



HIGHLIGHTS

- To date, six joint WHO- Ministry of Public Health and Population (MoPHP) mobile medical teams have provided services to more than 17 000 patients in the affected governorates of Amran, Hajjah and Al Jawf. Most consultations are for diarrhoea, and skin, respiratory and urinary infections.
- National Malaria Control programme completed the residual spray campaign at Al Mazrak camp, where 1000 tents were sprayed for effective malaria control.
- Increasing population in Al Mazrak camp is overwhelming its clinic.
- Relief International (RI) conducted a rapid assessment of Al Mazrak, concluding that there is an urgent need to enhance the capacity of the fixed health center in Al Mazrak town to cater referrals from the clinic in Al Mazrak camp.
- No communicable disease outbreaks have been reported from IDP-hosting areas. Nonetheless, the risk remains very high due to incomplete surveillance, inadequate health services and lack of safe drinking water.
- The MoPHP, supported by WHO, delivered medicines and supplies to treat 4000 IDPs for three months to the district health department of Al Aleb (on the Yemen-Saudi border north of Baqim, where thousands of IDPs are located.)
- The Yemeni Family Care Association (YFCA) mobile clinic has reported 792 consultations for reproductive health services during the last week.



HEALTH IMPACT

- The main causes of patient consultations are diarrhoeal diseases, and respiratory and urinary infections and skin infections, mainly scabies and rashes.
- No disease outbreaks have been reported to date. But there remains a high risk of communicable disease outbreaks due to low surveillance, lack of clean drinking water and inadequate sanitation.
- Six mobile medical teams jointly operated by WHO and the MoPHP have reported a total of 17 140 consultations since 1 September 2009.
- The only health clinic in Al Mazrak camp is overwhelmed by the rising number of IDPs in the camp, which is currently hosting more than 1000 families.

HEALTH SECTOR RESPONSE

- The Health Cluster project review committee has approved 13 projects from nine partners as part of the 2010 health response plan.
- YFCA's mobile unit has reported two deliveries, 108 antenatal and 115 family planning consultations.
- Relief International conducted a rapid assessment in the IDP-hosting town of Al Mazrak and has highlighted the need to enhance the service delivery capacity of fixed health centers of the town to cater to referrals from Al Mazrak camp.

WHO RESPONSE

Al Jawf Governorate

- The joint MoPHP and WHO mobile teams operating in Al Jawf reported 251 consultations last week.

Sa'ada Governorate

- No patient data is available from Sa'ada due to limited communication.
- A joint MoPHP and WHO mission visited Al Aleb on 6-8 October and delivered medicines and supplies to the district health department.

Hajjah Governorate

- The joint MoPHP and WHO mobile medical teams reported 763 consultations last week.
- WHO is planning to enhance the capacity of the fixed health clinic in Al Mazrak camp to cater to the increasing demand for health services.

Amran Governorate

- The two mobile medical teams supported by WHO reported 1750 consultations last week.
- The opening of Al Haiwan camp has been delayed due to security concerns. One mobile medical team is providing health services to IDPs there. WHO is arranging to establish a fixed clinic at the camp.

NEEDS

- Active monitoring of communicable disease trends in affected areas.
- Enhanced primary health care coverage by enhancing support to the existing health care infrastructure and increasing the number of mobile medical teams.
- Specialized care capacity in at least one hospital per governorate should be improved in order to handle the increasing number of H1N1 cases (as of 18th Oct. 345 confirmed H1N1 cases reported by MoPHP).
- Referrals to secondary health facilities should be enhanced in order to provide timely treatment for chronic illnesses such as tuberculosis, hypertension, cardiovascular diseases and asthma.
- Water quality monitoring must be strengthened.
- Strengthening of reproductive health services, especially at Al Mazrak camp.

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