

## Yemen - Humanitarian Pooled Fund (HPF) Strategy Paper - 2016 First Reserve Allocation



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### ALLOCATION STRATEGY PAPER – FIRST RESERVE ALLOCATION (October 2016)

**DEADLINE for submissions of proposals: Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2016 at 18PM Amman & Sana'a time**  
**Only projects that have already been coordinated and discussed with the WASH and Health clusters and endorsed by the HC will be considered.**

#### A. Background to the Allocation Strategy

As of 18<sup>th</sup> October, 18 laboratory cholera cases have been confirmed together with 340 suspected cases of Acute Watery Diarrhoea (AWD) in Taizz, Al-Hudaydah, Aden, Al Bayda, Lahj, and Sana'a Governorates. The outbreak of cholera and AWD was first reported on 6<sup>th</sup> October, leading to the immediate activation of a dedicated Working Group tasked with developing a plan and coordinating the response.

Cholera is an acute intestinal infection caused by ingestion of food or water contaminated with the bacterium *Vibrio Cholerae*. It can quickly lead to severe dehydration and death if treatment is not promptly given. The outbreak poses a significant threat given the drastic deterioration of the health care infrastructure with only 45 per cent of health facilities currently functional. The national health system's capacity to respond to the cholera outbreak has been severely compromised by the continuing decline in performance due to conflict. The situation is also further exacerbated by the inadequate sanitary conditions - especially in the cities, with uncollected garbage playing a role in the spread of cholera - and the fact that two-thirds of Yemen's population does not have access to clean water supply.

The Ministry of Public Health and Population and Ministry of Water in partnership with WHO, UNICEF, health and WASH partners are mobilizing a rapid WASH and health response, including a public outreach campaign. An Integrated Cholera Response Plan that encompasses comprehensive health, WASH and communication interventions was developed and endorsed on October 10<sup>th</sup>. The plan identifies that US\$22.35 million is required to scale up response in areas where confirmed cases have been reported and other high risk areas.

#### B. Broad Objectives of the Allocation Strategy

Given the overall situation in Yemen, containing the outbreak at an early stage is critical to avoid the spread of the disease. Within the overall framework of the Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP)<sup>1</sup> and more specifically the Cholera Response Plan, the Humanitarian Coordinator has therefore decided to launch the First Reserve Allocation 2016. The allocation will be open to grant applications from pre-selected **NGOs only** for an amount of **US\$2 million**. The most impacted governorates so far will be prioritised under this allocation: Sana'a, Taizz, Al Bayda, Aden, Lahj and Al Hudaydah. The US\$2 million from the Yemen Humanitarian Pooled Fund (HPF) will complement an allocation of US\$2 million approved on the 19<sup>th</sup> October from the CERF in support of the cholera response through UN agencies.

The response strategy is aligned to the main objective of the Cholera Response Plan developed by the health and WASH clusters together with the health authorities. The main objective is to provide the local authorities with support to respond to the AWD and cholera outbreak with three strategic objectives including: 1) supporting treatment/case management, 2) surveillance and laboratory services, and 3) prevention. The initial period for the response is estimated to be three months.

#### C. Timeline and Procedures

This HPF Allocation Strategy is published by the HC on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2016. From this day, **eligible humanitarian organisations with projects already endorsed by the HC have 3 working days, i.e. until Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2016 (18PM), to submit project proposals** through the HPF online Grants Management System (GMS), available at <https://cbpf.unocha.org/>

<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October</b>	The HC publishes the First Reserve Allocation 2016 strategy paper
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<sup>1</sup> [http://reliefweb.int/sites/reliefweb.int/files/resources/YHRP\\_2016\\_Revision\\_FINAL\\_30%20August%202016.pdf](http://reliefweb.int/sites/reliefweb.int/files/resources/YHRP_2016_Revision_FINAL_30%20August%202016.pdf)

<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Deadline for selected organisations to submit project proposals through the OCHA online database (GMS)
<b>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Proposals submitted are reviewed by the respective cluster lead and the Humanitarian Financing Unit and comments are provided back to partners.
<b>26-27<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Proposals are finalised. HC provides final endorsement.</b>
<b>30-31<sup>st</sup> October</b>	Grant agreements are signed
<b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November</b>	Disbursement process begins

In view of the emergency nature of this allocation and in the interest of ensuring a timely response, no strategic review committees will be set up. Proposals received will be exclusively reviewed by the OCHA Humanitarian Financing Unit (HFU) and cluster coordinators.

#### **D. Contact Information**

Selected organisations should liaise with the respective clusters to ensure their proposed intervention is aligned to the Cholera Response Plan and properly coordinated with other stakeholders:

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#### **E. Complaints Mechanism**

HPF stakeholders with insufficiently addressed concerns or complaints regarding Yemen HPF processes or decisions can at any point in time contact the OCHA Head of Office or write to [yemenhpfcomplaints@un.org](mailto: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.