



The agreement was signed on behalf of the Emirates Red Crescent Authority by Dr Muhammad Atiq Al Fallahi, the Secretary General of the Authority, and by Dr Ahmed Shadoul on behalf of WHO United Arab Emirates, 13 October 2016 — 2 cooperation agreements were signed on 12 October 2016 between the United Arab of Emirates Red Crescent Authority and WHO to support essential health care services in Yemen.

The first agreement includes the rehabilitation of 20 hospitals in Yemen to improve their services to meet the increasing health needs during the current conditions in Yemen. The fund for the first agreement is US\$ 12 million to support health facilities in 9 governorates, including Aden, Taiz, Abyan, Shabwa, Ma'rib, Al Hudaydah, Al Mukalla, Saiyun, Hadramout and Al Maharah.

According to the agreement, comprehensive care programmes will be implemented to provide health care for women, pregnant women and malnourished children, as well as responding to epidemics and training health teams to develop the system of referring critical conditions for treatment and providing essential medicines and medical supplies.

The second agreement includes the implementation of integrated outreach programmes against polio, measles and other routine vaccinations in 11 Yemeni governorates, including Abyan, Al Jawf, Al Maharah, Taiz, Al Mukalla, Socotra Island, Saiyun, Shabwah, Aden, Lahj and Ma'rib. The agreement aims to provide necessary vaccines for about 643 637 children and women, including 130 148 children under one year and 357 824 children under 5 years, 66 143 pregnant women and 89 522 women of childbearing age. The cost of these activities amounts to US\$ 1 752 936.

"Signing the 2 agreements today marks a new stage of the strategic partnership between the Emirates Red Crescent Authority and WHO, and enhances the future efforts of both parties in the health and humanitarian fields," said Muhammad Atiq Al Fallahi, the Secretary General of the Emirates Red Crescent Authority.

Dr Ahmed Shadoul, WHO Representative for Yemen, expressed the appreciation of WHO for the United Arab Emirate's contribution to supporting humanitarian efforts to help women, children and civilians in Yemen.

"The partnership between the Emirates Red Crescent Authority and WHO will improve health conditions and provide essential health care for those affected by the current crisis in Yemen. This cooperation is considered one of the strongest partnerships that the international organization has established," added Dr Shadoul.

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