January – February 2018 Progress Summary

In January and February 2017, EECR Cluster partners released around 1,969,106 sq. m of land through mine and ERW clearance and survey in 37 Districts (14 Governorates). Around 545,987 people directly benefited from survey and clearance activities.

Around 1,995 vulnerable conflict-affected households (14,128 individuals) had access to emergency income through non-agricultural livelihoods assistance. Among them, 624 households (4,437 individuals) received assistance for small business creation and recovery and 1,371 households (9,691 individuals) had access to emergency employment in 13 Governorates. Partners also assisted 93 IDP households (740 individuals) with livelihoods packages aimed at enhancing their self-reliance as way to support alternative solutions to displacement.
January – February 2018 EECR Cluster Response Indicators

1. Emergency Mine Action

1.1. # of sq. meters land released through mine/ERW clearance

Januray – February progress for clearance is 1,969,106 sq. meters (20 per cent of the annual target) of land were released through mine/ERW clearance and technical survey. Around 545,987 people directly benefitted from clearance and technical survey activities conducted in 37 districts across 14 Governorates: Abyan, Aden, Al Dahlee, Al Hudaydah, Amran, Dhamar, Hadramaut, Hajjah, Ibb, Lahj, Sa’adah, Sana’a, Shabwah and Taizz.

2. Non-Agricultural Livelihoods

Around 1,995 vulnerable households (14,128 individuals) had access to emergency income through Emergency Employment and Micro and Small Business Creation and Recovery

2.1. # of affected households having access to emergency income through micro and small business creation and recovery
ECCR Partners reached 624 vulnerable households (4,437 individuals) through assistance micro and small business creation and recovery in 19 districts across 7 Governorates. Around 55 per cent of those reached live in 4 districts in Raymah. Southern Governorates (Abyan, Lahj, Shabwah and Taizz) make a cumulative 39 per cent.

2.2. # of vulnerable households having access to emergency income through emergency employment (cash for work)
Around 1,371 vulnerable households (9,691 individuals) had access to emergency income through Emergency Employment in 30 districts across 9 Governorates. Around 77 per cent are in 14 districts in Hadramaut. Shabwah follows with around 22 per cent of those reached.

3. Solutions to Displacement

Around 93 IDP households (740 individuals) have been receiving assistance to enhance their self-reliance as a way to support alternatives to Durable Solutions to internal displacement. This progress represents 7 percent of the target.

![Image 5: Percentage of progress against targets]

Overall, the January-February 2018 progress was quite slow for most of the areas covered under the EECR cluster, except for Mine Action. The slow progress can be explained by the fact that many projects were still in planning phase and reporting issues.

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Aysha’s Story: Enhancing Self-Reliance Through Emergency Employment Opportunities

ERRY Joint Project.

Aysha’s husband is blind and blind and is unable to provide for family needs, leaving her as the sole breadwinner of the household. Three years ago, Aysha’s three sons decided to migrate to one of the neighboring countries to work as laborers to support their family. They used to financially support Aysha and her family with regular remittances. But since the beginning of the conflict, it became difficult for Aysha to contact or receive money from them. Her and her family’s life became difficult and They did not know where they next meal will come from. ‘I used to borrow some cash so I can provide the needs of my family and treat my husband. But with time, people would not lend or give me any more money”, Aysha said.

Four months ago, Aysha joined the cash-for-work project. Her micro-project consisted of clearing thorns that cover and were preventing livestock from entering the area. ‘Now, because of this, program, Aysha said, the, I am independent and able to provide my children with the necessities. This project has affected our families lives in a positive way. With the money I earn “YER 55,100/per month” from working in the program I purchase basic foodstuffs and pay back my debts.’

Many families benefited from the cash for work interventions aimed at improving vulnerable households purchasing power through access to emergency income. Aysha’s family was one of those targeted beneficiaries who directly benefited from the programme. Such interventions are essential to this village as many others. They contribute to the improvement of food security of beneficiary households and rehabilitation of community assets and infrastructure. The Islamic Relief-WFP cash for work project targets the most vulnerable households in Bait Alfaqih and Zabid districts in Al Hudaydah governorate.
The Enhanced Rural Resilience in Yemen (ERRY) programme is a joint-initiative funded by the European Union (EU) and implemented by FAO, ILO, UNDP and WFP in four governorates in Yemen (Hajjah, Hodeidah, Lahj and Abyan). The three-year joint programme aims to enhance the resilience and self-reliance of crisis-affected rural communities through support to livelihoods stabilization, food security, local governance, social cohesion and improved access to sustainable energy.

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Useful Resources and Publications

1. Cluster funding status: https://fts.unocha.org/appeals/657/flows?order=directional_property&sort=asc&f%5B0%5D=destinationClusterIdName%3A%224226%3AEmergency%20Employment%20and%20Community%20Rehabilitation%22

2. Revised IASC Gender with Age Marker (GAM) has been endorsed on 09 March 2018


4. Useful link to recent OCHA Yemen resources and publications:
   a. The interactive HRP/HNO website for information on plans, needs and ongoing humanitarian response in Yemen: https://www.ochayemen.org/hpc/
Abbreviations
ACTED: Agency for Technical Cooperation and Development
ADRA: The Adventist Development and Relief Agency
CSOs: Civil Society Organizations
EECR: Emergency Employment and Community Rehabilitation
EFD: Enjaz Foundation for Development
ERRY: Enhancing Rural Resilience in Yemen Project
ERW: Explosive Remnants of War
EU: European Union
FAF: For All Foundation
FAO: Food and Agricultural Organization
GC: Global Communities
HYAC: Al-Hikhma Al-Yamania Association for Development
IDP: Internally Displaced Populations
ILO: International Labor Organization
MC: Mercy Corps
NGOs: Non-Governmental Organizations
NMO: Nahdhah Makers Organization
SFD: Social Fund for Development
UN: United Nations
UNDP: United Nations Development Programme
WFP: World Food Programme
YEMAC: Yemen Executive Mine Action Center
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