3 May 2018, Aden—With the support of King Salman Humanitarian and Relief Center, WHO continues to support Yemen’s health facilities by meeting the desperate need for stations.

As the health system in Yemen faces near collapse, further compounded by the frequent shortage of medical supplies, almost 16.4 million people are still in need of basic health care. Needs across the country have grown more acute since June 2017, as only 50% of health facilities in-country are functioning.

“The health facilities in Yemen lack the basic necessities and WHO is working hard to ensure that medicines, supplies, fuel, water and equipment like these oxygen stations are sent to priority hospitals,” said Dr Nevio Zagaria, the WHO Representative in Yemen.
The provision and delivery of these 11 oxygen stations was made possible with the support of the King Salman Humanitarian and Relief Center. A total of 7 medical oxygen stations arrived in Aden port and are awaiting installation in targeted hospitals.

"As the conflict approaches its fourth year, the people of Yemen still lack much-needed access to basic health care services. Half of the country’s health facilities are completely or partially damaged and non-functioning and everyday, more people are at risk of epidemics or death from preventable diseases." said Dr Nevio Zagaria, WHO Representative in Yemen.

To accommodate the incoming oxygen stations, WHO is planning to construct 11 oxygen station houses and will coordinate the complete installation and testing of this life-saving medical equipment, with the support of partners from UAE Red Crescent, OFDA and the World Bank.

Despite the security and access challenges brought on by the commercial blockade and restrictions on relief supplies entering the country, WHO continues to maintain close coordination with national authorities ensuring active institutional dialogue with the KSRelief to ensure the successful introduction of these oxygen station to the health facilities that need it most.

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