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## UNICEF Yemen Situation Report

### Reporting period: June 2013

#### Highlights:

- 210 unaccompanied migrant children, including 8 girls, were returned to Ethiopia; amongst them were 50 boys who had been cared for in the Child Protection Centre supported by UNICEF with Intersos and MoSAL in Haradh District in the northern governorate of Hajjah. UNICEF Yemen coordinated closely with the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and UNICEF Ethiopia on the return of the children, who are now in Addis Ababa receiving psychosocial support and other services supported by UNICEF.
- 11 new outpatient therapeutic feeding centres (OTPs) were activated in Al Jawf Governorate in the north this month after several years without any such facility. So far 196 children have been enrolled with malnutrition.
- 50 female volunteer teachers from rural areas of Sa'ada (in the north) began training this month, so that they will be able to cover the shortage of teachers in 28 rural girl's schools.



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**UNICEF's child protection officer (centre) interviews a victim of child trafficking (left) with the assistance of an interpreter (right)**

## Inter-Agency Collaboration, Coordination, Cluster Leadership and Key Partnerships

### Nutrition cluster

- 282,171 people (119,287 boys, 162,884 girls and women) have benefited from therapeutic, supplementary and preventive nutrition services as part of the nutrition response plan for 2013.
- A nutrition SMART survey has been conducted in the governorate of Al Mahweet

### WASH cluster

- Four working groups have been formed to follow up on hygiene promotion, capacity building, WASH in schools and needs assessment. A fifth working group is being set up to review household water treatment options in Yemen.
- The cluster has completed the development of a hygiene promotion manual for use by all cluster members. Following this, UNICEF and Care facilitated training-of-trainers (TOT) for 21 members.
- The new WASH cluster coordinator has been recruited and is expected to start in early July 2013.

### Education cluster

- A shortage of desks is still a major challenge, however, it was agreed that calculations of the real gaps will be done by the education offices once work has been completed. The education office will work with the cluster to follow up on any gaps in provision of committed furniture to ensure a smooth start to the next academic year, in September/October.

### Child Protection sub-cluster (CPSC)

- Child protection working groups in Sana'a and Aden were co-led with government partners for the first time this month as part of a gradual handover of coordination responsibilities.
- 33 participants (female: 21, male: 12) from Government, local and international NGOs received a step down training on child protection rapid assessment and the standard reporting format.
- CPSC members continued exchanging lessons learnt on approaches to providing psychosocial support to vulnerable children through joint visits of psychosocial support (PSS) centres in different parts of the country. This is part of an overall process of shifting programmes towards an early recovery mode where appropriate.
- 'Unaccompanied and Separated Children' and 'Children Living and Working on the Streets' were identified as issues requiring Standard Operating Procedures (SOP). SOPs will be developed by the Aden CPWG as a pilot based on existing models and to inform development of national SOPs.

## UNICEF Response

### Nutrition

- 330,222 girls and boys under 5 and 155,247 pregnant and lactating mothers were screened so far for acute malnutrition during the mother and child campaign days in Hodeidah, Hajjah ,Lahj ,Aden , and Taiz. As a result, 6,810 children aged 6-24 months and 3,959 children aged 24 to 59 months were found to be severely malnourished and referred for treatment.
- Also in the campaign, 24,853 girls and boys under 5 received Vitamin A and 227,829 were dewormed, while 161,996 pregnant and lactating mothers were also given folic acid and iron tablets to prevent anaemia.
- 36 master trainers were trained on Community Management of Acute Malnutrition (CMAM) and will go on to roll out further training in 22 governorates throughout the country.
- 60 community leaders (37 males, 23 females) have been trained on key nutrition, health and WASH messages in Sa'ada Governorate.
- 50 community health volunteers from Al Jawf Governorate have been trained by UNICEF partner Humanitarian Aid and Development Organization (HAD) to actively detect malnutrition through screening children, while 40 community leaders were sensitized. These community health volunteers will go on to refer any cases of malnutrition to the 11 newly opened OTPs, to which 196 children have already been referred.

## Health

- 22 community midwives from Sa'ada Districts of Razeh, Manebeh, and Hedan received competency based training on Community Based Maternal Newborn Care in June.
- 2,167,199 children under 5 were targeted during the polio sub-national immunization days on 2nd to 4th June. The campaign was conducted by UNICEF in collaboration with the Ministry of Public health and WHO in 11 governorates and achieved up to 98% coverage.
- 4,736,690 children under 5, across all governorates in the country are being targeted in the national polio campaign, launched on 30th June.

## WASH

- 16,600 people will benefit from the recently completed rehabilitation of 15 shallow wells and 7 water systems; and construction of 800 family latrines by UNICEF partner Oxfam GB in Abyan Governorate.
- 12,474 people (6,672 boys, 5,769 girls and 133 teachers) are set to benefit from water and sanitation improvement activities in 20 newly identified schools in Aden and Lahj Governorates.
- 47,628 internally displaced persons (IDPs) are being provided with safe water, in and outside camps by partner NGO Al-Khair in collaboration with the Executive Unit in Haradh. This brings water capacity to 14 litres per person per day.
- Government partner the General Authority for Water Projects (GARWAP) with support from UNICEF has launched maintenance work and pipe networking as a way of cutting down on water trucking to camps and other IDP settlements in Haradh.
- 4,270 people are now using new (211, including 66 this month) or rehabilitated (399, including 73 this month) latrines since January 2013 in Haradh.
- 5,723 IDP families were given 1,446 jerry cans and 57,230 bars of soap in the Haradh, Hairan, Khairan Al-Moharraq, Mastaba and Abs Districts of Hajjah Governorate.
- 51 executive members of 17 water committees completed training on management, operation, maintenance and hygiene practices conducted by UNICEF in collaboration with GARWAP.



## Education

- Implementation of the GPE project was agreed upon this month between UNICEF, MoE and the cluster coordinator, with the funds to be given to the schools rehabilitation programme in Aden, Lahj and Abyan.
- 1,299 out of school children (213 boys and 1,086 girls) are attending 40, non-formal education classes in two districts of Taiz (central/west Yemen).



Children enjoy their child friendly school

- 1,500 boys and girls will be accommodated in 25 new, temporary classrooms in 21 schools covering 10 conflict affected districts of Sa'ada.
- 160 (139 male, 21 female) parent/teacher association (PTA) members from nine schools in Taiz and Ibb (central/west Yemen) have been trained on their role in school improvement.
- 196 teachers of Grades 1-3 and early childhood development (ECD) volunteers (99 male, 97 female) were trained as trainers on comprehensive approaches for ECD in six districts of Hajjah over six days in June.
- 2,077 IDP and host community children (787 girls, 2,288 boys) are expected to take part in four summer activity centres in Haradh, with key activities including sports, skills and cultural competitions, first aid, life skills, sewing, handicrafts, cooking, drawing and painting as well as protection, WASH and health awareness sessions.
- 32 managers from Hodeidah (in western Yemen) were orientated on the concept of child friendly schools.

- 3,989 internally displaced (IDP) and host community students (2,405 boys, 1,584 girls) have attended their final exams in schools supported by UNICEF in Haradh. School principals and voluntary teachers are working on answer papers for the final results of this scholastic year.

### Child Protection

- 37,635 individuals, including 27,694 children received mine risk education (MRE) in Abyan, Aden, Amran, Hajjah and Sa'ada Governorates, in partnership with Yemen Executive Mine Action Centre (YEMAC) and Al Ferdous, DRC, Intersos, Save the Children and Shawthab Foundtion. 34 social workers and teachers were trained on MRE in Abyan by DRC.
- 2,757 people, (including 2,163 children) received awareness on measures related to protecting children from the effects of conflict in Aden, Hajjah, and Sana'a Governorates, organized by Al Ferdous, DRC, Mercy Corps, and the Social Services Association (SSA). In addition, 609 people were provided with information on the importance of birth registration for their children, and 891 children received key messages on the main life skills and peer education on child protection issues.
- 21,413 children received psychosocial support through school- and community-based child friendly spaces and outreach services in ten Governorates, in collaboration with partners. 324 of these children (123 girls, 201 boys) were identified as extremely vulnerable and referred to additional services for support.
- 17 incidents of grave violations were reported and verified in June; 4 children were killed (1 boy, 3 girls) and 8 children were maimed (7 boys, 1 girl); 9 boys were recruited into Ansar Al Shari'a; and one school was attacked. These incidents took place in Abyan (6), Hajjah (6), Sana'a City (3), Sana'a (1) and Taiz (1) Governorates.
- 271 unaccompanied Ethiopian children, including 5 girls have been interviewed by UNICEF Yemen over the past month in partnership with IOM, DRC and Intersos to better understand the reasons for their migration and how they fell into the hands of human traffickers with a view to preventing it from happening. The vast majority of children were motivated by poverty to leave Ethiopia in search of employment in Saudi Arabia; they were smuggled out of Ethiopia and became victims (231) of human trafficking during the smuggling process and subjected to abuse and extortion (221).
- 271 unaccompanied Ethiopian children, including 5 girls were interviewed by UNICEF over the past month in partnership with IOM, Danish Refugee Council (DRC) and Intersos to better understand their experiences. 210 children, including 8 girls, were returned to Ethiopia; while at least 95 children remain in Haradh District, awaiting repatriation to Ethiopia. Amongst them were 50 boys who had been cared for in the Child Protection Centre supported by UNICEF with Intersos and MoSAL in Haradh. UNICEF Yemen coordinated closely with IOM and UNICEF Ethiopia on the return of the children. The children are now in Addis Ababa receiving psychosocial support and other services supported by UNICEF with a view to their family reunification, as appropriate.

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