I am Valerie Amos, Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator. I am joined by my colleague Ertharin Cousin, who is the Executive Director of the World Food Programme.

We are in Yemen to draw attention to the complex set of challenges facing the country and to make the case with the international community for continued support and funding for people who are suffering the consequences of extreme poverty, volatile food and commodity prices, high levels of malnutrition, unemployment, violence and insecurity, displacement, and inadequate access to basic services including health care.

We have just returned from northern Yemen where we met displaced families in Al Mazraaq camp as well as migrants from the Horn of Africa at a centre in Haradh. We met humanitarian colleagues and Yemeni officials who are all playing a critical role in providing humanitarian assistance to those in need.

It is a situation that can only be resolved through sustained long-term efforts focused on recovery and development. The basic needs of millions of the most vulnerable people must be met to ensure a successful and sustainable transition in Yemen.

Ms. Ertharin Cousin will talk about the United Nations response, more about what we saw today and our efforts to move from relief to development.

**Closing Remarks**

People of Yemen want peace, stability and security.

They want what millions around the world already have. They want to have work, they want to educate their children, they want to be able to support their families, they want to have healthcare when they need it. Our role is to support the people of Yemen.