

YEMEN

ICRC ACTIVITIES

April - May 2019



Children talk to ICRC staff, within an ICRC emergency response activity that saw the distribution of food baskets, with the YRCS's collaboration, to 66 families affected by the floods in Beni Hawaat, Sana'a.

In April and May, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) continued implementing its vast range of activities, from relief work and support to healthcare facilities and water corporations, to protection of the civilian population. Acting as neutral intermediary, the ICRC facilitated the reunification of 15 children with their families that has brought them comfort and joy. Nonetheless, the conditions in the country are becoming worse with time. Only a political solution will put an end to the immense humanitarian suffering.



9-year-old boy trains his new prosthetic leg at the ICRC-supported physical rehabilitation center in Aden.

FACTS AND FIGURES

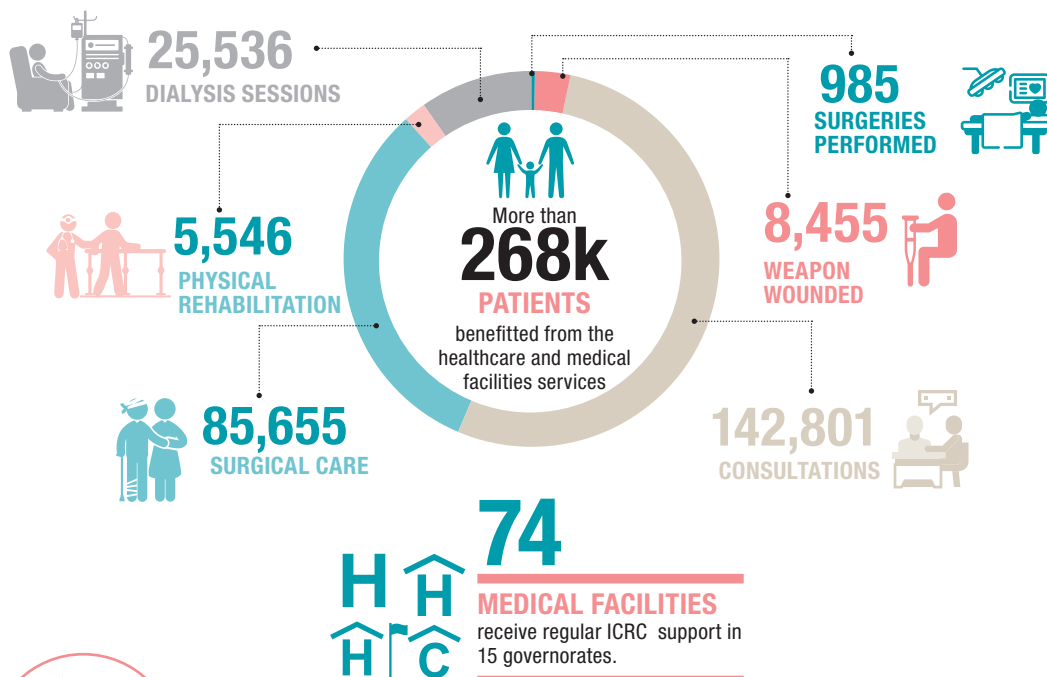
- **268,978** patients benefitted from the healthcare and medical facilities services provided by ICRC.
- **221,158** individuals received food parcels.
- **+2.4M** Yemenis provided with safe water.

ICRC YEMEN DELEGATION HIGHLIGHTS

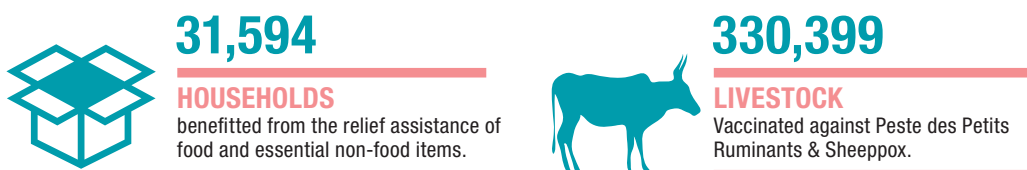
An illustrated overview of some of the activities carried out by the ICRC delegation in Yemen during the months of April and May 2019. For more details, please refer to the next pages in this report.



HEALTHCARE & MEDICAL FACILITIES



FOOD DISTRIBUTION & PRODUCTION

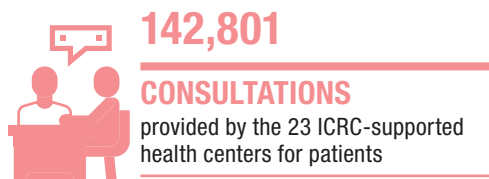


WATER, SANITATION & CONSTRUCTION



BETTER ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE AND MEDICAL FACILITIES

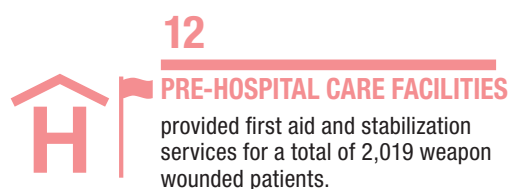
To respond to the health needs of the civilian population affected by the conflict, the ICRC has supported the following essential preventive services and life-saving curative services:



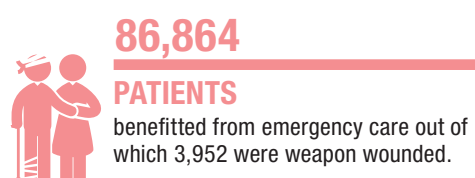
Regular medical assistance provided to 23 primary-health-care (PHC) centres in 9 governorates.

- In the 23 ICRC-supported PHCs across the country, 112,316 consultations were carried out, 26% (29,527) of which were for children under 5 years of age, 8,836 of whom received vaccines.
- 5,527 antenatal care consultations provided to pregnant women and 1,221 deliveries registered.
- Across all the supported facilities, 18,363 suspected cholera cases were received and 22 deaths due to cholera recorded (CFR 0.12%).
- A total of 6,596 consultations were provided to patients with non-communicable diseases (NCDs), mainly high blood pressure and diabetes.
- To ensure continuity of care for patients with NCDs, support was provided, with drugs and consumables (such as needles, syringes, dressing material, gauze, gloves, intravenous infusion sets etc.), to 8 dialysis centres across the country in 7 governorates (Aden (2 centres), Mahawet, Sana'a, Dhamar, Hajjah, Hodeida, and Shabwa). A total of 25,536 dialysis sessions were granted with the ICRC support.

The ICRC hospital support program has ensured access to high quality health care services throughout the continuum of care:



- 12 trauma stabilization/pre-hospital care facilities with medical supplies along the frontlines in the areas covered by our offices/sub-delegations in Sa'ada, Sana'a and Taiz, which provided first aid and stabilization services for a total of 2,019 weapon wounded patients.



Nurses from Batis Health Care Center in Abyan, go door to door to support babies with malnutrition and the local communities with basic health awareness. The ICRC supports the center with vaccinations and financial incentives to the nurses.

- Emergency care and ad-hoc support provided to 11 referral hospitals, among which 9 are close to the frontlines in 4 governorates (Taiz, Hodeida, Hadramout and Shabwa) and 2 in Amanat al-Asima to ensure stabilization of weapon wounded and trauma patients and the provision of surgical care. Through this support, 4,305 patients received emergency care, out of which 1,562 were weapon wounded.
- Regular support provided to 9 referral hospitals in 7 governorates with supply of drugs, medical consumables and equipment to ensure treatment for weapon wounded and trauma patients: Amanat al-Asima (3 hospitals), Mareb, al-Jawf, Dhamar, Ibb, Hodeida, and Shabwa. In these hospitals, a total of 86,846 patients received emergency care, out of which 3,952 were weapon wounded.



- ICRC surgical activities were maintained in 3 ICRC-supported hospitals: al-Talh (Sa'ada), Bajil (Hodeida) and al-Mansoura (Aden). This ensured emergency care for 578 weapon wounded (210 in al-Talh, 204 in Bajil and 164 in al-Mansoura). It also allowed inpatient surgical care for 344 admitted weapon wounded patients (179 in al-Talh, 49 in Bajil and 116 in al-Mansoura), with a total of 985 surgeries performed (532 in al-Talh, 147 in Bajil and 306 in al-Mansoura).

- Surgical activities in al-Mansoura Hospital will continue until end of June 2019, when they will be handed over to the MoPHP to focus more on the new emerging needs (reproductive health services: maternity, ante-natal care, deliveries) of the population in the district through the support of a Primary Health Care facility.
- In the two ICRC-supported hospitals (al-Talh and Bajil), beside the provision of surgical services, the ICRC has started supporting also emergency obstetric care for pregnant women.

Physical Rehabilitation Program (PRP):

A total of 5,546 persons received services from the ICRC-supported physical rehabilitation centers (PRCs) in Sana'a, Aden, Taiz, Mukalla and Sa'ada, including the delivery of 81 prostheses (such as artificial limbs), 1,904 orthoses (such as braces and splints), 160 walking aids and physiotherapy sessions to 548 persons.

During these two months, ICRC's PRP continued to provide staff incentives to Sa'ada and Taiz PRCs and fuel to Sa'ada, Taiz, Mukalla and Sana'a PRCs to ensure continuity of services to people with disabilities in Yemen. During May, PRP paid an amount of (30,900,000 YER) as Eid allowances to (309 staff), supporting them to celebrate Eid with their families.

The Diploma in Prosthetics and Orthotics course, delivered in collaboration with the High Institute of Health Sciences (HIHS), is continuing to run as planned. The 10 students (6 males and 4 females) are progressing with clinical and English language studies. The 10 Prosthetics and Orthotics students went home for Ramadan in May and came back after Eid (June). Preparation is ongoing for a short course for the rehabilitation center's staff to be conducted in HIHS – Sana'a during the month of July 2019.

SUPPORT TO VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES AND INTERNALLY DISPLACED PEOPLE



ICRC staff, in collaboration with the YRCS, register IDPs from al-Hodeida and Taiz for the cash distribution project in Dar Saad district in Aden.

In April and May, the Economic Security department assisted 221,158 people (31,594 households) through their different programmes, such as relief assistance, farming and livestock support as well as cash grants in four governorates in the South and five governorates in the North.

RELIEF ASSISTANCE (FOOD AND ESSENTIAL HOUSEHOLD ITEMS)

- In Baqim district, Sa'ada governorate, 350 newly displaced households (2,450 individuals), who had received a food parcel the previous month, were also supported with essential household items. In addition, 3,000 displaced families in Thoaib community, Haydan district, received full food rations containing 60kg of rice, 25kg of beans, 25kg of lentils, 10L of oil, sugar, toma-

to paste, salt and black tea. In addition, and as nutritional prevention, each family received 60 sachets of plumpy sup (supplementary feeding for children under 5 and pregnant and lactating women).

- In al-Hodeida, al-Zuhra district, 15,680 individuals (2,240 HH) who were displaced from Hajjah due to the ongoing fighting during that period, were given one-month food rations with the support and cooperation of the Yemen Red Crescent Society (YRCS).
- In Sana'a, the ICRC supported 73 families affected by floods in Bani al Harith with food and Essential Household Items (EHI) kits. In addition, 149 families in Ma'ain, who were heavily affected by airstrikes, also received food and the most essential household items.
- In Taiz and Lahj governorates, relief distributions reached 38,738 displaced people. In Ash Shamaytayn and al-Maafer 834 and 573 families respectively were targeted and received food rations. In Tuban and al-Hawta, 3,950 households received their second round of food assistance. Moreover, 177 newly displaced families received food parcels for the first time. All distributions in Taiz and Lahj were carried out in cooperation with the YRCS.

FOOD PRODUCTION

- 400 female-headed-households in Lahj and Abyan governorates received their seeds and tools for kitchen gardens after attending a four-day training in March, carried out through the Ministry of Agriculture & Irrigation (MoAI).
- The livestock vaccination campaign in seven districts of Sana'a governorate started at the end of

April and was successfully completed in cooperation with the staff of the Directorate of Animal Health by mid-May. In total, 12,352 households benefited from this free service that vaccinated 330,399 animals (goats, sheep and cattle) against Peste des Petits Ruminants (PPR) known as sheep and goat plague, which is a disease that affects livestock, and Sheepox, while 9,711 animals received additional treatment.

INCOME SUPPORT

- In two locations, Abs district in Hajjah governorate and al-Bureiqia in Aden City, the decision was taken to assist the displaced population with cash grants as there is availability of markets and products and cash allows HHs the freedom of decision-making.
- In al-Bureiqia, the re-registration carried out the previous month reached a total of 2,275 households (15,925 individuals) who received

73,000 YER each to cover their essential needs for a month.

- In Abs, 5,000 displaced families, mainly from Bani Hassan, were registered and consequently received a monthly cash grant of equally 73,000 YER to cover their basic needs. Next round is planned for the month of June.

STRUCTURAL SUPPORT

- The ICRC donated various veterinary items, such as gloves and lab coats, to the Veterinary and Agriculture Training Center, the Central Veterinary Lab and the Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine Institute in Sana'a.
- In addition, ICRC donated 200kg of veterinary items, such as surgical caps, calcium gluconate magnesium, cloprostenol sodium and butaphosphan to the Rusabha Dairy Farm.

WATER, SANITATION & CONSTRUCTION



A child fills his jerrycan from one of the water distribution points of a water project implemented by the ICRC in Akwan area of al-Safra district in the province of Saada.

ICRC's Water and Habitat department continued its needs-based and unbiased support to the Yemeni population.

In Aden Governorate

- In al-Sheikh Othman May 22 Stadium, ICRC supported water chlorination in the existing water tanks to provide the Ethiopian migrants with safe water for drinking. Moreover, ICRC installed 16 latrines to contribute to a healthy environment in the stadium. Also, one tent was installed to support RFL activities. Beneficiaries: 2,700 migrants most of them evacuated from al-Mansoura Stadium.

In al-Jawf Governorate

- In Jawf al-Hazem Hospital (40 beds), ICRC supplied and installed one morgue.

In al-Hodeida Governorate

- In Bajil Rural Hospital (40 beds), ICRC supported in the rehabilitation and maintenance of six bathrooms and five sinks in the surgical room system.
- In Bajil Water and Sanitation Local Corporation, ICRC donated jetting and vacuum trailer to the corporation. Beneficiaries: 125,000 individuals.
- In Zabid Water and Sanitation Local Corporation, ICRC donated jetting and vacuum trailer to the corporation. Beneficiaries: 42,000 individuals.

- **In Hodeida Wastewater Treatment Plant (HWWTP)**, ICRC conducted a clearing of the sewage evacuation system. Beneficiaries: 600,000 individuals.

In Amanat al-Asimah Governorate

- **In Sana'a Wastewater Treatment Plant**, ICRC donated 408 litres of Hydraulic oil to insure sustainable running in the facility. Moreover, ICRC donated one ball bearing, 29,330 E for upper bearing of screw pump, one ball bearing, 22230 cc for upper bearing of screw pump and two seals, for upper bearing of screw, which are all parts of a machine that ensures the facility's continuous work in treating water used for irrigation. Beneficiaries: 1,500,000 individuals.
- **In Sana'a Water and Sanitation Local Corporation**, ICRC donated and installed a 93-kW motor for al-Kadisiya borehole submersible pump. Beneficiaries: 30,000 individuals. Moreover, one motor for M30 borehole submersible pump was donated. ICRC supported the electricity work of testing and commissioning a generator that the ICRC donated last year for two wells; Beneficiaries: 45,000 subscribers.
- **In the High Institute of Health Sciences**, ICRC implemented phase two of the rehabilitation work for the premises (building, electricity, equipment etc.). Beneficiaries: 32 patients per day.
- **In a place of detention**, ICRC supported the construction of a shelter for the borehole generator and protective maintenance of the main generator. Beneficiaries: 2,900 detainees. Moreover, under the cholera response, ICRC donated 243 indoor water filters to mitigate any cholera contamination sources.

In Amran Governorate

- **In Khamir al-Gaser Wa al-Derb village**, ICRC rehabilitated al-Ghader pond (water harvesting pond) to enhance the quantity and the quality of the rainwater harvested. Beneficiaries: 4,129 individuals. Moreover, ICRC donated 80 water silver filters to 80 households.
- **In Khamir Water and Sanitation Local Corporation**, ICRC delivered and installed a150 kVA generator to support a sustainable water

supply. Beneficiaries: 25,000

In Dhamar Governorate

- **In Dhamar General Hospital (300 beds)** ICRC donated a movable sewage jetting pump used to treat blockage of sewage pipes (trailer 3 wheels, tank 800 litres, pressure 150 bar, flow 102 lpm), with its spare parts.

In Hajja Governorate

- **In Hajja Water Supply and Sanitation Local Corporation**, ICRC delivered and installed booster horizontal submersible pumps to increase pressure and ensure water flow.

In Sa'ada Governorate

- **In Sa'ada al-Talh Rural Hospital**, ICRC donated a submersible pump (to pump water out of borehole or a well), fence extension (to increase the security of the hospital), and an iron removal unit (type of filter to remove iron from water) and a vehicle barrier to the hospital.
- **In al-Safra Akwan**, ICRC supported the construction work of a complete water supply system: pumping, tank and network for Akwan Water Supply Project and handed it over to the authority's side. Beneficiaries: 4,500 individuals.

In Sana'a Governorate

- **In al-Haimah al-kharjiah**, al-Sabt Health Center, ICRC donated one indoor water filter and one WATA device (small device that provides chlorine): Beneficiaries: 38 consultations per day.
- **In Arhab al-Hayfa Health Center**, ICRC donated one indoor water filter and WATA device. Beneficiaries: 35 consultations per day.

In Mareb Governorate

- **In al-Jufainah, al-Mael and al-Tadhamon IDP Camps Mareb**, ICRC donated tents to 260 families, who were affected by the heavy rain and their shelters totally damaged. Beneficiaries: 1,560 individuals.

In Lahj Governorate

- **In al-Had, Yafer Region**, ICRC supported the chlorination of 25 water wells for safe drinking water supply in cooperation with LWC. Beneficiaries: approx. 70,000 individuals.

PROTECTION

DETENTION

In April, the ICRC completed two visits to places of detention that begun in March, assessing the conditions of detention through interviews in private with detainees and discussing concerns with the authorities in charge. In May, it conducted one visit to a third place of detention. During the same period, it carried a humanitarian response in a place of detention in Sana'a and one in Hodeida, as well as three other places of detention, benefitting close to 6,000 persons deprived of their liberty. The ICRC's assistance consisted of personal hygiene items and cleaning materials as part of a cholera prevention

campaign or/and response (including 50 cholera kits distributed in Hodeida) and clothes. In addition, work related to upgrading (or cleaning) water and sewage networks was conducted in some of these detention facilities.

PROTECTION OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION (PCP)

The ICRC continued receiving first-hand information from victims or/and eyewitnesses on alleged violations of International Humanitarian Law (IHL) during the conduct of hostilities between warring parties. With a view of ensuring

respect for civilians and civilian essential infrastructure and improving behavior of arm carriers, these allegations of IHL violations were presented to the presumed perpetrators through a confidential and bilateral dialogue. Furthermore, the ICRC has delivered emergency assistance to some of the victims of IHL violations or has referred them to other organizations for support.

RESTORING FAMILY LINKS (RFL)

Within its humanitarian mandate and acting as a neutral intermediary, the ICRC facilitated the transfer of 15 minors – who had been separated from their families because of the ongoing conflict – from Mareb to Sana'a where they were reunited with their families.

The ICRC received information on 25 persons who have been separated from their families due to the current conflict. The fate of 3 sought persons, who went missing due to the conflict, was clarified. The ICRC also assisted families living in Yemen to restore contact with their relatives detained abroad, by facilitating the exchange of 3 Red Cross messages (open letters the ICRC exchanges between family members who are separated due to conflict- detainees and internally displaced- migration and natural disasters). In addition, vulnerable migrants in Yemen were able to restore contact with their families through the exchange of 411 Red Cross messages and 81 Safe and Well messages, as well as the facilitation of phone calls, with the support of the YRCS, for 507 children and women who were detained in May 22 Stadium in Aden. Furthermore, 44 radio tracing forms were collected as part of our restoring family links activities.

FORENSIC ACTIVITIES

As a chair of the sub-committee on dead bodies created during the Amman talks in February



As a neutral intermediary, the ICRC facilitated the transfer of 15 unaccompanied children from Mareb to Sana'a via Say'oun in April 2019 to reunify them with their families.

2019, the ICRC conducted meetings with each party sub-committee's representatives in Seyun and in Aden, supporting them with the implementation of the action plan agreed on in Amman. The ICRC also conducted short training on the documentation of dead bodies for sub-committee representatives in Sana'a.

In relation to its regular activities to support better management of human remains in Yemen, the ICRC conducted management of the dead trainings for members of the Criminal Evidence Department in Sana'a, as well as for the YRCS volunteers and the International Organization for Migration (IOM) representatives in Aden.

The forensic unit facilitated the donation of materials to those responsible for the handling of the deceased in Yemen. In total, over the reporting period, 570 body bags, 720 tags, 1140 tie wraps, 3 autopsy kits, 23 retrieval kits, 10 photo scale kits, 30 aprons and 700 latex gloves were donated.

COMMUNICATION & PROMOTION OF INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW

To highlight the massive humanitarian needs in Yemen and to promote International Humanitarian Law, the ICRC's communication/prevention department implemented the following activities:

- Aired a two-minute radio spot about raising awareness on the ICRC, its mandate and activities in Yemen.
- Gave several TV /radio interviews to regional, local and international media outlets.
- Arranged several photo missions and produced audio-visual materials showcasing the dire humanitarian needs in Yemen. The material was shared on ICRC's global and Yemen-specific social media platforms.

- Supported the Diplomatic Institute at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Sana'a in conducting and IHL seminar to diplomats.
- Carried out 29 presentations about ICRC's work in the country targeting different audiences, including fighters, government officials, community leaders, Islamic circles, people in displacement and vulnerable communities benefitting from relief provision.
- Supported the YRCS branches in 14 governorates across Yemen in carrying out 210 institutional presentations about the fundamental principles of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement.

WEAPON CONTAMINATION (WEC)

In Aden, ICRC carried out a session on Mine Risk Awareness and Safety briefing that targeted 21 staff of the YRCS. This session was within the program of the Management of Dead Bodies training. Safety booklets on weapon contamination (remnants of unexploded ordinances and landmines that create risks for the population) were further distributed to ICRC

sub-delegations. In collaboration and coordination with the Health department, Weapon Contamination (WeC) department donated medical supplies, which included drugs and medical consumables, to YEMAC. These items are fundamental for the provision of initial medical services to demining teams who may get injured during their work

COOPERATION

COOPERATION WITH THE YEMEN RED CRESCENT SOCIETY (YRCS)

The ICRC supported 17 YRCS branches across Yemen. In particular, the ICRC's support allowed the YRCS to

- Provide First Aid and hospital transfer to 586 weapon-wounded.
- Retrieve human remains for 40 persons.
- Provide Mine Risk Education (MRE) session to 10,958 beneficiaries.
- Provide cholera awareness session to 5,089 beneficiaries
- Delivered 7,461 food parcels, 510 non-food items.

ACTIVITIES REPORTED BY THE RED CROSS AND RED CRESCENT MOVEMENT PARTNERS

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE RED CROSS AND RED CRESCENT SOCIETIES (IFRC)

IFRC supported the YRCS to:

- Provide cholera awareness sessions to 8,844 beneficiaries in Raymah governorate.
- Provide hygiene kits (2 jerry cans, 6 soap bars, 2 Chlorex, 100 chlorine tabs, 4 hand gel for disinfection and ORs) to 3,370 HHs in Dhamar and 918 HHs in Amran governorates.
- Provide water trucking to 31 installed water points in Sana'a Capital, Amran, Dhamar, and Hajjah targeting 181,447 (25,921 HHS) IDPs and local community.

DANISH RED CROSS (DRC):

DRC supported the YRCS to:

- Supply medicines to al-Hodeida health facility to distribute to 26,000 beneficiaries.
- Supply medicines to Sana'a health facility to distribute to 50,000 beneficiaries.
- Supply medicines to al-Mahweet health facility to distribute to 10,000 beneficiaries.
- Rehabilitate three health facilities (Aden, Ibb, and al-Mahweet) to receive 49,000 beneficiaries.
- Provide water trucking to 28 installed water tanks in al-Mahweet targeting 18,000 IDPs and

vulnerable people.

QATAR RED CRESCENT SOCIETY (QRCS):

■ QRCS has supported 24 health facilities (hospitals and health centers) through: providing medicines & medical supplies, providing medical tools & equipment, providing incentives, training, referral, health awareness, providing water & fuel and other operational expenses. These health facilities are located in 13 districts within 4 governorates (Taiz, al-Hodeida, Amanat al-Asimah, al-Dhale) as per the following:

- 12 health facilities in 7 districts of Taiz governorate.
- 4 health centers in 2 districts of al-Hodeida governorate.
- 6 health centers in 2 districts of al-Dhale governorate.
- 2 health centers in 2 districts of Amanat al-Asimah in Sana'a governorate.
- These health facilities provided Primary and Emergency Health Care to beneficiaries as per the following:
 - Total number of outpatient consultations is 39,838 patient medical consultations
 - Total number of consultations for communicable diseases including outbreaks is 7,043 cases.
 - Total number of consultations for new hypertensive patient is 12,328 cases.
 - Total number of trauma cases received life support (emergency care) is 2,851 cases.
 - Total number of children under 5 years with severe acute malnutrition (SAM) treated is 56 cases.
 - Total number of children under 1 received Penta3 is 1,031 cases.
 - Total number of beneficiaries of the Reproductive Health care services is 9,539 cases (antenatal care: 5m251; postnatal care: 3,836; C-section: 9, and normal deliveries: 443).
 - Total number of dialysis patients' consultations (kidney failure consultations) is 966 cases.


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