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19 February 2019 – With a health system on the brink of collapse, and ongoing conflict causing one of the largest humanitarian crises in the world, the health needs in Yemen are massive.



## Health workers are not forgotten

Since the beginning of the conflict 4 years ago, health workers in Yemen have struggled greatly to provide essential health care. Across the country, they work tirelessly without being paid and in turn cannot provide for and support their families. Providing incentives within the MSP ensures health workers are not forgotten.

Safia Ahmed works at Al Fawaris health centre supported by the MSP. She has been working as a nurse for 20 years now, and the ongoing war in Yemen has caused her to lose her income, like thousands of civil servants and pensioners who have not been paid salaries and bursaries for years due to the humanitarian situation.

“I now work here and thanks to the incentives paid by WHO, I am able to provide for my family. This support means a lot to us as health workers because it gives us a sense of purpose,” says Safia. Before this support, Safia would work 2 shifts for months on end without getting paid.

WHO expresses thanks to all donors and partners supporting the MSP in Yemen, including Italian Agency for Cooperation and Development, United Nations Central Emergency Response Fund and the Government of Kuwait. In 2019, WHO aims to make health services more

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