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Report of Health Needs Assessment

Marib Wadi District of Marib

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1. Background

Yemeni people are approaching the tenth year of conflict and the already fragile health system is still in need. Over 21.6 million people are in need. More than 20M people need health assistance, including 13M with acute needs (United Nations OCHA, HNO, Dec. 2022). Nowadays, Yemen is facing dramatic deterioration in public health and increasing attacks of disease outbreaks such as cholera and measles. From 01 January to 31 August 2023, the Executive Unit for internal displaced persons (IDPs) monitored 5,690 households (31,424 individuals) who were displaced from 20 different governorates and they were distributed among 10 governorates.

The health situation in **Marib Wadi** district of **Marib** governorate is acutely in need. People in this district are markedly vulnerable due to the high GAM rate: 13.3%, large numbers of people in need (PiN): 37.2K PLW & 31K U5 children (Nutrition Cluster), and huge numbers of IDPs: 129,239 (Yemen PiN 2023). In addition, the peak of AWD/Cholera wave in week 42 reached 54 cases with attack rate of 27.10 (eIDEWS).

The purpose of this needs assessment is to explore the health needs of the IDPs and the host communities in **Marib Wadi** district (Table 1).

2. Method

The data collected by HUMAN ACCESS health coordinator at the governorate level through interviews with key informants from each targeted district health officer (DHO) in coordination with governorate health officer (GHO) and sub-national health clusters (SNHCs). The tool used in data collection was the Health Cluster's tool of Health Needs Assessment.

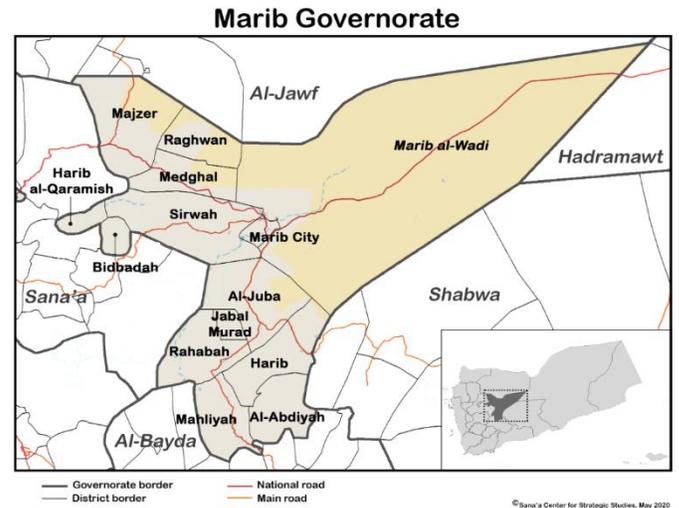


Figure 1: Marib Wadi district of Marib governorate.



Figure 2: Al Sumaya' IDP Camp in Al Noqai'a' sub-district, Marib (wadi), Marib. Source: HUMAN ACCESS, Sep.2023.

Table 1: The targeted areas by this assessment.

Governorate	District	Sub-District	Villages	IDP sites
Marib	Marib (Wadi)	Al Shabwan		
		Al Rashed Monif		
		Al Jalal		
		Al Fujaih		
		Al Gaza'a		
		Al Mesh'al		
Total		6	104	129

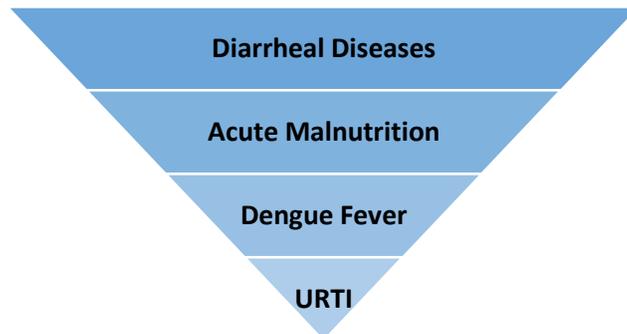


Figure 3: The most common diseases in the district. (URTI: Upper Respiratory Tract Infection)

3. Findings

- In this district, there is a large number of IDP sites (129) distributed among 6 sub-districts with total population 282,037 individuals.
- The district topographic characteristic is desert and valley. The roads condition is 4-wheel access in majority or paved in some areas.
- There is no piped water nor piped sewer system. The main sources of water are wells and rainwater collection. However, the public electricity is available.
- The most common diseases are Diarrheal Diseases including Acute Water Diarrhea (AWD), Acute Malnutrition, Dengue Fever, and Upper Respiratory Tract Infection (URTI).
- There are 2 General Hospitals (GH), 2 District Hospitals (DHs), 4 Health Centers (HCs), and 19 Health Units (HUs).
- The assessment finds that the capacity enhancement for Health Care Workers (HCWs) is provided by non-governmental organizations (NGOs).
- The most important constraints noted in this district are the shortage of HCWs, hard-to-reach areas, and the lack of fund for operational costs and supplies.

Table 2: Number and type of public health facilities (HFs) at the district level according to the providing service.

#	Governorate	District	General hospital (GH)	District hospital (DH)	Maternal & Child Health (MCH)	Health Center (HC)	Health Unit (HU)
1.	Marib	Marib (Wadi)	2	2		4	19
	Total		2	2		4	19

4. Recommendations

- Refresh training for HCWs on Case Management, Outbreak Combat, and Infection Prevention & Control (IPC) to contribute in strengthening health system.
- Provide operational support for the HFs, essential medicines, and supplies including IPC/PPE materials to enhance health system in response to outbreaks
- Pay allowances for HCWs and ensure providing quality health care services covering the huge demand in the district that receiving huge numbers of IDPs.
- Enhance the resilience among the local community and IDPs in Marib through conducting capacity and skill development for women and men community health volunteers to lead a social behavior change and promote health and hygiene between their people and communities.

5. Appendices

- Data Collection tool: Health Needs Assessment Tool of National Health Cluster (NHC).
- Marib Sub-National Health Cluster matrix -2023 updated (SNHC).
- Coordination letter of GHO.

6. Data Availability

- eIDEWS: [Microsoft Power BI](#)
- Nutrition Cluster HNO, HRP Dashboard: [Microsoft Power BI](#)
- Data available on request from HUMAN ACCESS

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