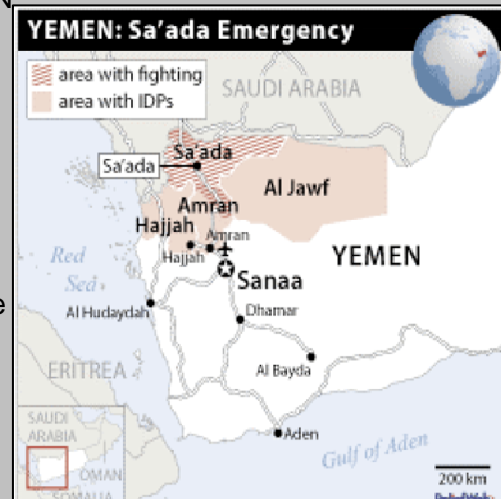


HIGHLIGHTS

The Health Cluster is seeking US\$ 2.3 million in the UN Flash Appeal launched 2 September in Geneva.

- Reports of the WHO surveillance coordinators in Amran and Hajjah confirm that no outbreaks of communicable diseases have occurred among displaced people and host communities.
- 10 tonnes of medical supplies provided by WHO arrived in the Sa'ada governorate on 2 September which can provide basic medical care to 30 000 people for one month, as well as treatment for 500 severe diarrhea cases and 200 surgical interventions for people with trauma injuries.
- WHO epidemiologists are making plans to establish disease early warning systems in Hajjah and Amran governorates.



HEALTH IMPACT

- No outbreaks of communicable diseases have been reported among displaced people and members of the host community in Amran and Hajjah governorates, according to WHO surveillance coordinators.
- In Hajjah governorate from 17-27 August, mobile clinics treated 2435 people suffering from various common communicable and noncommunicable diseases, including high blood pressure, diabetes, chronic diseases and skin diseases among IDPs and the host community. These included 203 diarrheal disease cases and 202 acute respiratory infections.
- In Amran governorate from 27-31 August, a mobile clinic treated 899 IDPs and members of the host community for various common diseases.

HEALTH SECTOR RESPONSE

- On 31 August, a coordination meeting on delivering humanitarian assistance to affected people was chaired by the Ministry of Public Health and Population (MoPH&P) and attended by UN agencies, NGOs and donors.
- The same day, the second meeting of the Health Cluster was held at the WHO office to finalize the Humanitarian Response Plan.
- UN agencies and ICRC met 31 August to assess the humanitarian situation and coordinate relief activities.

Amran Governorate

- A joint-UN mission including WFP, UNHCR, WHO, UNICEF visited Amran and a joint report was prepared 30 August, which reported on the:
 - **Proposed Camp Site:** The first site selected by the Minister of Health was changed due to tribal conflict over the land. The second location selected is about 1km from the road, but it can only accommodate about 100 families. The Amran deputy governor said the site can be expanded within the same area.
 - **Coordination with ICRC:** This is essential to avoid duplication of humanitarian efforts. The Yemen Red Crescent said it will support IDPs outside of the camp.
 - UNICEF is to provide water tanks and latrines to the camp and meet with the governorate to discuss water transportation to the camp.
 - WFP is to provide food assistance.
 - WHO is to coordinate with the MoPH&P on provision of health services and an ambulance to the camp. A health unit is to be established in the camp and a mobile clinic team to be sent to other IDP locations nearby.

WHO RESPONSE

Sa'ada Governorate

- 10 metric tons of medicines supplied by WHO were delivered to local authorities in Sa'ada city by the MoPH&P).
- The medicines can treat 30 000 people for one month and include antibiotics and medicines for common diseases. The delivery also includes medicines to treat 500 severe diarrhea cases and 200 surgical interventions for people with trauma injuries.

Hajjah Governorate

- Two WHO epidemiologists/surveillance officers were sent to Hajjah and Amran governorates to prepare a plan to establish a disease early warning system and strengthen existing health units in locations hosting IDPs and also within host communities.
- WHO-supported mobile health units in Haradh district of Hajjah governorate are operating in two shifts. They also provide referral services to hospitals for severely ill and pregnant women.
- From 17-27 August, the mobile clinics treated 2435 people suffering from various common communicable and noncommunicable diseases, including high blood pressure, diabetes, chronic diseases and skin diseases among IDPs and the host community. These included 203 diarrheal disease cases and 202 acute respiratory infections.
- 435 children received measles, polio and Pentavalent vaccines and 165 child-bearing age women were vaccinated against tetanus.
- WHO and MoPH&P have finalized preparations for a medical camp in Haradh which is expected to commence operations on 5 September and provide specialized medical services including minor surgical operations.

Jawf Governorate

- On 1 September, the MoPH&P and WHO dispatched two mobile health units to Jawf which included medical staff, medicines and other supplies, and a rented vehicle for the mobile units.
- Supervisors and surveillance officers from Sana'a were also sent to Jawf on 2 September to assess and monitor the health situation.

Amran Governorate

- From 27-31 August, a mobile clinic in Amran supported by WHO and the MoPH&P treated 899 IDPs and members of the host community for various common diseases.
- WHO is expected to visit Khaiwan on 3 September to supervise a mobile medical team and visit health facilities in the area to assess needs there and prepare an action plan to strengthen existing health facilities serving displaced people.

NEEDS

- WHO, as the lead for the Health Cluster, is requesting US\$ 2.3 million in the Flash Appeal to be launched 2 September, 2009. WHO is seeking funds for four projects with a total value of US\$ 1.4 million, while health projects for other partners are valued at US\$ 900 000. These partners include UNICEF, Save the Children, MDM, Yemen Red Crescent and UNFPA.

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