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CURRENT SITUATION

March 2017 marked two years since conflict escalated in Yemen. Even before the conflict escalated, Yemen faced challenges from poverty, food insecurity and inadequate health services. Now, 4 in 5 Yemenis need some form of humanitarian assistance, the health-care system is on the verge of collapse and millions of people are on the brink of famine. UNOCHA has reported that the humanitarian situation is critical.

UNHCR's country representative, Ayman Gharaibeh, said in a December 2016 article:

"Simply put this is nothing short of a humanitarian catastrophe. Current hostilities are taking place in a country mired by years of successive conflicts, widespread insecurity and under-development, so we now see a devastating mix of civilian casualties, mass displacement, worsening poverty, economic decline, deteriorating conditions, weakened public institutions and limited access to services. Almost two years into the conflict ... nearly 19 million people across Yemen are in need of urgent assistance and people are suffering in truly abysmal conditions."

Statistics:

- 14 million people are food insecure, including more than 7 million don't know where their next meal will come from (UNOCHA, December 2016)
- More than 2 million children in Yemen are acutely malnourished and require urgent care, including more than least 460,000 suffering from severe acute malnutrition — an increase of almost 200% since 2014
- 2.2 million people have been displaced during the conflict (UNHCR, December 2016)
- Only 45% of health care facilities are partially or fully functioning (UNOCHA, December 2016)
- Only 1/3 of the country has access to health care (UNICEF, December 2016)
- The governorate of Sa'ada has the world's highest stunting rates amongst children with an unprecedented eight out of 10 children in some areas being chronically malnourished. (UNICEF, December 2016)
- At least one child dies every 10 minutes in Yemen because of preventable diseases such as diarrhea, malnutrition and respiratory tract infections (UNICEF, December 2016)

"Malnutrition in Yemen is at an all-time high and increasing," said Meritxell Relano, UNICEF representative in Yemen, in a December 2016 report. "The state of health of children in the Middle East's poorest country has never been as catastrophic as it is today."

An Islamic Relief staff member based in Sana'a reported that this is the worst situation he has ever experienced in Yemen: "Even before the recent violence, Yemen was in crisis, but this has now moved to another level. People are living in fear of their lives and with no electricity, very little fuel and food prices escalating. They are really struggling to get by. The level of suffering is almost overwhelming."

Based on reports from the Islamic Relief Yemen office, Islamic Relief Worldwide stated:

Generally, in Yemen the needs remain concentrated in mass casualty management; protection; water/sanitation; food and non-food items especially for displaced people. In all areas, ensuring a reliable water supply is an urgent priority. The diesel shortage is a serious threat to a continuous flow of water networks, with expectation of fuel supplies of the Local Water and Sanitation Corporation to run out in several days. Food prices are reported to be rising in major cities. Host communities are providing first-line response for displaced people and are reportedly offering food supplies. In many cases, this will not be sustainable, as many affected areas already struggle with food insecurity. Reports from local sources indicate that civilian and public infrastructures continue to be affected by the conflict.

2017 PROJECTS

LIFESAVING ASSISTANCE TO CONFLICT-AFFECTED COMMUNITIES IN TA'IZ, SAA'DA AND ADEN, YEMEN

BEGAN: JULY 2016

Location: Ta'iz, Saa'da and Aden

This project aims to provide emergency relief items to 3,000 vulnerable families.

ACHIEVEMENTS:

- Distributed food to 3,000 families in the three governorates; packages consisted of 50 kg flour, 10 kg rice, 10 kg beans, 10 kg sugar and 4 kg oil -- totak 84 kg (more than 185 pounds) of food per package.
- Distributed 45 oxygen canisters to each of five health centers/hospitals.

THIS PROJECT HAS HELPED AN ESTIMATED 21,000 PEOPLE.

LIVELIHOOD AND SMALL ENTERPRISE PROJECT IN HODEIDA, YEMEN

BEGAN SEPTEMBER 2016

Location: Hodeida Governorate/Districts of Almunira, Alqanawis and Alhawak

This project aims to improve the economic status of 50 families through alternative income-generating activities.

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES:

- 15 agriculture farmers (men) will be provided with a dripping irrigation system and piping network to improve crops.
- 15 animal breeders (women) will receive two female goats for breeding, to benefit from milk and cheese production. Animal fodder will also be provided.
- 12 male youth will receive vocational training in the fields of electricity, mobile phone repair, motorcycle maintenance or air conditioning. Small shops for mobile and motorcycle repairs will be set up (5 youth), electrical tools provided for those with electricity training to establish electrical network and solar panel systems for new homes (3 youth), and tools for air-conditioning repair and maintenance (4 youth)
- 8 female youth (8) will receive vocational training in the fields of sewing and embroidery and hair-dressing. One professional sewing lab will be established and equipped with sewing machine, sewing tools, and material to start work for the women who received the sewing training (5). The project will open a salon and will equip it with the necessary supplies, salon chairs, mirrors, and other necessary items for those women who received the hairdressing training (3).

THIS PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO HELP ABOUT 350 PEOPLE.

WINTERIZATION 2016-2017 YEMEN: WINTER ITEMS FOR CONFLICT-AFFECTED COMMUNITIES IN YEMEN

BEGAN: DECEMBER 2016

Location: Sanaa, Saada, Taiz and Amran

This project aims to provide vulnerable and conflict-affected families in Yemen with winter supplies.

ACHIEVEMENTS:

- Clothing vouchers provided to 1,150 orphan families, so recipients could choose the clothes they needed
- Winter kits (blankets and mattresses) provided to 1,968 families

THIS PROJECT HELPED ABOUT 24,944 PEOPLE.

PAST PROJECTS

LIFE SAVING ASSISTANCE TO CHAPALA CYCLONE-AFFECTED PEOPLE IN SHABWAH GOVERNORATE

APRIL 2016 - MAY 2016

Location: Shabwah Governorate

This project provided emergency life-saving assistance to survivors of the Chapala cyclone and mega storms in the Shabwah governorate of Yemen.

ACTIVITIES:

- Distributed food packages to 1,400 families in Azzan and Mayfaat districts, Shabwah Governorate; packages consisted of 50kg flour, 10kg rice, 24 cans of red beans, 5 liters cooking Oil, 10kg sugar, and a kitchen set which contained pot, dishes, kitchen knife, wash basin, water glasses, spoons, and 2 blankets for each family.

THIS PROJECT HELPED 9,800 PEOPLE.

EMERGENCY LIFESAVING WATER SUPPLY TO CONFLICT-AFFECTED FAMILIES

JUNE 2015 - FEBRUARY 2016

Location: Taiz, Aden, and San'a governorates

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

This project improved water supply to displaced people.

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES:

Provide 4,000 internally displaced people with drinkable water in 20 locations (10 locations in each governorate).

ACHIEVEMENTS:

- Installed plastic water tanks:
 - 40 water tanks with size 2000 liter capacity in Taiz
 - 20 water tanks with size 4000 liter capacity in Aden
 - 8 water tanks with size 5000 liter capacity in Sana'a, as well as filling 93 pre-existing tanks with water
- Trucked in water:
 - 555 trucks of water during 21 days in Taiz
 - 900 trucks of water during 48 days in Aden
 - 900 trucks of water during 48 days in Sana'a
- Distributed 6,023 jerry cans (generally 2 per household) in Sana'a.

THIS PROJECT HELPED AN ESTIMATED 116,828 PEOPLE.

EMERGENCY FOOD, HEALTH AND WATER/SANITATION SUPPORT TO CONFLICT-AFFECTED FAMILIES

NOVEMBER 2015-APRIL 2016

Location: Sana'a, Saada, and Taiz governorates

This project aimed to provide emergency support to families in Yemen through increasing access to food, health, water and hygiene items in conflict-affected areas.

PROJECT ACTIVITIES:

Provide vulnerable individuals with the following support:

- **Food:** Provide food packages to 2,000 families to cover their dietary needs for one month; packages consist of 105 kg of items such as wheat flour, rice, sugar, lentils and oil
- **Water/Sanitation/Hygiene:** Truck in water for 1,142 war-affected families for one month and distribute hygiene kits
- **Health:** Provide medical supplies and medication to 3,000 families at hospitals and field medical points across three governorates

THIS PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO HELP MORE THAN 48,500 PEOPLE.

SAFETY NET AND LIVELIHOOD CO-FINANCING COMMUNITY ASSETS

SEPTEMBER 2014 - MAY 2016

Location: Sana'a, Mareb, Dhamar and Hudaida governorates

This project aimed to improve food security for vulnerable individuals through the rehabilitation and reconstruction of productive infrastructures in Yemen.

ACHIEVEMENTS:

- 31 community assets were created in six months, providing work opportunities to help 2,178 severely food insecure families in 55 villages to purchase sufficient and nutritious food
- Reclaimed land for cultivation by clearing shrubs and bushes, enabling families to grow food and farmers to grow fodder for livestock
- Constructed 2 wells, 7 water reservoirs and a 5 km-long water supply system, increasing access of communities to safe drinking water, improving community's health, improving safety of women and girls who carry water, and allowing girls to return to school
- Constructed 595 latrines and cesspits, improving health by eliminating sewage wastewater
- Constructed farm-to-market roads, enabling farmers to sell products as well as to travel for health care and education
- Reinforced self-help, collective work and team spirit and appreciation of communal assets; community members feel that they contributed in establishing these assets and thus they are ready to maintain and sustain them

THIS PROJECT HELPED 215,047 PEOPLE.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE: FOOD ASSISTANCE TO CONFLICT-AFFECTED FAMILIES

MAY 2015 - SEPTEMBER 2015

Location: Marib, Lahj, Ibb, Taiz, Sana'a and Dhammar governorates.

This project provided emergency food packages for vulnerable families.

ACHIEVEMENTS:

- Provided 5,160 households with food packages once a month for three months; packages contained flour (50 kg), rice (10 kg), beans (24 cans), sugar (10 kg), and vegetable oil (5 liters).

36,120 PEOPLE WERE HELPED BY THIS PROJECT.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

APRIL 2015 - MAY 2015

Location: Aden Governorate, southern Yemen

This project facilitated access to health care for individuals in the Aden Governorate via the provision of life-saving medical supplies.

ACHIEVEMENTS:

- Distributed medical supplies to 3 hospitals: Basehab Hospital (al-Twahi district), al Sadaqa Hospital (Alshiekh Othman district), 22 May Hospital (al Mansora district)
- Distributed medical supplies to 4 emergency health units located at district levels (including Al Moalla, Kohr Maksar, Crater, and Dar Sa'ad)

THIS PROJECT HELPED 3,000 PEOPLE.

LEHJ WATER & SANITATION PROJECT

OCTOBER 2011-MAY 2013

Location: Lehj Governate, Abyan Province

This project aimed to provide water connections to households, increasing awareness of basic health, hygiene, sanitation and environmental education.

ACHIEVEMENTS:

- Constructed overhead water supply tank and installed pumping unit and of 8 km of pipes, providing water to about 8,000 families in 20 villages
- Community members were paid to work
- Local community members were trained to maintain and operate water system
- Workshops conducted on health and hygiene

THIS PROJECT HELPED AN ESTIMATED 40,000 PEOPLE.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND HUMANITARIAN SUPPORT TO DISPLACED PEOPLE

JUNE 2011 - AUGUST 2011

Location: Aden Governorate, Yemen

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

Provide emergency food and hygiene kits to displaced people and host communities in Aden.

ACHIEVEMENTS:

Provided humanitarian assistance and support to 18,904 displaced people in Aden via the following:

- Food items distributed to 1,050 families
- Hygiene kits provided for 1,050 families
- 4 community kitchens provided for 4 schools
- 10 water coolers provided for 10 schools
- 10 play kits provided for 7 child-friendly spaces

18,904 PEOPLE WERE HELPED THROUGH THIS PROJECT

AL SELO WATER AND HEALTH PROJECT

DECEMBER 2010 - FEBRUARY 2011

Location: Al Selo, Yemen

This project aimed to improve the overall health and hygiene of Al-Selo residents by increasing access to basic health services and promoting proper personal hygiene practices. (This was an extension of a project that ran from 2006 to 2008.)

ACHIEVEMENTS:

- 3 health centers functioning and providing health services.

THIS PROJECT HELPED ABOUT 12,000 PEOPLE.



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