

ALLOCATION STRATEGY PAPER – 2nd RESERVE ALLOCATION (July 2018)

A. Overview

- The objective of this Reserve Allocation is to support the emergency response in Al Hudaydah and prevent the loss of lives.
- For this Reserve Allocation, the following programmatic responses will be considered:
 - Emergency transportation allowance for displaced persons;
 - Legal assistance (civil documentation) and cash assistance for victims of violations;
 - Assistance in transit sites and IDP sites in and around Al Hudaydah, including site management and coordination;
 - Emergency reproductive health services in Al Hudaydah;
 - Mine action to ensure humanitarian access to Al Hudaydah and affected Governorates from the south;
- Only proposals that are in-line with this strategy and previously coordinated and discussed with the Clusters will be considered. Partners must have the capacity to immediately start the activities as soon as the Grant Agreement is signed which includes pre-financing capacity.
- The Allocation Paper provides strategic and technical direction and a timeline for the allocation process.
- The “Reserve Allocation” modality has been chosen to accelerate the processes considering the needs on the ground.
- The overall envelope for this Reserve Allocation is set at **\$8 million**. Proposals must be submitted by **27 July 2018 by 18h00 Sana’a time**.

B. Allocation Strategy and rationale

a. Situation overview and response

Since the recent escalation of fighting in and around Al Hudaydah governorate in June, more than 41,000 households have left their homes to seek safety and need assistance to survive. More than 32,000 of them have been assisted with food, emergency kits and other life-saving support. Overall, nearly 600,000 inhabitants of Al Hudaydah City and surrounding communities are at risk should the conflict deteriorate further. As fighting continues, the port of Al Hudaydah through which about 70 per cent of Yemen’s imports, including commercial and humanitarian goods, enter the country remains open. Its closure would have catastrophic impact on civilians.

In terms of needs, twenty-five percent of Al Hudaydah children are already suffering from acute malnutrition. As many as 100,000 children could be impacted if supplies are cut or reduced. Al Hudaydah was one of the epicentres of last year’s cholera outbreak. If the water system in just one neighbourhood breaks down, and if nothing can be done to immediately address the situation, cholera could spread with lightning speed.

Emergency assistance in Al Hudaydah is being distributed through service points and transit sites. In addition, partners have pre-positioned food, emergency kits, fuel and medicine and surgical teams have been deployed.

C. YHF Strategic Priorities and Activities

Based on the current situation assessment, within the overall framework of the Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP), and the YHF objective to fund priority humanitarian needs, a second Reserve Allocation is being launched to support increasing life-saving needs in Al Hudaydah. This allocation will only be opened to grant applications from operational partners already present and involved in the Al Hudaydah response and who have the capacity of providing the following six services:

1. Emergency transportation allowance for displaced persons

Tens of thousands of civilians are reportedly stranded in areas of heavy fighting without access to humanitarian assistance. The protection cluster will support the National Authority for the Management and Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (NAMCHA) to provide a one-time cash assistance to facilitate the safe relocation of highly at-risk populations. The objective of this intervention is to support 100,000 households from frontline villages (identified as the most affected ones by the government) with a one-time cash assistance in the amount of YER

10,000 (USD 20) per household, to enable the safe relocation of the families. The proposed cash assistance will prevent mass casualties and will be essential in saving the lives of populations in frontline areas. NAMCHA will define the districts /villages needs to be relocated from the frontlines in Hodeida. Representative of financial institution together with representative of NAMCHA and UNDP field officers will travel to the identified village and disburse cash at the spot.

2. Legal assistance (civil documentation) and cash assistance for victims of violations

- **Protection Cash:** Emergency Cash Assistance for victims of airstrikes, shelling, arms fire and landmines (including surviving dependent family members), with household visit for referrals for follow-up services.
- **Civil Documentation:** Legal assistance for IDPs to obtain civil documentation and support for civil registration authorities in Al Hudaydah.

3. Assistance in transit sites and IDP sites in and around Al Hudaydah, including site management and coordination.

The RRM strategy for emergency assistance at newly established Transit Sites has brought into focus the need for Site Management and Coordination support at these sites to ensure an efficient process and to assist IDPs in safety and dignity. IDP families who do not have other shelter options are transported and accommodated in pre-identified IDP Hosting Sites (Schools). To improve the speed and flexibility of response, Site Management and Coordination Support mobile teams will be established to provide emergency management support to the newly identified IDP hosting Sites in collaboration with NAMCHA. These mobile teams will ensure that gaps in assistance are highlighted and addressed through an 'integrated response' with other Clusters.

4. Strengthening reproductive health services to prevent escalation of maternal and new-born mortality and morbidity through implementation of the Minimum Initial Service Package for reproductive health.

Health partners estimate that 31,000 women among the Al Hudaydah population are likely to be pregnant women (10,000 among the displaced population) in the coming months. It is important to ensure access to emergency lifesaving reproductive health care for these women who may otherwise suffer pregnancy and/or childbirth complications. Interventions will include:

- Provision of emergency reproductive health kits;
- Supporting Health Facilities serving IDPs and host populations with reproductive health personnel to provide lifesaving reproductive health care including emergency obstetric care services;

5. Mine action

The National Mine Action Center/Yemen Executive Mine Action Centre (YEMAC) will be supported to ensure safe humanitarian access from the southern flanks to Al Hudaydah. YEMAC will be assisted to re-structure where required and be technically competent to conduct efficient and effective physical operations to reduce the impact of explosive remnants of war and mines on people and communities as well as humanitarian actors.

This Reserve Allocation will be complemented by a YHF Standard Allocation in July 2018, targeting the first-line response of the re-prioritised HRP 2018.

D. Priority locations

This YHF Reserve Allocation will focus on governorates affected by the Al Hudaydah crisis and where the population is most at risk.

E. Prioritization of Projects and Eligibility

Projects that are submitted within the deadline of 27 July 2018 will be reviewed by the Clusters and OCHA's Humanitarian Financing Unit (HFU) using a simplified scorecard and through a combined strategic and technical review committee.

YHF eligible partners must align their project proposals with the priorities outlined in this allocation strategy and the technical recommendations provided by the Clusters. YHF partners will have to report on a regular basis to the Clusters and actively participate in the coordination mechanisms in Sana'a and at field level.

Projects should have received prior endorsement by the Cluster.

Project duration should be 6 months maximum.

F. Timeline and Procedures

This YHF Reserve Allocation Strategy is published by the HC on 23 July 2018. From this day, **eligible humanitarian organisations have until 27 July 2018 (18:00 Sana'a time) to submit project proposals** through the YHF online Grants Management System (GMS), accessible at <https://cbpf.unocha.org/>.

Key Date	Phase	Step	What	Who
23 July	Preparation	Allocation Strategy endorsed	Allocation Strategy	HC, AB
24 July		Launch of Allocation in the GMS	Allocation open	OCHA
27 June	Proposal Development and Review	Proposal submission deadline	Proposals	Partners
29 July		Strategic and Technical review	Technical review of projects; feedback to partners	Technical Review Committee, OCHA
1 August		Cluster defense to the Advisory Board	Cluster defense	Cluster, AB
1 – 5 Aug		Proposal revision and adjustments	Partners address feedback, OCHA final clearance	Partners, OCHA
From 5 Aug	Approval	Grant Agreement (GA) preparation, HC and Partners signatures	GA prepared/start date agreed with Partners, HC approved project, Partners signs / start of eligibility	OCHA
From 6 August	Disbursement	Grant Agreement final clearance and first disbursement	GA cleared and signed	OCHA

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H. Complaints Mechanism

YHF stakeholders with insufficiently addressed concerns or complaints regarding YHF processes or decisions can at any point in time contact the OCHA Head of Office or write to yemenhpfcomplaints@un.org with these concerns. Complaints will be compiled, reviewed and raised with the HC, who will then take a decision on necessary action(s). The HC will share with the Advisory Board any such concerns or complaints and actions taken thereof.

Annex 1: Budget preparation guidelines