YEMEN COVID-19 PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE SNAPSHOT

AS OF 26 SEPTEMBER 2020 | **HUMANITARIAN COUNTRY TEAM**

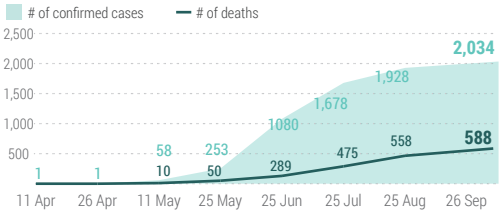
As of 26 September, the number of reported confirmed COVID-19 cases in Yemen had reached 2,034 with 588 associated deaths and 1,262 recoveries. Over the past week, only 4 new confirmed cases, 3 deaths and 39 recoveries were reported. While the number of cases reported continues to show a decline, indicators suggest that the virus is still spreading 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 decline in reported 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 are working 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. However, the suspension of operations at Sana'a international airport on 9 September has delayed the arrival of 207 metric tons of COVID-19 response equipment and humanitarian personnel including COVID-19 specialists. Negotiations are in progress with Sana'a authorities to ensure opening of the airport and airlifting of COVID-19 related equipment and specialists.

2,034 TOTAL REPORTED COVID-19 CASES

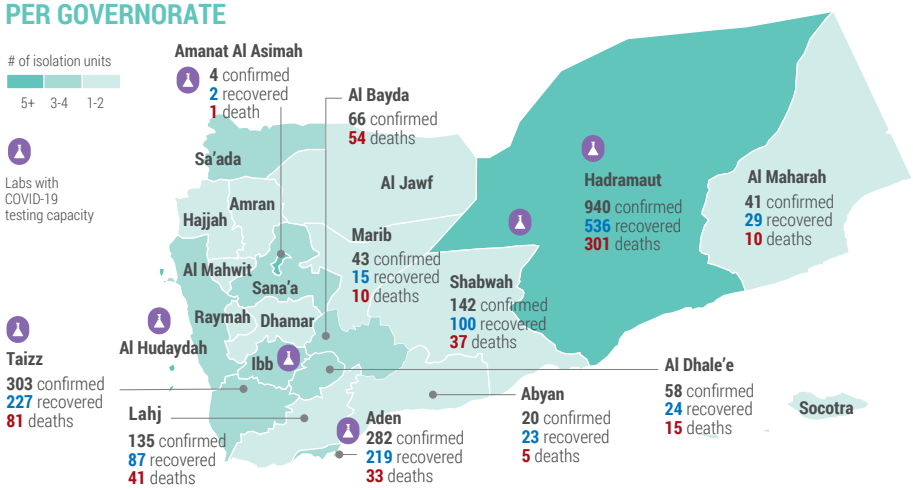
1,262 REPORTED RECOVERED

588 REPORTED DEATHS

NUMBER OF COVID-19 CASES (CUMULATIVE)



NUMBER OF COVID-19 CASES, LABORATORIES AND ISOLATION UNITS PER GOVERNORATE



11 GOVERNORATES AFFECTED

52* COVID-19 ISOLATION UNITS **32** ARE OPERATIONAL

*some unites were removed after the recent assessment.

7 LABS WITH COVID-19 TESTING CAPACITY

21.6K TEST/PCR REACTIONS PROVIDED

6,981** TESTS CONDUCTED

**These are the confirmed tests but there could be more.

11.7K OXYGEN CYLINDERS PROVIDED

$385.7M FUNDING REQUIRED

$304.6M REQUIRED FOR HEALTH

980 ICU BEDS

> 634 ICU VENTILATORS

> 9M PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT ITEMS

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

PIPELINE UPDATE

2,251M³ PIPELINE

13,988M³ ARRIVED

SUPPRESS AND AWARENESS

- **16.5M** people reached via multiple platforms
- Religious leaders raised awareness reaching **3.6M** in **5,000** mosques
- **3.5 million** people were 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 **78,534** people through **17,500** home visits and awareness sessions
- COVID-19 messages sent to **13.5M** subscribers
- **9,839** hotline calls received by Ministry of Public Health and Population
- **15,791** calls received via radio phone-in programmes
- **1.49 million** people reached in nearly **141,000** community gatherings and women social events
- **3.87 million** people reached via over **633,766** 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 **9,500** families
- **2,695** hand-washing stations installed

SUPPLY CHAIN

- Aid agencies are scaling up logistics and supply capacity.
- **13,988 m³** of supplies have been transported into the country, while **2,251 m³** are in the pipeline. These include:
  - **> 980** ICU beds
  - **> 23,438** PCR test kits
  - **28 000** swabs
  - **> 5 M** gloves
  - **> 2.5 M** masks
  - **> 1.2 M** respirator masks
  - **> 230,700** litres of sanitizers
  - **2,320** hospital beds
  - **> 634** ventilators

Locally procured items this week:

- **1.26 M** pieces of PPE.
- **6** pieces of ventilators.
- **7,500** pieces of hand sanitizers.

Air	Sea	Land
Arrived: 3,958 m³	**Arrived:** 9,988 m³	**Arrived:** 42 m3
In Pipeline: 125 m³	**In Pipeline:** 2,126 m³	

SAVING LIVES

- 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 **100** 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

SAFEGUARDING THE PUBLIC HEALTH SYSTEM

- Protecting the public health system at **4,300** non-COVID health care facilities is a priority. These will continue to provide non-COVID 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 (HFs)
- **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 childbirth services for normal deliveries.
- **107** number of HFs providing caesarean deliveries.

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