

Sana'a, 9 May 2016 — With support from the King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief Center, WHO continues to provide life-saving health care services to people affected by the conflict in Yemen.

Funding from the King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief Center has allowed WHO to deploy 14 mobile teams to 5 governorates, offering integrated care to populations with no access to health care. In addition, health facility-based teams, including 7 surgical teams, were deployed to provide trauma care in the governorates of Aden, Abyan, Hajjah, Sada'a and Amran, performing almost 8000 life-saving operations.

Funds were also used to provide life-saving medicines and medical supplies to hospitals across the country for a total of more than 2 million patients. This includes the provision of supplies to therapeutic feeding centres in 7 governorates, as well as fuel to run hospital generators and 7 ambulances. In addition, WHO treated almost 20 000 malnourished children in Lahj and Hodeida governorates.

The last year has seen a prolonged period of conflict in Taiz, with limited access to many areas of the city, and increased displacement of the population to neighbouring districts and governorates. WHO used funds from the King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief Center to procure and transport medical items and emergency supplies from Sana'a and Aden to priority areas in the 23 districts of Taiz, including Alqahira, Sala and Al-Modhafar districts located in the enclave of Taiz City.

WHO has also established logistical hubs in Al Hodeida and Aden, in addition to the existing hub in Sana'a, to ensure more efficient distribution of medical supplies in all affected governorates across the country.

“WHO expresses its appreciation to the King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief Center for its ongoing support to WHO. This support will allow WHO to continue its life-saving efforts to people in need, providing them with access to emergency health care, nutritional and environmental health services, as well as essential medicines and medical supplies,” said Dr Ala Alwan, WHO's Regional Director for the Eastern Mediterranean.

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