



# YEMEN 2020

IMPACT AND  
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## ABBREVIATIONS

**IDP**  
Internally Displaced People

**NF**  
Non-Food Items

**PPE**  
Personal protective Equipment

**SDG**  
Sustainable Development Goals

**UN OCHA**  
United Nations Office for the  
Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs

**WASH**  
Water, Sanitation & Hygiene

**WFP**  
World Food Programme

**WHO**  
World Health Organisation



# WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE DO



Human Appeal is a humanitarian organisation, delivering disaster relief and development programmes around the world for nearly 30 years in order to drive global change and make the biggest positive impact on the lives of people who need it most. We are a faith-based organisation, inspired by the Islamic values of; excellence, accountability and transparency, compassion, justice, empowerment, trust and respect. These values are core humanitarian values, and they guide us in serving the people we help.

Through working with our dedicated partners at local, national and international level, we run towards emergencies and conflict in some of the world's most dangerous and hard-to-reach places in order to provide humanitarian relief. We also look to the future through our work in establishing long-term sustainable development projects, helping some of the most adversely-affected communities in the world adapt to and thrive in their local environment.

## HUMANITARIAN RELIEF

Whenever a tragedy occurs, man-made or natural, we make it our mission to meet the humanitarian needs of those affected. Whether it's providing food and medical assistance to people affected by the blast in Beirut, or shelter for some of the millions fleeing certain death in Yemen, we will be there and do all we can to help people in their hour of need. Working through international partners, through our emergency campaigns we are able to deliver relief to some of the most isolated communities within hours, providing essentials such as food, water, and shelter. We also run WASH programmes, carry out medical interventions through supporting local hospitals and establishing mobile clinics, and manage camps for refugees and IDPs.

## SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

We are fully committed to the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and all of our projects align with and contribute to their success. Through our sustainable development projects such as our water desalination plants in Gaza, and our Solar Water project in Tharparkar, we aim to provide vulnerable communities with long-lasting solutions that tackle the causes of poverty and unleash their potential. We make sure to pass on our knowledge and provide people with the tools they need to carry these projects on well into the future, build resilience, and ensure that future generations are able to live with dignity.

## SEASONAL PROGRAMMES

While our seasonal programmes are based on our Islamic faith and values, the communities they benefit are from all faiths and parts of society. Every year our Feed the Fasting programme, funded by Ramadan donations and by Zakat (the giving of a set proportion of wealth to charity) helps vulnerable people to practice their faith in some of the most food insecure parts of the world. During Eid al-Adha, we perform Qurbani, the sacrifice of an animal and the distribution of the meat to vulnerable families. Our annual winter campaigns focus on shelter, warm clothing, and non-food items.

## CHILD WELFARE

Through our orphan sponsorship programme, people are able to donate monthly in order to provide an orphaned child with food and shelter. We also enable sponsored orphans of school age to continue their education, so that they can have a more secure future. It is imperative to us through this and all our other programmes that child protection is placed front and centre.

# ABOUT HUMAN APPEAL YEMEN

Human Appeal has been active in Yemen since 2014, working with Human Appeal UK and its fundraising offices in France, Spain and Ireland, as well as our local partners. We also receive funds from multiple international organisations such as UN OCHA, WHO, Global Medic and Americares. We are actively involved in the international community and work closely with UN agencies and other stakeholders.

Our Country Office is located in Sana'a and we also have an office in Aden. We have 27 staff working across Yemen and currently operate in 10 Governorates. Since 2014, we've helped over 900,000 people across 10 Governorates.

Our focus areas:

- **Food Security and Livelihoods**

Delivered by experienced staff, our activities include food distribution, and livelihood and agriculture support helping people lift themselves out of poverty.

- **Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (Wash)**

Working with local communities, we identify where our clean water projects and the distribution of hygiene kits can benefit the greatest number of people, especially where diseases like COVID-19 and cholera can spread so quickly.

- **Health and Nutrition**

Through our partnerships with local hospitals and organisations, we provide medicines and medical equipment that enable people to be treated with dignity, and receive care for long-term conditions.

We are committed to do all we can to alleviate the suffering of the Yemeni people through improving food security and livelihoods, WASH, health and nutrition.

We support orphans throughout Yemen, and our projects during Ramadan and Qurbani keep entire communities protected against malnutrition. None of this would be possible without the support of local communities, our partners, and international donors, who we are proud to stand with as we save even more lives.



Our core objective in Yemen is to deliver emergency food, health, and WASH interventions, in order to help IDPs and local populations cope with the successive tragedies that have befallen people there. Conflict, widespread disease, malnutrition, and now COVID-19 have all created a situation where constant emergency interventions are required. These are some highlights of our work so far.

### FOOD AID

Our work in Yemen began in 2014 with the delivery of food aid to 22,000 people in Aden, Taiz, Dar Saad, Al Boraigah, Al-Dhale'e and Sana'a. When Cyclone Chapala hit Al Mukala the following year, we were on the ground quickly to respond with food parcels for 6,500 people.

In Abs in 2018, we provided 9,450 displaced people with food vouchers and cash for food, helping them to support their families as well as the local economy.

Our seasonal food interventions in Yemen during Ramadan and Qurbani this year have reached 105,585 people.

### HEALTH AND WASH PROJECTS

The cholera epidemic reached its height in Yemen in 2017. In coordination with the UN Health Cluster, we delivered 100 protected beds to cholera centres in Sana'a. We also supported hospitals with medical supplies and protective equipment, allowing them to treat 24,800 people. Overall we supported 45,900 people with our cholera intervention.

When responding to the Dengue Fever outbreak, through our prevention project we were able to provide medical protection for 100,000 families and our clean water project supported 300,000 people in Aden against the disease.

We supported 16 health facilities and hospitals in providing surgery, curative care and nutrition assistance, giving over 440,000 people access to emergency health services. And in partnership with UNOCHA, we supported 15 health facilities and treated 69,000 vulnerable Yemenis suffering with acute malnutrition in Al Dhale'e and Taiz governorates. We also funded 3 mobile medical teams to make sure we reached people in rural areas.

### CLOTHING AND SHELTER

In Al Hudaydah in 2018, we supported 1,400 people with cash-for-shelter and NFIs. We also provided 390 displaced families in Al Khabt with winter kits containing blankets, mattresses and warm clothes.

### CHILD PROTECTION

We supplied Al-Sabeen Maternal Hospital in Sana'a with ten incubators for premature babies, which helped 700 infants.

In 2016, we supported 600 children in an orphanage in Sana'a, Yemen in partnership with other agencies, providing students with uniforms, books and other study materials.



# YEMEN IN NUMBERS



**105,585**

people received nutritious food during Ramadan and Qurbani distributions



**45,900**

people protected from, or received treatment for cholera



**100,000**

people received support and protection from dengue fever



**16**

health facilities and hospitals assisted in providing surgery, curative care and malnutrition support



**300,000**

people received clean water in Aden, protecting them against waterborne diseases

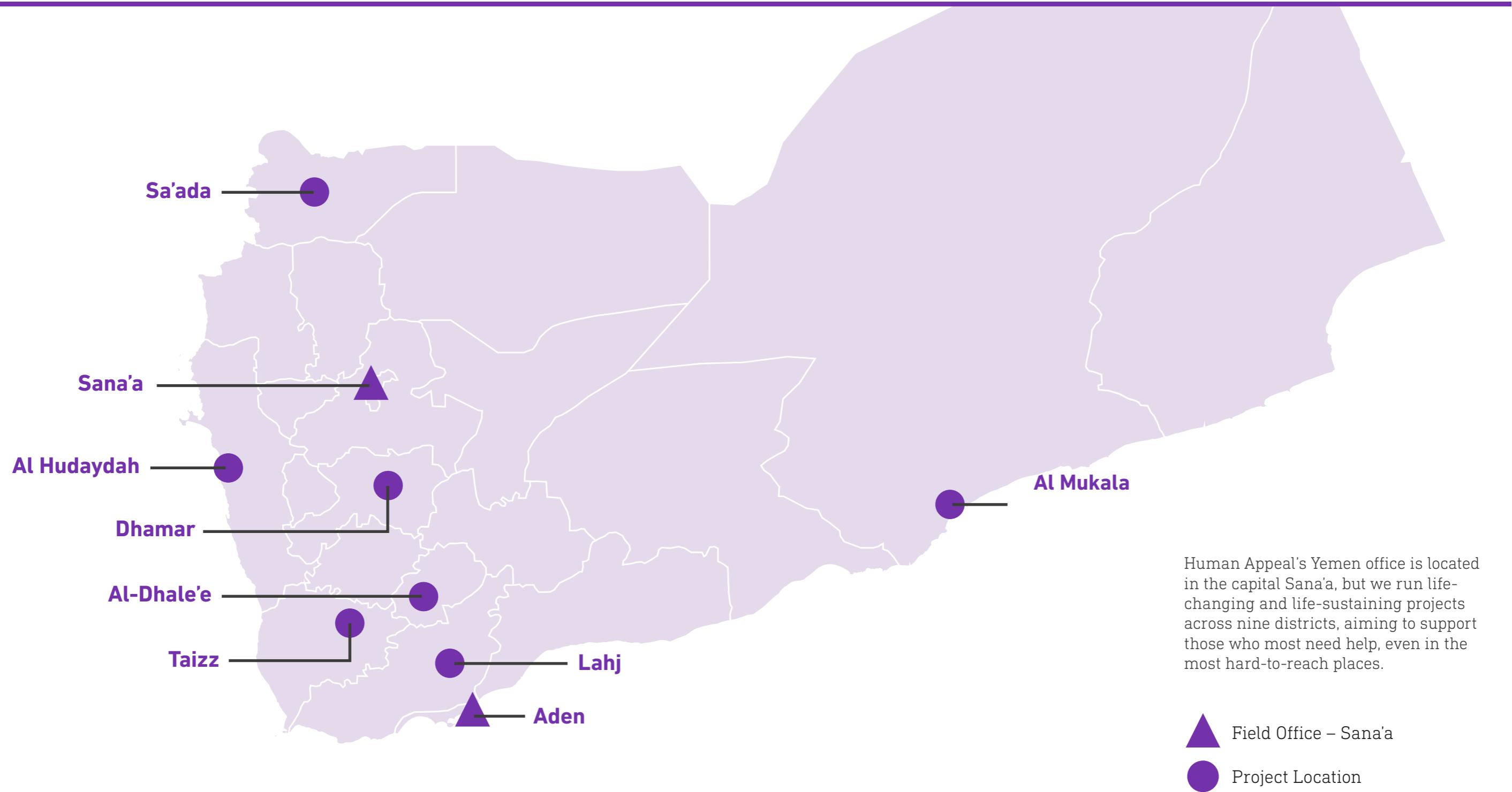


**440,000**

received access to emergency health services



# WHERE WE WORK IN YEMEN



# CURRENT SITUATION IN YEMEN

Now in its sixth year of war, Yemen remains in a perilous state, at real risk of going past the point of no return. Despite the increased need, the majority of international funding has dried up this year, and most UN programmes in the country have ceased. Yemenis are increasingly having to fend for themselves through the brutality of conflict, disease and displacement.

## CONFLICT

Since the outbreak of conflict in Yemen, it is estimated that more than 100,000 people have died as a direct result of hostilities, and that over 18,000 of these have been civilian fatalities.<sup>1</sup>

Over 3.6 million people remain displaced in Yemen. More than 700,000 of them are residing in one of the 1,700 informal sites that have sprung up across the country, with little to no support when it comes to food, shelter, or their livelihoods.<sup>2</sup>

## HUNGER AND MALNUTRITION

Around 80% of people in Yemen, at least 24 million people, are in need of humanitarian aid.<sup>3</sup> Over 20 million people are food insecure, and 15.9 million are in urgent need of food and livelihood assistance before they succumb to starvation.<sup>4</sup>

Yemen's Global Hunger Index score shot up by over 14% over the last decade. Nearly 40% of the population was undernourished as of 2018, and rates of wasting and stunting in children under 5 were at 17.9% and 61.1% respectively.<sup>5</sup> The WFP estimated that at the start of 2020, 1.7 million children under 5 were suffering from moderate acute malnutrition and 360,000 from severe malnutrition,<sup>6</sup> over a quarter of a million more than one year earlier.<sup>7</sup>

Altogether, this paints a picture of a country in a starvation and malnutrition crisis, with a generation being born into insurmountable levels of poverty and adversity.

## DISEASE

With the figure standing at 130,000 at the end of 2019,<sup>8</sup> the number of people thought to have died as a result of hunger and disease during the conflict in Yemen is even higher than the death toll of direct violence. This number will only have grown over the past year.

During the course of the civil war, Yemen has suffered outbreaks of Dengue Fever, Diphtheria and Cholera. With only half of the country's health facilities left operational as a result of conflict, cholera especially has continued to spread with ease throughout the population, remaining widespread in 90% of districts.<sup>9</sup>

## COVID-19

COVID-19 has ravaged Yemen on an unimaginable scale. As of 22nd September, there have been 2,030 confirmed cases, with 587 deaths.<sup>10</sup> With a death rate of 28.9%, Yemen ranks among the highest in the world.

The reality on the ground is even bleaker. At the start of the crisis, there were only 200 ventilators for a population of 30 million people. Even when more were ordered, there was a shortage of trained staff able to use them. With millions unable to get to a hospital, and hospitals having so little medicine and equipment even if people do arrive, the virus is spreading and killing unabated. As a result, nearly 100 people every day are laid to rest after having suffered with COVID-like symptoms.





# YEMEN EMERGENCY 2020

## – OUR IMPACT SO FAR

Despite the multitude of challenges in the way of aid agencies, with your help we have managed to rapidly reach some of the most hard-to-reach communities in Yemen during the world's worst humanitarian disaster. Be in no doubt – lives have been saved because of the work we have done and will continue to do to help the Yemeni people through some of the darkest days they have faced.

### FIGHTING HUNGER, CLEANING WATER AND SAVING LIVES IN SANA'A AND TAIZ PROVINCES

Sana'a and Taiz provinces are among the worst-hit by COVID-19. This integrated food, water and health project, part of our famine risk reduction strategy, will target the most vulnerable people in the most at-risk communities, particularly those who are the breadwinner for their family and without whom some children simply could not survive.

Between October and December this year, we will:

- Provide clean drinking water for 13,000 people in 12 population centres in Al-Qahera district, Taiz province.
- Provide food baskets for 500 families in Taiz who have been affected by conflict.
- Support two hospitals in Sana'a and Taiz provinces, by providing essential medicines and laboratory solutions so that they can carry out medical examinations for 1,400 women, children and elderly people.

- Distribute essential PPE, such as outfits, masks and gloves for 40 health workers in the hospitals we are supporting, in order to make their work a safer place for both them and their patients.

### FEEDING STARVING FAMILIES IN TAIZ CITY

In Taiz city in particular, we identified the need for urgent food security intervention so that hundreds of children and their families did not starve. There has been an acute shortage of food in the city, and more children have been suffering from malnourishment as a result.

During September, we have delivered emergency food parcels to last a month to 1,212 families in Taiz City, benefiting 7,272 people. The parcels included 25 kg flour, 10kg sugar, 1.8l cooking oil, 6 cans of beans, spaghetti, and 900g powdered milk.

For this project, we targeted people who had been displaced by war or lost their breadwinner to conflict, female-headed households, the elderly, people with special needs, teachers who were not being paid, and those who had lost their jobs because of the situation in Yemen.

### PROTECTING PEOPLE FROM COVID-19 IN ADEN

It became apparent very quickly that COVID-19 would hit Yemen particularly badly. With millions of people displaced in crowded camps or stuck in crowded accommodation, the virus has been able to spread easily through the population.

Aden is the worst-affected Governorate in Yemen by COVID-19, and the population has suffered greatly as a result of conflict and other diseases too. We have been able to provide 7,700 people, mostly children and including IDPs, with hygiene kits which have enabled them to curb the spread of the virus.

Each hygiene kit contained: Hand sanitiser, a bar of soap, adult and baby shampoo, cleanser, bleach, face masks, disposable gloves, tissues, a shower sponge, wet wipes, disinfection solution, detergent, a dishwashing sponge, and toilet paper.

### FEEDING FLOOD VICTIMS IN AL HUDAYDA-AL MANSOURIAH REGION

2.4 million children in Yemen are on the brink of starvation, and every day children are being forced out of their homes either by conflict, being orphaned, or natural disasters, making it even harder to find food and survive. The Al Hudayda-Al Mansouriah region was hit badly by flooding, leaving thousands of people on the street and at the mercy of war and disease. We managed to provide emergency food parcels to 216 vulnerable Yemenis from the region. Each parcel could feed a family for a month, and contained 75kg flour, 1kg salt, 2.5kg sugar and 5k legumes. But once this month is over, Yemen will still be in the grip of conflict, COVID-19, and flash floods. We want to do more to help vulnerable Yemenis.

### A LIFELINE FOR FAMILIES IN AL MANSOURIAH AND SANHAN

Nearly two thirds of Yemenis are unable to afford food and drinking water. As the conflict rages on and disease continues to sweep through the population, more and more people are finding it impossible to provide for their families. Over the past month, we have been able to provide 466 families in Al Mansouriah and Sanhan with food parcels to last a month. Each parcel contained 75kg flour, 5kg rice and 2.5kg sugar. We will continue to provide parcels to vulnerable families wherever we can, but we know that until Yemen breaks the cycle of poverty, conflict and disease that millions of people will remain in dire need.

# OUR IMPACT SO FAR IN NUMBERS



**13,000**

received clean drinking water in Al-Qahera district, Taiz province



**2**

hospitals in Sana'a and Taiz received essential medicines and laboratory support



**1,400**

women, children and older people supported with medicine and lab testing



**1,212**

families received emergency food parcels in September, providing nutritious food for an entire month



**7,700**

people, mainly children and displaced families, received COVID-19 hygiene kits to protect them from the virus





## NEXT STEPS – OUR PLANNED INTERVENTIONS



We are planning to upscale all of our current projects to take account of the increased need in Yemen, and intend to launch a shelter intervention to provide homes for people who lost theirs during flash floods. With winter on the horizon, we have stepped up preparations for our winter interventions in Yemen, where we'll be providing emergency food parcels, NFIs, hygiene kits and winter kits to

vulnerable people at risk of freezing to death over what will be a harsh winter. Looking to next year, we are also preparing for Ramadan 2021. It is likely that the need in Yemen then will be greater than we have ever known, and we're looking at a range of seasonal projects that will cover all food security, livelihoods, WASH, health and nutrition needs.

## ENDNOTES

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