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Yemen Red Crescent Society

For nearly six decades, the Yemen Red Crescent Society (YRCS) has been providing humanitarian assistance across the country, in accordance with the Yemeni Constitution, the Geneva Conventions, and the seven Fundamental Principles of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement: humanity, impartiality, neutrality, independence, voluntary service, unity, and universality.

Through its extensive national network of branches and volunteers, YRCS serves as one of the primary first responders to armed conflicts, natural disasters, and public health emergencies. YRCS delivers timely, life-saving humanitarian services with a particular focus on the most vulnerable and at-risk communities across Yemen.

OUR PRINCIPLES



Humanity



Impartiality



Neutrality



Independence



Voluntary
Service



Unity



Universality

OUR VISION



To be a leading humanitarian organization ready to meet challenges and able to deliver humanitarian services quickly to prevent and alleviate human suffering and to raise the dignity of the most vulnerable.

OUR MISSION



The commitment to alleviating human suffering, protecting human life and dignity, and responding to emergencies.

1

Foster a vibrant and well-functioning National Society that supports sustainable systems, policies, and procedures for the efficient delivery of services, enabling impactful and relevant humanitarian action aligned with YRCS's vision and mission.

2

Improve and strengthen the resilience of communities and a sustainable humanitarian response.

3

Design health programs that deliver appropriate, life-saving interventions aligned with identified needs, including effective and timely emergency preparedness.

5

Protect the dignity of conflict- and emergency-affected communities, while strengthening YRCS's protection mechanisms and reinforcing its role as a trusted partner in delivering humanitarian services to vulnerable populations.

4

Enhance operational capacity for the safe and sustainable delivery of water, sanitation and hygiene services, thereby improving the health, dignity, and well-being of communities.

OUR STRATEGIC PRIORITIES



INTRODUCTION

In 2025, Yemen faced complex humanitarian challenges driven by years of conflict, compounded by economic, environmental, and health crises that directly affected millions of lives. In this volatile context, YRCS maintained its humanitarian role in line with its 2022–2026 strategic plan, focusing on strengthening resilience, expanding essential services, and enabling vulnerable groups to access life-saving assistance.

Throughout the year, intense air strikes targeted critical civilian infrastructure, including Sana'a International Airport, seaports, residential areas, and key facilities. These attacks further damaged infrastructure, disrupted humanitarian operations and essential supply chains, and worsened the already fragile socio-economic situation.

Yemen's heavy reliance on imports for food and medicine supplies meant that these disruptions worsened living conditions for millions, contributing to increased hunger, malnutrition, and the spread of preventable diseases.

Simultaneously, the country faced recurrent cholera, dengue fever, and malaria outbreaks, exacerbated by weak sanitation infrastructure, unsafe water sources, and the near collapse of the health system. These conditions placed additional pressure on vulnerable groups, particularly children, the elderly, and displaced populations.

The impact of climate-related risks was significant, with extreme weather events becoming more frequent. Heavy seasonal rains in July and August caused flash

floods across several governorates, destroying homes, displacing thousands of families, damaging agricultural lands, and disrupting livelihoods. In response, YRCS and partners activated anticipatory measures such as early warning systems, pre-positioning of relief supplies, and supporting communities' preparedness based on risk assessments.

Despite the challenges, YRCS expanded its interventions in health, relief, water and sanitation, and disaster response. Leveraging its national capacity, volunteer network, and partners' support, YRCS reached millions of people and provided essential humanitarian services throughout the year, reaffirming its commitment to achieving its strategic goals and vision.

YRCS emphasizes that continued national and international support remains essential to strengthen resilience, improve humanitarian response, and ensure the sustainability of the services provided to the most vulnerable groups.

In 2025, in collaboration with partners and local authorities, YRCS assisted around 3.9 million people despite the financial and logistical challenges, including insufficient funding for projects and urgent humanitarian interventions.



**Our services
reached
3,906,006**
beneficiaries



Healthcare

2,289,155

beneficiaries



Disaster and Crisis Management

916,934

beneficiaries



Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

581,574

beneficiaries



Protection

108,946

beneficiaries



National Society Development

5,937

beneficiaries



Communications

3,460

direct beneficiaries

57,740

indirect beneficiaries

DISASTER AND CRISIS MANAGEMENT



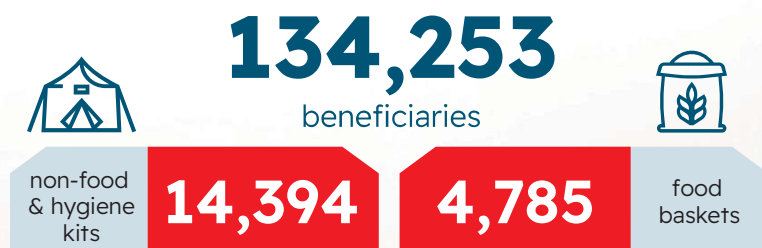
YRCS strengthened preparedness, provided rapid response, and built the capacity of local communities to respond effectively and efficiently to disasters and crises.



Emergency Response

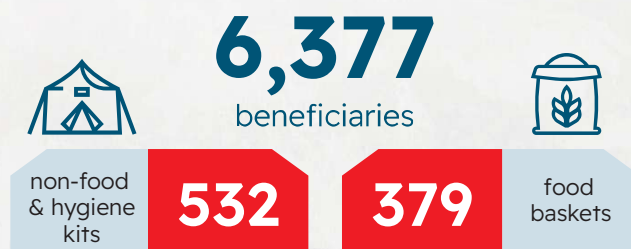
Floods

Food baskets, non-food items, and hygiene kits were distributed in 19 governorates.



Air strikes

Rapid response teams carried out urgent interventions following the air strikes that targeted 5 governorates.



Other natural disasters



Fires

Food baskets, non-food items, and hygiene kits were distributed to beneficiaries in 17 governorates.

2,107

beneficiaries

170

non-food
& hygiene
kits

131

food
baskets



Thunderstorms

Food baskets, non-food items, and hygiene kits were distributed to beneficiaries in 7 governorates.

532

beneficiaries

47

non-food
& hygiene
kits

29

food
baskets



103

injuries



deaths

83



Rockslides

Food baskets, non-food items, and hygiene kits were distributed to beneficiaries in 3 governorates.

462

beneficiaries

33

non-food
& hygiene
kits

33

food
baskets





Assistance to Vulnerable Households

Food baskets, non-food items, and hygiene kits were distributed to beneficiaries in 14 governorates.



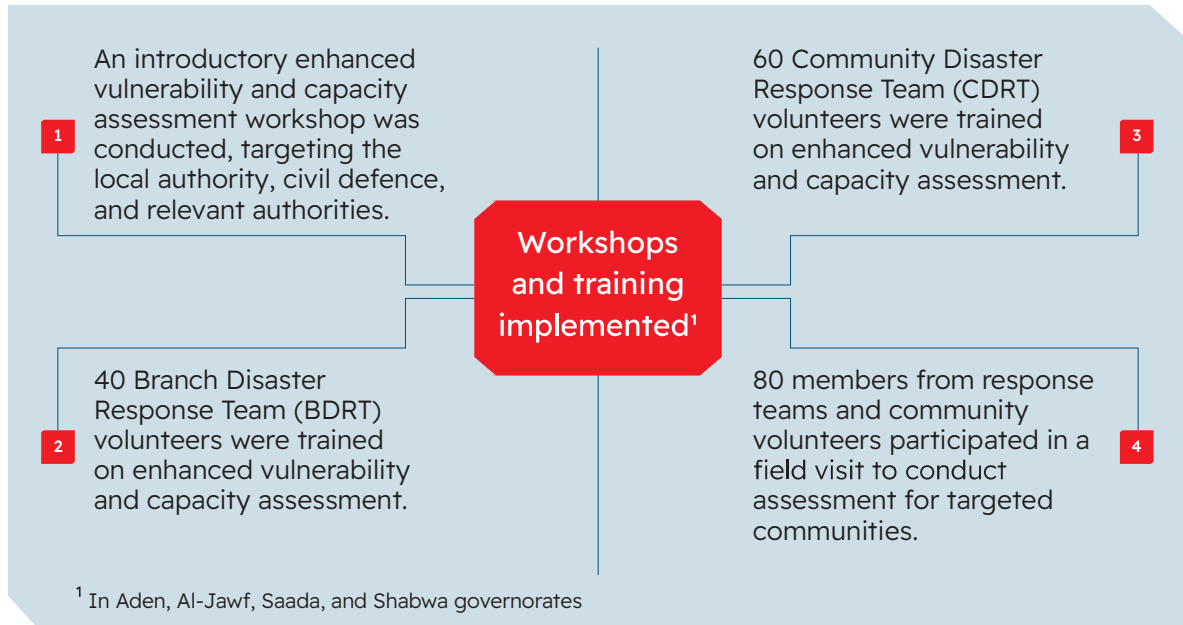
31,752
beneficiaries

4,394

food
baskets



Enhanced Vulnerability and Capacity Assessment Programme



Risk reduction projects

- ▶ Construction of sand barriers for flood and rain protection, with solar-powered lighting and stone channels for rainwater drainage in internally displaced people (IDP) sites in Arhab district.
- ▶ Backfilling of pathways and construction of flood protection barriers, with solar-powered lighting in 5 IDP sites in Dhamar governorate.



- ▶ Construction of 500 semi-permanent shelter units for IDPs in Hajjah and Hodeida governorates.
- ▶ Installation of 6 rainfall stations in Hajjah governorate.



Early and anticipatory action

Implementation of a pilot anticipatory action project through simplified early action protocols in Hajjah governorate, in Al-Mashta and Al-Methaq IDP camps:

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| ▶ Water and sanitation networks, as well as drainage channels, were cleaned. | ▶ Stone and soil flood barriers were constructed. |
| ▶ 45 hygiene kits were distributed. | ▶ 700 families were provided with cash |
| ▶ 45 people were provided with cash-for-work assistance. | ▶ 45 first aid kits and early warning equipment were distributed. |
| ▶ Field awareness sessions were conducted and awareness-raising materials on the risks of floods and thunderstorms were distributed. | ▶ 45 affected families were provided with shelter maintenance materials. |



Economic Security and Livelihoods

Disasters and crises cause significant losses to food security and livelihoods, undermining communities' ability to recover from and cope with future shocks and stresses. In response, YRCS works to mitigate the impact of these crises on households through the implementation of a range of targeted projects.

Livelihood improvement projects

280,665

beneficiaries

40,095

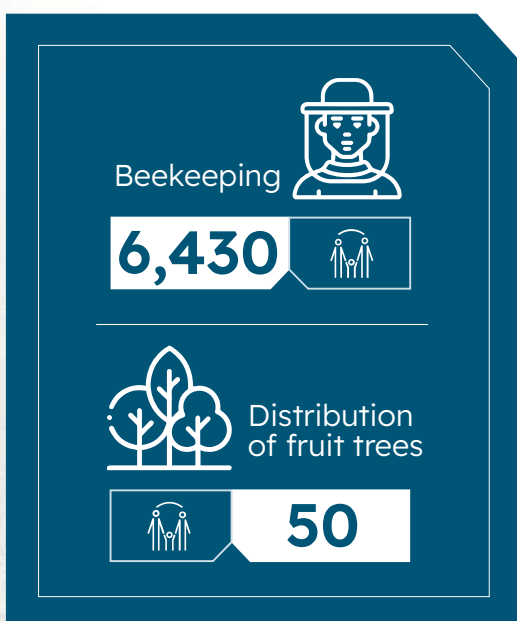
families

13

governorates



Economic empowerment projects



Households

Distribution of seeds

200

Tomato seeds

250

Wheat seeds

200

Potato tubers

Distribution of seedlings

Households

Coffee seedlings

1,190

Fig seedlings

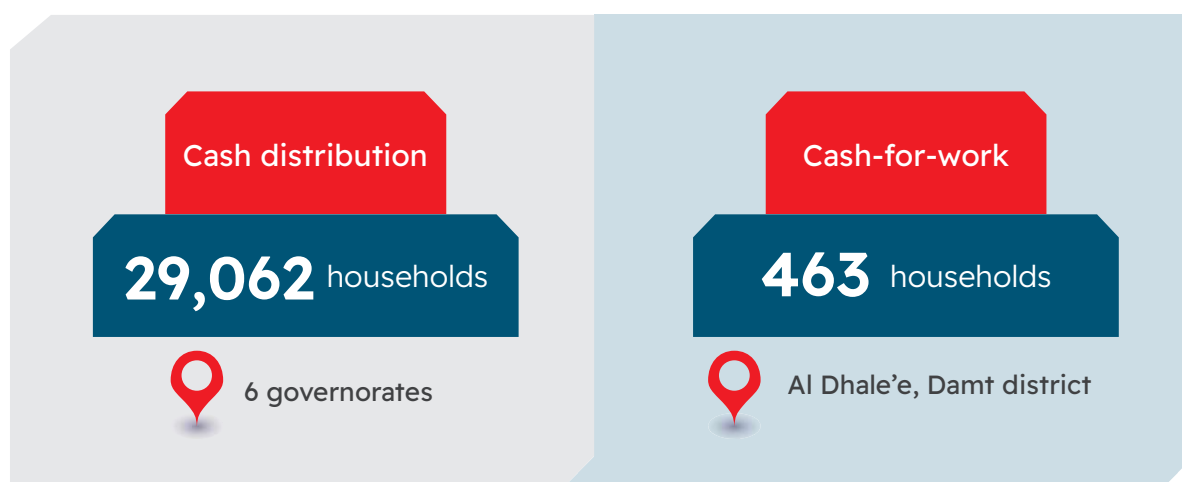
50

Red Rose seedlings

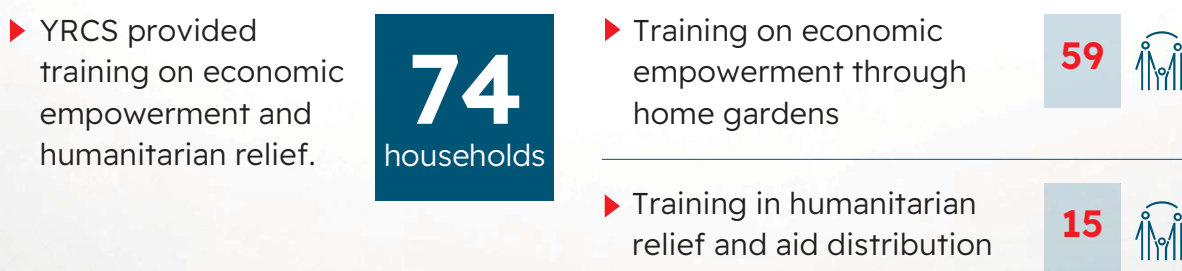
1,512

Projects	 Households	Projects	 Households
Home gardens	113	24 fishing boats	340
Irrigation canal construction	51	Sewing	110

Cash assistance

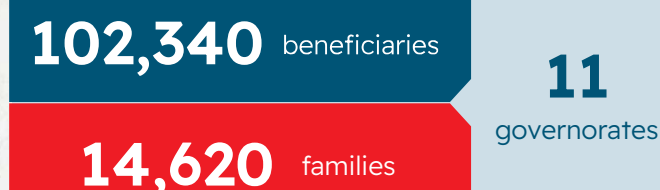


Capacity building



Response to economic security (food baskets)

As part of the Economic Security Project, food baskets were distributed in 11 governorates.





Disaster Preparedness and Capacity Building

YRCS builds and establishes emergency response teams, through disaster management, at the national, branch, and community levels.

Branch disaster response teams

- ▶ 200 volunteers from YRCS branches were trained.

200

volunteers



6

governorates

Community disaster response teams

- ▶ 160 volunteers and participants from the local community and civil defence were trained.

160

volunteers



5

governorates

Search, rescue and emergency evacuation

- ▶ 100 volunteers from YRCS, Civil Defence, the two branches of Amanat Al Asimah and Sana'a governorate, and members of the local community.

100

volunteers



1

training course

Preparedness for effective response

Improving and implementing standardized operational procedures for disasters and crises response at the level of YRCS and other Red Cross and Red Crescent National Societies.

- ▶ 60 volunteers from YRCS Branch Disaster Response Teams were trained.

60

volunteers



3

governorates



Cash and Voucher Assistance Project

- ▶ Cash assistance was distributed.

9 governorates



43,050

beneficiaries



6,150

households



- ▶ Cash-for-work assistance was distributed as part of the anticipatory action activity.

45 people

Hajjah governorate



Health vouchers

This activity includes the provision of health vouchers, as well as cash assistance, to improve access to health services for the most vulnerable families. A total of 649 people benefited from these vouchers for a range of surgical procedures.

30



13



Training on the tools for implementing cash and voucher assistance programmes.

10



Hajjah



Training on cash assistance for anticipatory action.

48



23



Training on cash-for-support services.



PROTECTION



YRCS safeguards the dignity of individuals during disasters, with a particular focus on documenting and tracing human remains in line with humanitarian principles.

Volunteers contributed to the provision of services in the following areas:



Restoring family links and tracing missing persons



Management of dead bodies



Mine risk awareness



Community centres

✓ | Restoring Family Links and Tracing Missing Persons

YRCS volunteers contributed to the implementation of a range of activities, such as conducting awareness sessions; registering missing persons; facilitating family calls, contacts, and messages; and handling allegations of arrest.

22,073



beneficiaries

**747**

bodies recovered

**103**

missing people

**75**family
connections**10**family messages
sent and received**6**allegations of
arrest
processed

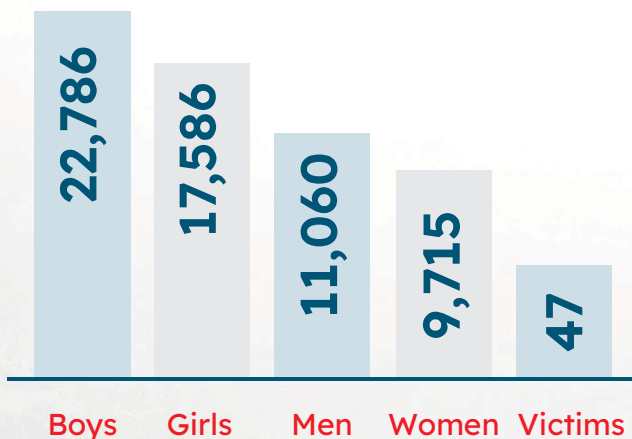
Training on restoring family links and dead body management was conducted for YRCS headquarters and branches.

26
volunteers**10**
branches**16,611**
beneficiariesAwareness
sessions

Hotline calls

4,521
beneficiaries**Mine Risk Education**

Organizing intensive awareness sessions in conflict zones or surrounding areas to reduce injuries and deaths caused by landmines and other unexploded ordnance.

**3,371**
sessions**61,147**
beneficiaries**35** volunteers**19** YRCS branches

- An advanced refresher training was conducted for war awareness officers on mines, cluster munitions, and explosive remnants of war, under the supervision and training of the Yemen Executive Mine Action Centre (YEMAC).



Protection and shelter projects for IDPs

With support from the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), the IDP Community Centre was established to provide psychosocial and legal services to IDPs and host communities, conduct emergency case assessments, and deliver cash assistance and winter kits.

3,405
households

23,836
beneficiaries



12,444 beneficiaries

Complaints mechanism alerts,
including feedback, and inquiries

1,734 beneficiaries

Emergency case assessment

6,056 beneficiaries

Cash assistance

1,086 beneficiaries

Legal consultations

2,245 beneficiaries

Winter kits

Community
centre activities

271 beneficiaries

Emergency cash

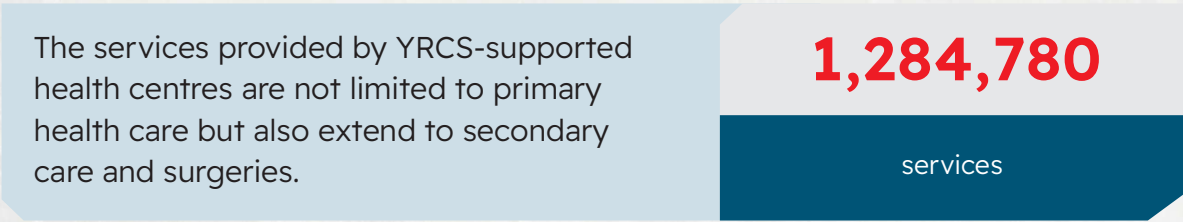


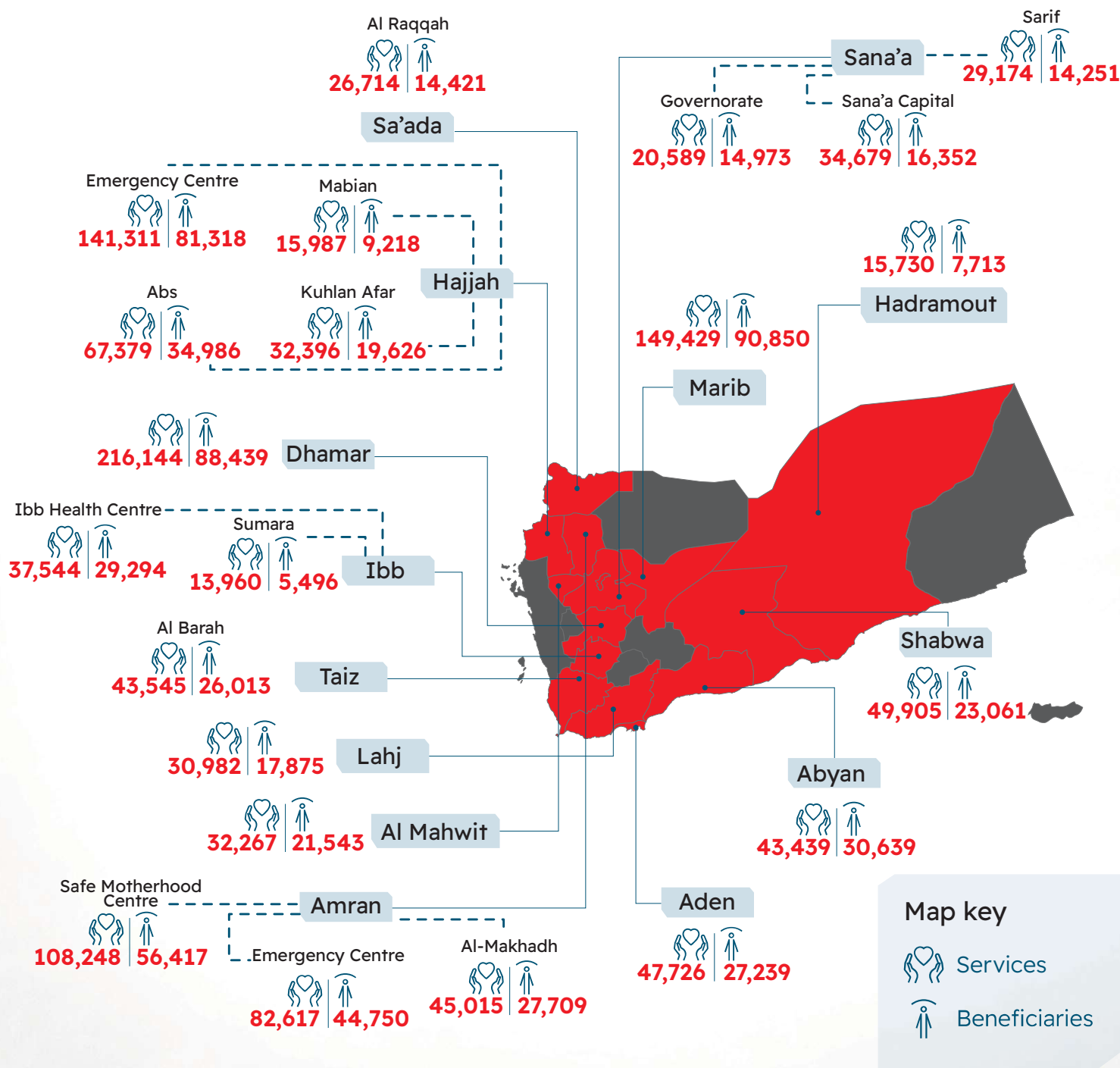
HEALTHCARE



Health Centre Services

YRCS provided health services across multiple governorates through its own facilities and by supporting government health centres whose capacity has been strained by the ongoing situation. These centres deliver both preventive and curative health care services.





Support to health authorities and facilities





Field hospital and mobile clinics

The mobile clinics participated in providing medical services at community events, including medical consultations and treatments, and conducting necessary basic examinations for patients.



The mobile clinics provided

116,415 services

66,169 beneficiaries

Support to health authorities and facilities



16,377
beneficiaries

- Donating medicines and medical supplies



13,400
beneficiaries

- Providing personal protective equipment

- A Mass Casualty Incident Management (MCIM) training was conducted for first responders from YRCS and other relevant stakeholders operating during armed conflicts and air strikes. The training was carried out with the participation of YRCS, Civil Defence, and several hospitals and related entities, involving a total of 97 trainees.





Referral system

Ambulances Facilitated the referral of sick and injured individuals to hospitals.

88



17 sessions

5,452 beneficiaries

- ▶ Ambulances in Sa'ada governorate referred 69 cases of acute watery diarrhoea to health facilities.

First aid training

5,275 participants **17** governorates

- ▶ Training for local communities.

126 participants

- ▶ Training of YRCS volunteers.

First aid manuals

1,600 manuals **13** branches

- ▶ Providing and disseminating first aid booklets.

First aid kits

4,604 kits **16** branches

- ▶ Distributing first aid kits to branches and government entities.





Community Based Health and First Aid Programme

The programme aims to promote disease prevention and reduction, as well as public health-related emergencies.

78,489 beneficiaries

- ▶ Community-based surveillance activities.

39,957 beneficiaries

- ▶ Health promotion and disease prevention sessions for communities (IDP camps, disease-affected communities, and schools).

15,349 beneficiaries

- ▶ Promotion of voluntary non-remunerated blood donation

10,000 beneficiaries

- ▶ World Epidemics Day awareness campaign on social media.

20 beneficiaries

- ▶ Community based health and first aid training for YRCS volunteers.



Healthcare in Danger (HCiD) Programme

5

YRCS branches

- ▶ A refresher workshop in Health Care in Danger.

8

health centres

- ▶ A remote workshop on security and safety assessment in health care facilities under the Health Care in Danger Programme.

7

governorates

12

health facilities

- ▶ Training health workers in YRCS health facilities on the prevention of interpersonal violence and stress management in health care facilities.



Epidemic and Health Emergency Response Activities

627,566
beneficiaries



- ▶ Cholera reduction and prevention

500,000
beneficiaries



- ▶ Dengue fever and malaria control and prevention



Resilient, Equitable and Accountable Community Health Program in Yemen

The programme aims to improve access to primary health care services and psychosocial support for vulnerable people and communities by supporting health facilities with medical supplies and operational expenditures.

72,885 beneficiaries

Aden, Amanat Al Asimah,
and Ibb governorates

21,134 beneficiaries

- Implementing health awareness sessions and psychosocial support in schools in Ibb governorate. (11,416 men – 9,718 women)

32 childbirths

- Supporting normal childbirth by referring pregnant women to government hospitals in Aden and Ibb governorates.



Building Resilient Community Health in Yemen

The programme aims to improve access to primary health care services and psychosocial support for vulnerable people and communities by supporting health facilities with medical supplies and operational expenditures.

29,256 beneficiaries

Al Mahwit and Hadramout
governorates





Mental Health and Psychosocial Support Program

202 trainees

The Psychological First Aid webinar in complex cases.

103 trainees

The first webinar on burnout for humanitarian workers in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region.

74 trainees

A self-development webinar for staff and volunteers in humanitarian service.

50 volunteers

Training of the Emergency Response Team on psychological first aid.



Health Community Initiatives

- Building and rehabilitating health centres

4

governorates

15,433

beneficiaries

4

initiatives

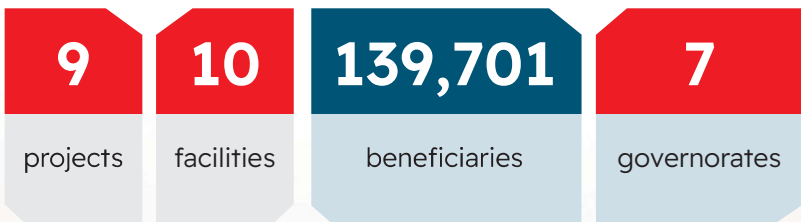


WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE



Sustainable Renewable Energy

- Installing solar systems to ensure the sustainability of a clean energy supply across YRCS branches, health centres, and schools.



Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Projects

- Rehabilitating boreholes, water networks, and installing water distribution points.





Water and Disaster Risk Reduction

- ▶ Building retaining walls, sand barriers, and semi-permanent shelter units.

8

projects

500

shelter units

157,000

beneficiaries

5

governorates

Training and awareness activities

20 volunteers

Specialized training sessions in hygiene and sanitation.

40 volunteers

Intensive awareness sessions and field activities.



Water for Peace and Reducing Tensions Arising from Water Shortages Project

The Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA)-funded project is being implemented in partnership with the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), and aims to strengthen community resilience in Yemen by intervening in the areas of water management, reducing tensions arising from water shortages, disaster risk reduction, pandemic preparedness and response, and community engagement.

The Old City of Sana'a and Taiz governorate

189,000
beneficiaries

Project duration
2025 – 2027

- ▶ Rehabilitating and replacing water networks

2025
achievement

- ▶ Installing solar systems

- ▶ Providing energy generators

Supplying water laboratories with testing devices

- ▶ Forming community water committees



Pilot Programmatic Partnership Project

The project aimed to respond to humanitarian and health-related risks and crises. It focused on interventions in disaster risk management, pandemic preparedness and response, risk communication, community engagement, and accountability.

Water projects

10,500

students

74,000

beneficiaries

3

schools

Dhamar, Hadramout,
and Sana'a governorates

- ▶ Constructing and rehabilitating water network
- ▶ Constructing water tanks
- ▶ Installing solar systems
- ▶ Rehabilitating WASH facilities in schools
- ▶ Implementing training and awareness activities in schools

Health projects

- ▶ Health awareness sessions and epidemiological surveillance reports by community-based surveillance teams.

166,789 beneficiaries

Dhamar, Hadramout,
and Sana'a governorates

- ▶ Workshops and focus group discussions on risk communication and community engagement (RCCE) in health.
- ▶ Community health awareness and outreach activities through awareness camps.
- ▶ Responding to the spread of acute watery diarrhoea (cholera).
- ▶ Awareness sessions on psychological stress and methods of coping.



Education

- ▶ Building and rehabilitating schools, classrooms, as well as WASH facilities

16

class
rooms
built

9

schools

63,512

students and other
beneficiaries

10

governorates

Children and Armed Conflict Project

28,760 beneficiaries

Al-Bayda and Shabwa
governorates

- ▶ The project aims to ensure the continuity of education for children.
- ▶ Distributing school supplies, bags, and books.
- ▶ Distributing winter jackets for children.
- ▶ Distributing bags to teachers, employees, and local authorities.
- ▶ Training the volunteer team as part of the activities of YRCS Youth.
- ▶ Conducting awareness sessions for parent councils.
- ▶ Conducting tree planting and cleanliness campaigns.



NATIONAL SOCIETY DEVELOPMENT



YRCS seeks to work with an integrated and planned methodology to improve its effectiveness and provide better performance.



Headquarters and Branch Development

- ▶ Equipping 5 training halls with the latest tools to ensure the continuity of capacity building.
- ▶ Installing 17 solar systems for YRCS buildings and health facilities to ensure continuity of services and reduce operational costs.
- ▶ Establishing an integrated logistics department to improve internal operations.
- ▶ Enhancing the visual identity of YRCS premises and vehicles to ensure protection.
- ▶ Conducting training of trainers (ToT) for 54 staff to strengthen anti-corruption and transparency.
- ▶ Implementing Enterprise Resource Planning system covering all financial and administrative operations at YRCS headquarters and 7 branches.
- ▶ Training 7 financial staff at YRCS headquarters on advanced Excel.
- ▶ Finalizing the organizational structure, job descriptions, and the evaluation manuals for employees.
- ▶ Conducting an introductory workshop for 16 health centre managers on the management, leadership standards, and monitoring and evaluation of medical activities within medical centres.
- ▶ Conducting an Imprest system workshop to improve monitoring, evaluation, and feedback mechanisms for medicines, with the participation of 8 workers in health centres.



Youth and Volunteers

300 volunteers

honoured on International Volunteer Day on 5 December, with 1,000 people attending the event.

1,034 participant

from 4 schools celebrated International Volunteer Day within the activities of Red Cross Youth, with the participation of 240 volunteers.



Planning, Monitoring, Evaluation, and Reporting

Planning

- ▶ Conducting 2 workshops to develop YRCS 2026 plan and budget with the participation of all branches.

Monitoring and evaluation

Preparing institutional risk management

- ▶ Preparing institutional risk management self-assessment.
- ▶ Supervising the implementation of the capacity review and risk assessment.

Comprehensive field evaluation

- ▶ Conducting a multi-sectoral evaluation in Makha and Marib, targeting 888 people, and 12 focus group discussions.
- ▶ Assessing 500 semi-permanent shelter units in Hajjah and Hodeida to evaluate the quality and compliance of implementation with humanitarian standards.

Post-distribution monitoring

12 governorates

16 community initiatives

4 governorates

Health care services

11 governorates

Cash assistance

4 governorates

Non-food items

7 governorates

Safety assessment in YRCS health care facilities

1 governorate

Health vouchers and cash assistance for primary care

4 governorates

Food baskets

Baselines and endlines

- ▶ Conducting a baseline assessment of the integrated nutrition, health, water, and sanitation project in Al Mahwit, Dhamar, and Lahj governorates.
- ▶ Implementing an endline survey of the Pilot Programmatic Partnership Project (PPP)

Assessments and training

4 governorates	3 governorates	3 governorates	3 governorates
Livelihoods and production assessments	Baseline and endline assessments for WASH	Cash and food assistance assessment	Health assessments

Capacity building, learning and lessons learned

17 staff

- ▶ Conducting technical training and institutional capacity-building activities.

14 branches

- ▶ Conducting assessment and data collection training for volunteers.



Review and lessons learned workshops

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| ▶ Cash assistance programs and projects | ▶ Mid-term review to track the progress of the 2025 |
| ▶ Anticipatory action activities implemented in Hajjah governorate | ▶ Stakeholders and local authorities of Water for Peace and Reducing Tensions Arising from Water Shortages project |

Preparing policies and documents

- ▶ Participating in the preparation of the risk management network strategy for the national societies in the MENA region

Community participation and accountability

- ▶ Activating the feedback mechanism for the distribution of food and non-food items, and cash assistance.
- ▶ Community engagement and accountability training for 22 employees and volunteers.
- ▶ Forming community committees for the Water for Peace and Reducing Tensions Arising from Water Shortages project.



COMMUNICATIONS



Awareness Sessions

128 operational communication

and field sessions conducted with the participation of approximately 2,740 community members, local authorities, beneficiaries, and influencers.

93 documentation

and photography missions carried out for YRCS activities.

36 awareness sessions

implemented for 720 people in 7 governorates.



Mass Communication

▶ Disseminating awareness messages about the importance of psychological support.

▶ Producing 10 educational visual content messages on international humanitarian law.



Digital Communication

- ▶ Issuing press releases on events that took place in Yemen during which some YRCS volunteers were injured.
- ▶ Reaching 3,740 followers on X and 54,000 on Facebook.



Quality and Strategic Approach

- ▶ Developing YRCS visual identity through the production of a comprehensive Visual Identity Manual, including guidelines for proper logo usage.
- ▶ Updating YRCS organizational profile.
- ▶ Designing and producing YRCS awareness and promotional materials and content.
- ▶ Archiving YRCS audiovisual content.



OUR PARTNERS



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