YEMEN COVID-19
PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE SNAPSHOT
AS OF 29 AUGUST 2020

As of 29 August, the number of reported confirmed COVID-19 cases in Yemen had reached 1,950 with 564 associated deaths and 1,115 recoveries. Over the past week, 39 new confirmed cases, 17 deaths and 47 recoveries were reported. The highest number of confirmed cases continue to be reported in Hadramaut (882 cases, 281 deaths and 425 recoveries), though this may in part reflect the number of tests conducted in the governorate. The number of cases reported has slowed while indicators suggest that the virus continues to spread and the number of confirmed cases and deaths fall below actual numbers. The reasons for this include 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. 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; track the impact of COVID on routine priority health programmes and continue to support the public health system; refine messaging to encourage behavioural change; and boost intensive care unit (ICU) capacities prior to any subsequent waves of the virus. The ongoing fuel and funding crises risk exacerbating transmission of the virus and threaten the broader COVID-19 and humanitarian responses.

**TOTAL REPORTED COVID-19 CASES**

- **1,950**
- **1,115** reported recoveries
- **564** reported deaths

**NUMBER OF COVID-19 CASES (CUMULATIVE)**

- **11 GOVERNORATES AFFECTED**
- **59 COVID-19 ISOLATION UNITS 38 ARE OPERATIONAL**
- **6 LABS WITH COVID-19 TESTING CAPACITY**
- **21.6k TEST/PCR TESTS CONDUCTED**
- **6,981* PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT ITEMS**
- **11.7k OXYGEN CYLINDERS PROVIDED**
- **$304.5M REQUIRED FOR HEALTH**
- **$385.7M FUNDS RECEIVED**

**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**
- **8.5 million people reached via 451 mobile cars with megaphones**
- **10 million views of COVID-19 visuals on various social media programmes**
- **COVID-19 messages sent to 13.5M subscribers**
- **8,000 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 18,862 community gatherings and over 15,367 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 ELPs, marginalized people and refugees.**
- **Community volunteers and members of Mother to Mother clubs supported distribution of hygiene kits to 9,000 families**
- **2,695 hand-washing stations installed**

**SUPPLY CHAIN**

- **Agency staff are scaling up logistics and supply capacity.**
- **13,782 m³ of medical supplies have been transported to the south for use by ELPs, marginalized people and refugees.**
- **737 pieces of medical equipment to support oxygen therapy, as well as providing nutrition treatment to pregnant women and malnourished children.**
- **100,000 vaccination kits and 1 million hospital supplies delivered to 37 governorates.**
- **500,000 masks were sent to frontline workers in over 50 health centres.**
- **1,000,000 water bottles were distributed to over 500,000 people.**

**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.**

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

**SAFEGUARDING THE PUBLIC HEALTH SYSTEM**

- **740 health facilities (HF) are providing normal delivery services.**
- **7,107 health facilities (HF) are providing primary health care services.**
- **889 health facilities (HF) are providing tuberculosis services.**
- **982 health facilities (HF) are providing child and maternal health services for normal deliveries.**
- **1,154 health facilities (HF) are providing caesarean delivery services.**

**PIPELINE UPDATE**

- **2,205 m³ of oxygen cylinders arrived via pipeline (WHO).**
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