As of 12 September, the number of reported confirmed COVID-19 cases in Yemen had reached 2,013 with 583 associated deaths and 1,213 recoveries. Over the past week, 51 new confirmed cases, 16 deaths and 88 recoveries were reported. The highest number of confirmed cases continue to be reported in Hadramaut (926 cases, 299 deaths and 513 recoveries), though this may in part reflect the number of tests conducted in the governorate. Although the number of cases reported has declined, indicators suggest that the virus continues to spread and the number of confirmed cases and deaths fall below actual numbers. A lack of testing facilities and official reporting, and people delaying seeking treatment because of stigma, difficulty accessing treatment centres and the perceived risks of seeking care are some of the reasons behind the perceived decline in case numbers. The COVID-19 response continues to focus on testing, surveillance and case management, while procuring oxygen, personal protective equipment (PPE), and monitors are a priority. Partners plan to increase surveillance, deploy dedicated COVID staff within agencies and track the impact of COVID on routine priority health programmes. They also continue to support the public health system, refine messaging to encourage behavioural change, and boost intensive care unit (ICU) capacities in preparation for any subsequent waves of the virus. The ongoing fuel and funding crises risk exacerbating the spread of the virus and threaten the broader COVID-19 and humanitarian responses.

**YEMEN COVID-19 PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE SNAPSHOT**

**As of 12 September 2020**

**HUMANITARIAN COUNTRY TEAM**

**GOVERNORATES AFFECTED**

- 11

**COVID-19 ISOLATION UNITS 38 ARE OPERATIONAL**

**LABS WITH COVID-19 TESTING CAPACITY**

- 7

**TEST/PCR REACTIONS PROVIDED**

- 21.6K

**TESTS CONDUCTED**

- 6,981*

**OXYGEN CYLINDERS PROVIDED**

- 11.7K

**FUNDING REQUIRED**

- $385.7M

**FUNDING RECEIVED**

- $76.6M

**ICU BEDS**

- 980

**ICU VENTILATORS**

- > 634

**PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT ITEMS**

- > 9M

**HEALTH RAPID RESPONSE TEAMS DEPLOYED (1,665 STAFF)**

- 333

**PIPELINE UPDATE**

- 2,118m³ pipeline

- 13,960m³ arrived

**SUPPORT AND AWARENESS**

- 16.5M people reached via multiple platforms
- Religious leaders raised awareness reaching 3.6M in 5,000 mosques
- 3.5 million people reached via WhatsApp
- The national exams in the north were supported with COVID-19 Risk Communication and Community Engagement (RCCE) to ensure compliance with COVID-19 preventive measures targeting 450,000 students.
- School health facilitators engaged with 38,167 people through 4,824 home visits and 8,851 awareness sessions.
- COVID-19 messages sent to 13.5M subscribers.
- 8,800 hotline calls received by Ministry of Public Health and Population.
- 15,791 calls received via radio phone-in programmes.
- 1.4 million people reached in nearly 18,882 community gatherings and over 19,367 women social events.
- 3.87 million people reached via over 621,192 house-to-house visits and mother-to-mother sessions.
- Over 30,000 fabric masks are being distributed in the south for IDPs, marginalized people and refugees.
- Community volunteers and members of mother-to-mother clubs supported distribution of hygiene kits to 10,800 families.
- 2,695 hand-washing stations installed.

**SUPPLY CHAIN**

- Aid agencies are scaling up logistics and supply capacity.
- 13,960 m³ of supplies have been transported into the country, while 2,118 m³ are in the pipeline. These include:
  - 980 ICU beds
  - 22,438 PCR test kits
  - 28,000 swabs
  - > 5 million gloves
  - > 2.5 million masks
  - > 1.2 million respirator masks
  - 230,700 litres of sanitisers
  - 2,320 hospital beds
  - >634 ventilators

**SAFEGUARDING THE PUBLIC HEALTH SYSTEM**

- The UN and partners are urgently expanding hospital capacity in key population centres. This includes establishing 21 new intensive care units (ICUs) in COVID-19 designated hospitals, adding to 38 existing ICUs, deploying two high capacity mobile field hospitals with nearly 160 beds and providing allowances to frontline health-care workers.
- 9 isolation centres installed with solar systems and fully operationalized; 2 systems are being installed in 2 more centres.

**SAVING LIVES**

- Protecting the public health system at 4,300 non-COVID health care facilities is a priority. These will continue to provide non COVID-19 health care services to prevent deaths from deadly causes including cholera, diphtheria, dengue and malaria as well as providing nutrition treatment to pregnant women and malnourished children.
- 5,049 number of health facilities (HF)
- 2,528 number of fully functioning HFs
- 1,865 number of HFs partially functioning
- 2,779 number of HFs providing partial or full malaria health services (testing, treatment, referral and follow-up)
- 1,257 number of HFs providing cholera response services
- 756 number of HFs providing child birth services for normal deliveries
- 107 number of HFs providing caesarean deliveries.

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