

UAE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO YEMEN

Overview

Since April 2015 until February 2019, the UAE has provided more than US \$5.2 billion in relief to the people of Yemen. This assistance has reached more than 17 million Yemenis, including 11 million children and 3.2 million women across Yemen.

UAE provided more than USD 4.5 billion outside of UN plan, and USD 660 million to UN plan.

1. UAE funding of UN Humanitarian Response Plan for Yemen was disbursed to the following organizations: UN OCHA, WHO, UNHCR, WFP, UNICEF, IOM, and FAO. This programming provided projects in the following sectors: health, water and sanitation, emergency food aid, nutrition, and livelihood support.
2. The UAE's direct assistance to Yemen includes general program assistance to pay the salaries of government employees, emergency food aid, humanitarian shelter and non-food items, water and sanitation, health – in particular to support anti-Cholera measures, education, legal and judicial reform, energy generation, and infrastructure support.

2019 Emirates Red Crescent (ERC) PROJECTS

Education

- In March 2019, the ERC opened the Azan Educational Complex in the Abyan governorate and provided school supplies for up to 1,200 students that will soon attend.
- In February 2019, the ERC reopened the Al Fatah Elementary and Secondary School in the Hodeidah governorate, after it has been renovated, rehabilitated and furnished, to support the education sector in Yemen. This will enable 1,800 students to return to school.
- In February 2019, the ERC reopened the Khadija bint Khuwailid School for Girls on the Red Sea Coast, which will allow 650 girls to resume their education.

Medical Sector

- In January 2019, the ERC launched four mobile clinics along the Red Sea Coast. The mobile clinics have since provided free health services to over 16,000 Yemenis.
- In February 2019, the ERC inaugurated a healthcare center on the Red Sea Coast after restoring it and supplying it with medical equipment and a solar energy system; to serve nearly 5,000 people.
- In February 2019, the ERC launched a health awareness campaign targeting 18,000 students from remote village schools and internally displaced persons camps in various liberated areas of Yemen's Red Sea Coast.

Infrastructure

- In February 2019, the ERC launched a fish landing center on the Red Sea Coast as part of a rebuilding project that includes a fish landing harbor, two rooms to manage the local fishing association, and an integrated solar power system. The project will benefit 6,000 fisherman and will help improve the living conditions of over 40,000 people in the area.
- In February 2019, the ERC opened the final phase of the Sheikh Khalifa Residential City for those affected by the floods that swept through the Hadramaut governorate in Yemen during the past few years. The city consists of 607 housing units, along with infrastructure services including roads, solar-powered water pumping systems, electricity grids and sanitation systems.
- In February 2019, the ERC finished the reconstruction of a fishery in Mocha that will enable the small-scale fishing industry to thrive once again, opening opportunities for Yemenis to improve their economic situation.

Clean Water

- In February 2019, the ERC continued to implement its 'Saqia Water Project' in rural villages near Taiz to provide safe drinking water to 20,000 people for two months.
- In February 2019, the ERC implemented a water project which included drilling an artesian well and supplying large water tanks in the Lahij governorate, benefitting 25,000 people.

OVERVIEW of 2018

Food Aid

- From June 2018 to December 2018 alone, the UAE has provided food aid to Hodeidah Governorate amounting to \$321.5 million. This included over 110,000 food aid parcels delivered, benefiting some 770,000 individuals.
- The UAE and Saudi Arabia launched the Imdaad campaign in November 2018, pledging an additional US \$500 million to combat famine in Yemen with the aim to provide food to 10-12 million Yemenis. The campaign will cover all regions of Yemen, regardless of political or geographical considerations, reaching all of Yemen's citizens in need, with priority given to the most vulnerable, predominantly malnourished children, pregnant women, nursing mothers, the elderly and the ill.

Education

- The UAE has provided for the reconstruction and rehabilitation of 230 schools.
- The UAE, in partnership with the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, has donated US \$70 million to support Yemeni teachers through UNICEF. Of the \$35 million donated by the UAE, salaries for 135,000 teachers are being covered for a ten-month period.

- In Yemen's Red Sea Coast region, 14 schools have received educational materials as well as solar powered panels, to ensure a continued supply of energy, to avoid any disruption to the school year.

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- 70 buses have been donated to support the education sector.

Medical Sector

- UAE aid has provided for the rebuilding and maintenance of 55 hospitals and medical centers.
- In Hodeidah Governorate, mobile medical clinics have been established, providing treatment for respiratory illnesses, high blood pressure, acute malnutrition, dengue fever and prenatal care, for thousands of Yemeni civilians.
- In the Hadramaut, the UAE has given US \$ 20 million for the refurbishment of medical centers and clinics. 75 ambulances have been provided, while 488,000 children have received polio and measles vaccinations as part of a preventive medicine campaign.

Infrastructure

- Rehabilitating the country's basic infrastructure such as airports in Aden, Al Rayyan and Socotra, as well as seaports in Aden, Mukalla and Socotra, has been a priority in the UAE's aid policy to Yemen.
- In Hodeidah governorate, an additional US \$30 million has been allocated for refurbishment and repair of the infrastructure in liberated areas.
- UAE infrastructure work on ports allow fishermen to resume their activities, with consequent benefits both on employment and on the availability of fresh fish in the markets.

Energy

- Seventeen power plants have been constructed, rebuilt and maintained, including a US \$100 million 750-megawatt power plant in Aden, to help to meet the country's electricity deficit.
- In the Hadramaut, the UAE has invested US \$80 million to refurbish power *stations*

Clean Water

- Efforts to improve the supply of safe drinking water, a key to the prevention of the spreading of diseases like cholera, have included the refurbishment of ten water plants and networks with 80 pumps and four sewerage treatment plants.
- 250 freshwater dams and wells have been built or dug, along with 23 water stations and reservoirs.

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