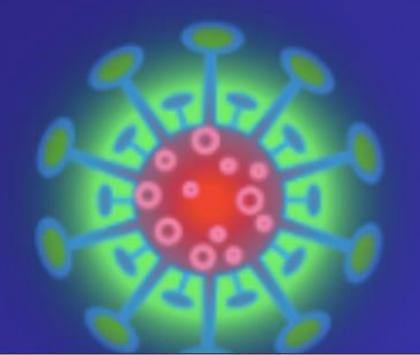


UNDP Yemen COVID-19 Response



Yemen Situation Update

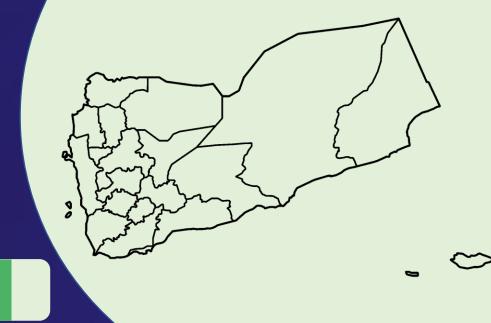
First case diagnosed and announced on 10 April, contracted through the Port of Al Shahr in Hadramout. Treatment and contact tracing are underway.

Some models forecasting up to 20,000 people requiring treatment at any given moment.





Additionally a combination of food insecurity and heavy reliance on food imports, high levels of malnutrition, severe exchange rate fluctuations with a likely drop in remittances, weakened businesses and little-to-no energy supply mean that the COVID-19 impact on Yemen will be devastating.



UNDP Global Response



PREPARE

UNDP will support health systems, including by helping them procure much-needed medical supplies, quickly leverage digital technologies and ensure health workers are paid.



RESPOND

UNDP will help countries work across key sectors to slow the spread of the virus and to provide social protection for vulnerable populations.

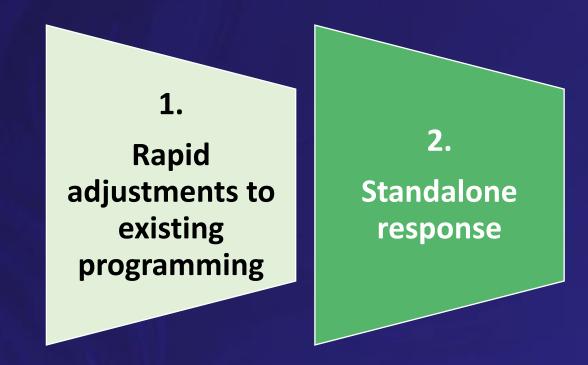


RECOVER

UNDP will support countries to assess the social and economic impacts of COVID-19 and take urgent recovery measures to minimize long-term impact, particularly for vulnerable and marginalized groups.

UNDP Yemen Response

In line with the global response, and in partnership with Implementing Partners, UNDP will roll out a two-fold country response:



These contribute to the 8-point National COVID-19 preparedness and response plan.

Overall Objectives

Support the ongoing health response through activities that strengthen the first line of defense and flatten the curve by integrating COVID-19 into existing programming.

Lead the in-country response to mitigate the socio-economic impact of COVID-19 by focusing on scaling-up social protection and safeguarding the economy.

Priorities under these two approaches include:

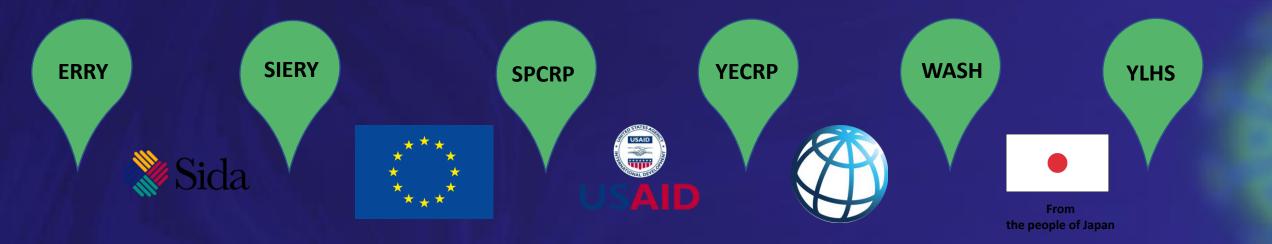
- Measuring the socio-economic impact of COVID-19 on Yemen
- Developing a strategic framework for social protection and economic recovery
- Providing thought leadership around the COVID-19 effects and possible policy responses
- Enhancing the strategic partnership with the WB to boost YECRP
- Leveraging the EU-funded local governance programme to support the local governance response to the outbreak

1. Adjustments to Existing Programming

Examples

- ✓ Support to local production of PPE
- ✓ Support to SMEs on agriculture and fisheries and to return to pre-COVID production in recovery phase

- ✓ Solarisation of 50 health centers
- ✓ Support Governorate Rapid Response Teams to establish contact with community committees
- ✓ Support community committees to participate in communications and messaging

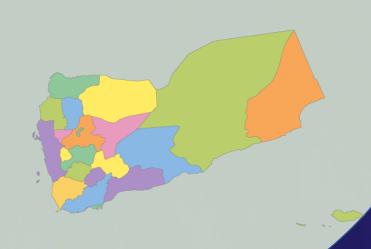


Links to Local Governance

Central to UNDP's approach is ensuring appropriate links can be made with the emergency response by working with local authorities and community-based actors and building the capacities of local institutions.

The soon to be activated Local Governance programme funded by the European Union will serve as an important entry point to build local capacities for future shocks and stresses.





2. Standalone Response Objectives

Immediate term



Support to the most vulnerable households while also supporting local production of PPE and other needed items that can save lives.

Response phase



Sustain the most vulnerable through the provision of unconditional cash while enhancing waste management capacity. SMEs will be supported to adapt to changing market demands and local authorities will be supported to respond to the outbreak.

Medium to longer term



Sustain and increase employment opportunities at the local level and stimulate economic recovery through livelihoods support and public-private partnerships to upscale SMEs. Support to local authorities to recover and build capacities for future shocks.

2. Standalone response – programmatic offer



PREPARE

- Support rapid local production of PPE
- Construction of 10 hangars as health or isolation centers
- Support health centers with solar panels and beds



RESPOND

- Support vulnerable households with unconditional cash transfers
- Support 150 SMEs to adapt to changing market demands
- Support waste and medical waste disposal through reactivating 6,000 cleaning fund workers throughout Yemen
- Support local authorities to coordinate with national level response



RECOVER

- Support a return to cash for work modality for 100,000 head of households
- Support to enhanced food production through agriculture and fisheries
- Support 500 SMEs including to return to previous production modalities from before the COVID-19 outbreak