. Dispatch or distribution occurred in Aden, Abyan, Hajjah, Sa'ada, Al Dhale'e, Shabwah and Lahj.
- On Day 5, food dispatches were higher than for any other day during the pause. Partners dispatched 2,683 MT for 131,000 people in Hajjah, Aden, Al Dhale'e, Lahj, Abyan and Shabwah.
- On Day 5, unconditional cash transfers reached 4,221 IDPs (603 households) in Hajjah to support food purchases from local markets for one month. Each household received 15,000YER (US\$70).

416,543

People to be reached with food aid dispatched during the pause

Gaps & Constraints:

- Partners achieved 56 per cent of their targets in the operational plan. Constraints were mainly due to fuel shortages, ongoing insecurity and reluctance of transporters to deliver assistance in some conflict-affected areas.



Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

Response:

- During the humanitarian pause, partners provided enough fuel to local water corporations to maintain access to safe drinking water for 1.2 million people for one month. Fuel was delivered to local water corporations in Hudaydah, Aden, Sana'a and Dhamar. These efforts continued activities already under way before the pause.¹ The number of people reached represents 42 per cent of targets during the pause.
- During the pause, partners also provided water trucking to 20,380 people in Sa'ada, Sana'a, Abyan, Hajjah, Aden, Lahj and Al Hudaydah governorates. Hygiene kits reached 25,333 people (3,619 households) in Taizz, Aden, Hajjah, Sa'ada, Sana'a, Marib and Amran governorates. These efforts continued activities already under way before the pause.
- On Day 5, water continued to be provided to 2,600 people in at water points at mosques and schools in Lahj. Water trucking also reached 7,500 people in Amanat Al Asimah (Sana'a City).
- On Day 5, 3,647 people received hygiene kits and water filters in Hajjah through regular programming (i.e., outside the operational plan for the pause). An additional 3,423 received hygiene kits in Aden and Marib.
- On Day 5, partners dispatched the following items in Aden: 500 hygiene kits; 3,999 jerry cans (10-litre); and 3,064 soap bars. These items will be distributed locally in coming days.

1.2 m

Total people with safe water access due to fuel deliveries during the pause

Gaps & Constraints:

- Shortages of fuel and increasing costs of transportation complicated partner movements and aid delivery throughout the pause. Fighting in Aden prevented partners from accessing offices and warehouses.
- Shortages in hygiene items (mainly buckets and jerry cans) in Al Hudaydah warehouses constrained activities.
- Logistical delays prevented some WASH supplies from arriving in Yemen from Djibouti.

¹ Yesterday's report incorrectly indicated that fuel had been delivered to the Sa'adah local water corporation during the pause. In fact, these were planned activities contingent on fuel stocks that did not materialize. However, pre-pause activities did deliver fuel to the Sa'adah local water corporation.



Shelter, NFIs and CCCM

Response:

- During the humanitarian pause, partners transported enough emergency shelter materials and non-food items (NFIs) for 43,302 (6,186 households). Of this total, 11,900 people (1,700 households) received shelter and NFI materials during the pause. Supplies for the remaining caseload (31,402 people, or 4,486 households) are expected to be distributed in the coming days. Transport and distribution reached Sana'a, Amran, Hajjah, Aden, Lahaj, Al Dhale'e and Abyan Governorates.
- Partners intended to transport and distribute shelter materials and NFIs to 6,186 households during the pause. In terms of transportation, partners met 82 per cent of this target during the pause. Distribution efforts met 27 per cent of the target. Major constraints included bad road conditions, access to beneficiaries, ongoing insecurity and interference by parties to the conflict.
- On Day 5, emergency shelter and NFIs were distributed to 6,153 people (879 households) in Amran, Aden and Hajjah governorates. This is reflected in the cumulative figures in point one above.

43,302

People to benefit from shelter materials or NFIs moved during the pause

Gaps & Constraints:

- Poor road conditions throughout the pause resulted in major transport delays. Formerly, trucks took 12-13 hours to transport materials from Sana'a to Aden. During the pause, it took three to four days.
- Throughout the pause, accessing warehouses and beneficiaries was a challenge due to insecurity. Ten trucks travelling from Sana'a to Aden were delayed by insecurity and blocked access. All 10 trucks have now entered Aden, with the last arriving late on 18 May.



Nutrition

Response:

- During the humanitarian pause, partners pre-positioned 277.17 metric tons (MT) of nutrition supplies and drugs in Hajjah, Hudaydah, Mahwit, Sana'a, Sa'ada and Taizz – enough to treat 34,550 children under 5 and pregnant and lactating women (PLW). This total includes 109 MT of supplies to treat 7,425 cases severe acute malnutrition (SAM), and 57.47 MT to treat 6,245 cases of moderate acute malnutrition (MAM). It also includes 110.7 MT of supplies pre-positioned outside the operational plan – enough to treat 20,880 cases (8,369 PLW and 12,511 children under 5).
- During the humanitarian pause, partners deployed 28 mobile nutrition treatment teams that provided services to at least 2,263 people in Hajjah, Amran, Al Bayda and Al Jawf. Teams also visited Aden, Abyan, Shabwah and Sa'ada, but no reports of results have been received due to telecommunications difficulties. Services reported to date include:
 - Hajjah (11 teams): Enrolment of 758 children under 5 (423 SAM and 335 MAM) in a community management of acute malnutrition programme (CMAM); Vitamin A supplementation for 399 children; antenatal care and iron foliate supplementation for 176 women; counselling on infant and young child feeding (ICYF) for 220 lactating women
 - Amran (3 teams): Integrated health and nutrition services for 1,269 children under 6 (624 girls) and malnutrition screening for 108 children under 5 (59 girls)
 - Al Bayda (2 teams): Malnutrition screening for 105 children under 5 (40 girls); ICYF counselling for parents
 - Al Jawf (4 teams for one day): Enrolment of 131 SAM cases in treatment programme
- Due to fuel shortages or insecurity, eight of these teams were able to work for only one day. not all teams were able to work throughout the pause. Mobile teams achieved the following results:

34,550

People to benefit from nutrition supplies pre-positioned during the pause

Gaps & Constraints:

- 20 planned mobile teams were not deployed due fuel shortages and security constrains in Hudaydah, Hajjah, Taizz, Aden and Lahj.
- Telecommunications difficulties have prevented reporting on results from Aden, Abyan, Shabwah and Sa'ada. Total results described above are likely to increase.



Response:

- Health partners continue to compile aggregate results for all five days of the humanitarian pause. As of the end of Day 4, partners had dispatched 47.6 metric tons (MT) of medical supplies to Sa'ada, Taizz, Hajjah, Al Bayda and Aden governorates – enough to cover 10,350 patients. Supplies include drugs, trauma kits, IV bags and other critical supplies. According to the operational plan for the pause, partners intended to pre-position an additional 27.4 MT in Al Dhale'e, Shabwah, Hadramaut, Marib, Hudaydah and Al Jawf governorates, bringing the total to 74 MT.
- As of the end of Day 4, partners had delivered 138,700 litres of fuel to ten health facilities in eight governorates: Amran, Al Hudaydah, Hajjah, Dhamar, Ibb, Taizz, Sana'a City and Al Mahwit. These supplies allowed hospitals and other facilities to continue functioning and helped maintain the cold chain.
- On Day 5 of the pause, two trucks carrying health supplies were offloaded at Saber Health Facility in Lahj.

Gaps & Constraints:

- Delays in delivering health supplies to hospitals and health facilities during the pause are primarily due to a shortage in diesel and the reluctance of commercial transporters to travel to areas perceived as insecure – particularly Shabwah and Al Dhale'e.
- Poor telecommunications networks have slowed reporting of all activities during the pause.



Response:

- During the humanitarian pause, partners reached 18,782 people – including 11,572 children – with mine risk education (MRE) or psychosocial services in Sa'ada, Al Bayda, Amran, Hajjah, Hudaydah and Taizz Governorates. Partners intended to reach 16,500 people with these services during the pause.
- During the humanitarian pause, partners evacuated 641 third-country nationals from Yemen. This includes 95 Somalis who were evacuated to Mogadishu on Day 5.
- During the first four days of the pause, 40 protection assessments were undertaken in 11 governorates. Results are being compiled.

18,782

People reached with mine risk education and psychosocial support messages

Gaps & Constraints:

- MRE and PSS figures do not include activities in Aden, where staff have not been able to communicate results due to poor telecommunications.
- Information on and access to vulnerable children reportedly recruited into conflict is a critical gap.
- Partner efforts to reach some IDP sites are constrained by limited availability of transportation and the high cost of accessing distant locations.



Emergency Telecommunications (ETC)

Response:

- During the pause, technical specifications to support the UN Department of Safety and Security (UNDSS) Radio Room with solar panels power were defined.
- The ETC team is procuring local communications equipment.
- The UNDSS Radio Room solar power back-up was evaluated, with appropriate equipment being purchased.

Constraints:

- Severe constraints for importation of telecommunications equipment have been experienced. Efforts continue to release inter-agency telecommunications equipment in customs in Sana'a.

General Coordination

Members of the Humanitarian Country Team (HCT) are present in Sana'a to provide leadership and support humanitarian operations. The HCT convened in Sana'a on 17 May, with participants in Amman joining remotely.

Background on the response

Since 19 March, the escalation of conflict has reached 19 out of 22 governorates and compromised humanitarian partners' ability to provide assistance. On 7 May, parties agreed to a five-day pause in fighting in order to facilitate humanitarian access, and the delivery of essential supplies and personnel. The pause commenced at 23.00 on Tuesday, 12 May 2015, and lasted until 23.00 on Sunday, 17 May 2015.

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