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YEMEN **HUMANITARIAN** **RESPONSE** **SITUATION** **REPORT**



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RECENT DEVELOPMENTS



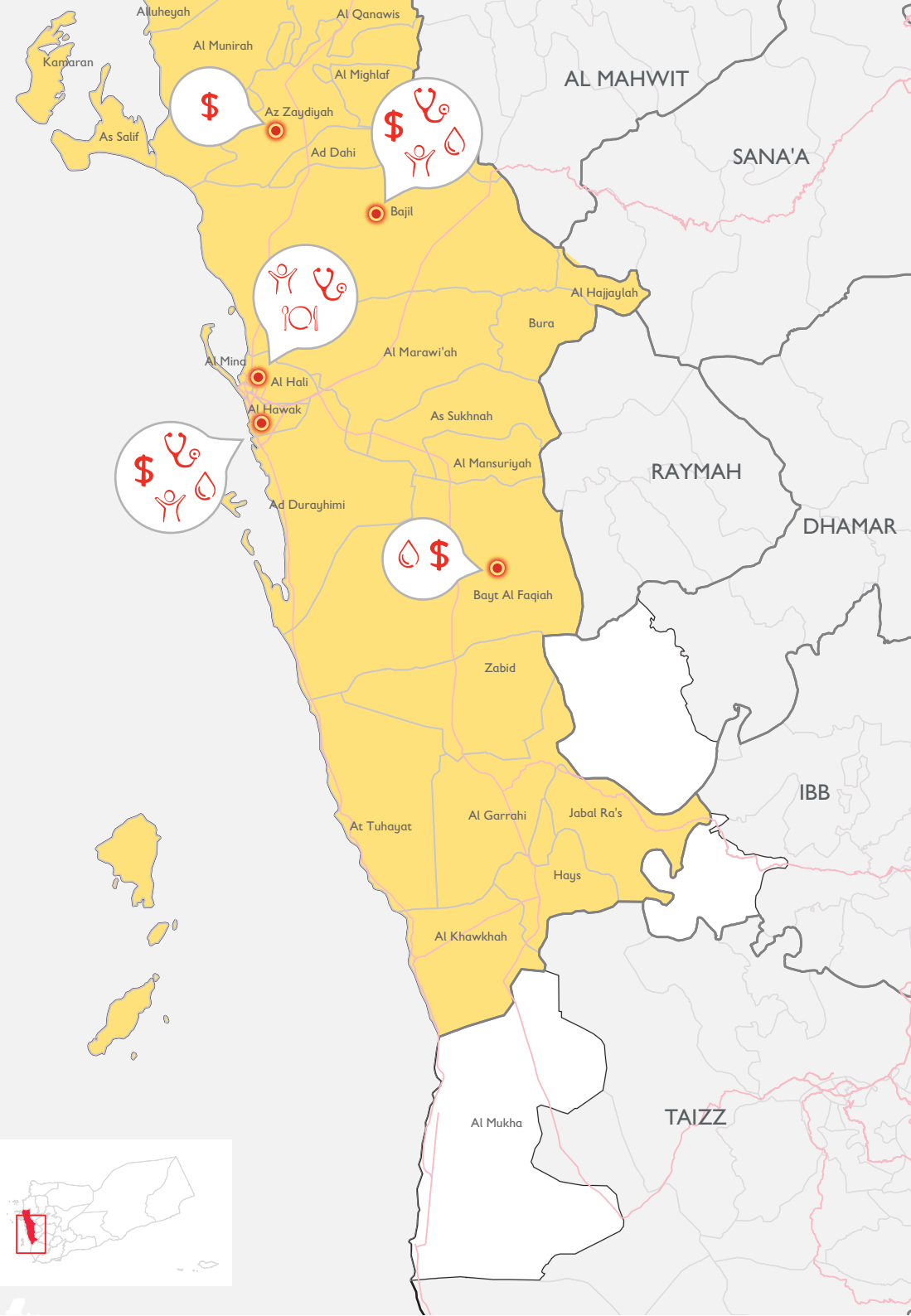
- Diplomatic efforts at the highest level are underway, spearheaded by the UN Special Envoy who is mediating between the parties in an attempt to restart peace negotiations. As part of these negotiations, the UAE set a deadline for the Houthi forces to withdraw from Hudaydah under a negotiated settlement by June 30th, during which time there was a relative lull in the fighting. Since this deadline passed without the Houthis retreating, there has been an escalation in the violence.
- The humanitarian situation inside Hudaydah city is critical with water shortages due to damaged water pipes, shops and money exchange places being only intermittently open and businesses closing down. Food and fuel prices have rapidly increased.
- Airstrikes in Hudaydah governorate and at the southern outskirts of the city continue, with several children being killed or injured over the past week.
- Most of Save the Children's projects in Hudaydah governorate and city remain open and the team is regularly updating on the needs of those projects in the current situation.




RESPONSE MAP IN HUDAYDAH



Since early May, UAE-backed forces have been advancing towards Hudaydah, a port city on Yemen's west coast and a main conduit for commercial and humanitarian aid. On 14th June, anti-Houthi forces launched an attack on Hudaydah city and there has subsequently been violence. Thus far, airstrikes and fighting have largely concentrated on the outskirts of the city and the main roads around the city – the city centre and port area have not been directly targeted. However, armed violence is reported to be slowly reaching residential areas, putting civilians in grave danger.

Despite a reduction of the number of staff on the ground, the majority of Save the Children programmes are still running, and the team in Hudaydah have done a lot of preparedness work in the past weeks to mitigate the impact on children and their families. Around 600 IDP's including children have received cash transfer in Bait Al Faqih district. In addition, the team have distributed medical supplies to Save the Children supported health facilities to ensure they have sufficient supplies for the next three months, increased the number of Community Volunteers in districts where people may be displaced, distributed cash, and are carrying out essential Child Protection activities.

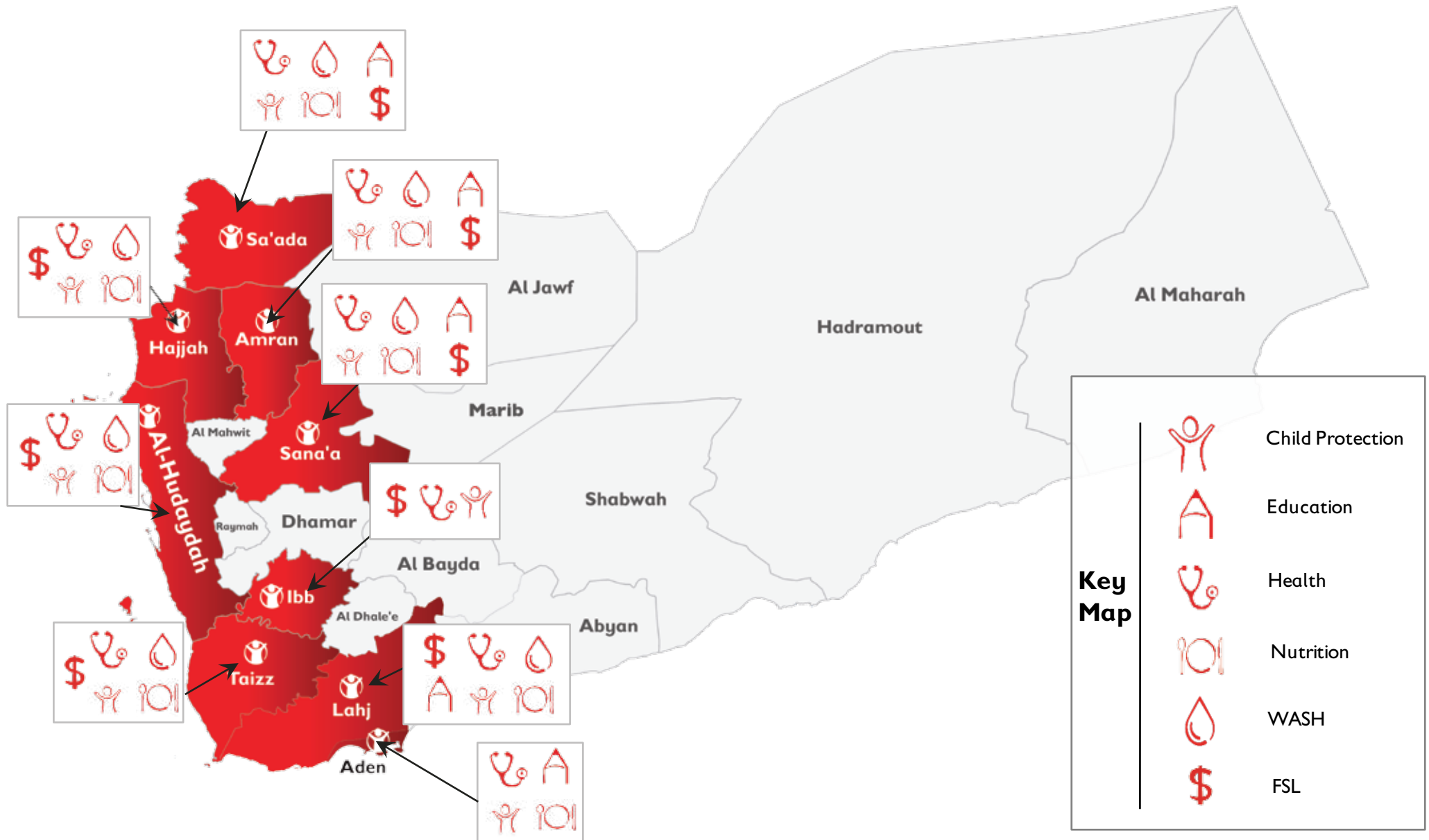


-  HEALTH
-  CHILD PROTECTION
-  NUTRITION
-  WASH
-  FSL/CASH TRANSFER

SAVE THE CHILDREN'S OVERALL RESPONSE

Since March 2015, conflict has spread to 21 of Yemen's 22 governorates, prompting a large scale protection crisis and aggravating an already severe humanitarian situation brought on by years of poverty, poor governance and instability. Today, 22.2 million people are in need of some form of humanitarian assistance. This includes 11.3 million children.

Since the beginning of the response in May 2015, Save the Children has reached more than 3 million people including 1.9 million children.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM SAVE THE CHILDREN'S RESPONSE

OUR REACH
IN 2017

1,527,199
PEOPLE

Including
778,874
CHILDREN

OUR REACH
SINCE
THE BEGINNING
OF THE RESPONSE
(MAY 2015)

3,804,962
PEOPLE

Including
1,909,283
CHILDREN

Overview of the response in May 2018

19,721

CHILDREN WERE CONSULTED
AND TREATED IN SUPPORTED
HEALTH FACILITIES

38,697 people (including
19,721 children) were
consulted and treated
during month of **May 2018**.

3,233

CHILDREN RECEIVED
NUTRITION SERVICES

3,233 children received nutrition
services, including 534 children
admitted for Severe Acute Malnutrition
(SAM) treatment and 1,495 for
Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM)
treatment during month of **May 2018**.

21,660

CHILDREN RECEIVED
FOOD BASKET OR
CASH TRANSFER

In **May**,
34,339 people, including
21,660 children, have
received food baskets or
cash transfers.

19,977

CHILDREN PARTICIPATED
IN WASH SESSIONS

34,729 people,
including 19,977
children, participated
in WASH awareness
sessions during month
of **May 2018**.

7,349

CHILDREN WERE REGISTERED
IN THE CHILD FRIENDLY
SPACES

In **May**, 7,349 new
children were registered
to our Child Friendly
Spaces (CFSs) across the
country and participated
in recreational activities.

97

CHILDREN ATTENDED
MINE RISK EDUCATION
AWARENESS SESSIONS

In **May**, 97 children attended
Mine Risk Education Awareness
sessions.

97

fixed health facilities

The Health Program
covers 9 governorates
targeting 97 fixed health
facilities and 9 mobile
teams.

11.3 MILLION
MILLION CHILDREN IN
NEED OF ASSISTANCE

22.2 MILLION
MILLION PEOPLE IN NEED
OF ASSISTANCE

KEY MESSAGES



- **Save the Children is urgently calling on all warring parties**

- to respect their obligations under IHL and to take all feasible precautions to protect children and their families and civilian infrastructure, such as schools and hospitals, from the impact of hostilities;
- to ensure that civilians can safely escape active areas of conflict;
- to ensure that humanitarian access to civilians, and refrain from depriving civilians of basic necessities such as food, water and medical supplies.

- **Save the Children calls on governments, especially in the UK, the US and France, to pressure the warring parties**

- to stop the fighting and spare the Yemeni people who are trapped in this brutal war;
- to keep Hudaydah's port open and undamaged to facilitate all imports of food, fuel and medicines in order to prevent a further deterioration of the humanitarian situation.

- **Save the Children calls on all international governments, and especially the members of the UN Security Council**

- to publicly condemn the attack on Hudaydah and pressure the warring parties to keep the port open to avert potential death and famine for up to 300,000 children;
- to commit to investigate any potential breaches of IHL that may occur, including the targeting of civilians and attacks on schools, hospitals and other civilian infrastructure;
- to ensure that the perpetrators of violations against IHL are held accountable;
- to stop selling arms to the SELC knowing that these arms might/could or have been used in the past against civilians or civilian infrastructure.



Rana* is a 14 year old girl who was displaced from Sada'a in northern Yemen. She lives with her parents and eight siblings. Rana's father has a limited income and since the conflict he can barely afford to feed his family. The family has a hard life now and can't afford to send the children to school.

"After the bombardment, we fled to our relative's house, and we spent one night there on our way to Sana'a. While we were on the road we heard the bombing all the way to Sana'a," Rana says.

"I hope this war stops. I hope my father can find a job to buy bread for us. I hope that one day I will not have to collect the empty plastic bottles from the garbage. I hope that we will soon have money for my mother to receive medical treatment and for us children to go to school one day.

I hope this war stops."



*Names have been changed to protect identity

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