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A close look at the health centers which receive cases of watery diarrhea in the city of Al-Mahwait

Health Center in Shibam City

The reception center for cholera patients is located at the Shibam General Hospital, in the center of Shibam city. During the last three months, the center has received about 2300 cases with an average of 30 cases every day since the beginning of May until the end of July. During this period, there were three deaths of the epidemic (one of victims was of special needs), all of which was a result of the delay in the ambulance. The center provides services to three governorates: Al-Mahwait, Sana'a and Amran. Patients are from the districts of Bani Matar and Hamdan (Sana'a governorate) and the departments of Hababa, Thala and Ayal Sarih (Amran governorate).

Health Center in Taweelah Directorate.

The location of the health center was chosen very carefully. It was placed in the village of Beit Qutaina, one of the villages of Taweelah and the most populated area. Not one home was unaffected by the disease that caused great terror among the citizens. However, the proximity of the center and the readiness for the epidemic contributed greatly to the reduction of Cholera's spread and treatment of all cases, despite the accompanying challenges and difficulties. Over the past three months, the Center has received more than 1,850 cases resulting in six deaths.



Health Center in the Directorate of Bani Saad

The health center which receives acute watery diarrhea in Bani Saad Governorate was also chosen with great care, receiving a number of villages affected by the epidemic, which saw 19 deaths out of a total of 2,162 cases that were treated at the center. The center contributed greatly to the fight against the epidemic and its siege. The main reason of most of the deaths was the delay in their arrivals due to the lack of awareness among the people of the dangers of the disease at the beginning of its spread. The Center witnessed a significant difference in terms of the number of cases coming. After the outbreak of the epidemic and until mid-June 2017, the average number of cases received at



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Sunday, July 23rd - 26th, 2017 - Sana'a

Coordinated by YFCA and UNOCHA, funded and hosted by UNICEF, A Community Engagement Workshop was conducted by OCHA's Community Engagement Advisor and facilitated by YFCA and SCG (Searching for Common Ground Foundation). 25 Participants from UN Agencies, INGOS, and NGOs participated in the workshop. The first of its kind workshop

is also to be conducted in Aden on the 1st of August after a very successful conduction in Sana'a. Being an essential component of the AAP [Accountability to Affected Population] the workshop aims to ensure Community Engagement is integrated in to all Programs implementations and is advocated in all respective UN Clusters.



UNHCR TEAM VISITS YFCA SMSH



Wednesday Aug 02, 2017 - Sana'a

A visit was conducted by United Nations Higher Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) Yemen team leading by Dr. Viktoriya Talishkhanova, Senior Programme Officer to YFCA's Safe Motherhood Specialized Hospital (SMSH) and Reproductive Health (RH) Centre at which the team had a tour to the respective facilities of the hospital including administration bureau, laboratories, specialty clinics, warehouses in addition to the UNHCR project management office in the YFCA SMSH which delivers health assistance, through refugee centers, to migrants and refugees residing in Sana'a Municipality, Yemen.



WHO and the Minister of Public Health and Population pay a visit to YFCA SMSH



Monday August 7th – Sana'a

A visit was conducted by the Representative of the World Health Organization (WHO) in Yemen, Dr Nevio Zagaria, and the Minister of Public Health and Population (MoPHP), Dr. Mohammed Salim bin Hafeez to the Safe Motherhood Specialized Hospital (SMSH) and Reproductive Health (RH) Center which are affiliated to Yemen Family Care Association (YFCA) in the area of Sawan in Sana'a Municipality at which they had a tour to the respective facilities of the hospital and the specialty clinics. The Representative of the WHO and the Minister of MoPHP then visited YFCA's headquarters where discussions were hosted by the Executive Director of YFCA Mr. Nabil Ammari and the team about the Humanitarian and Social services and interventions provided by YFCA in humanitarian themes and ways to foster partnership between YFCA and both WHO and MoPHP



SMSH hospital visit by UNFPA leading team in Yemen.



Wednesday Aug 16, 2017 - Sana'a

The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) team visits the Safe Motherhood Specialized Hospital (SMSH) Reproductive Health (RH) Centre which was led by Ms. Anjali Sen UNFPA's representative in Yemen. The team had a tour to the respective facilities of the hospital including administration bureau, laboratories, specialty clinics, warehouses, the vaccination department, gynecology, family planning, and the newly established blood bank. In addition to visiting the respective specialty clinics and pediatric and dermatological clinics. Both YFCA and the UNFPA are now looking forward to strengthen the collaboration in serving the people of Yemen.



Success story: Ali - Cholera and special needs.



Ali And his father

Ali was not the only victim of the cholera epidemic in the village of Beit Qatina. Most of the villagers were infected with the disease, including his father. Ali was also not an ordinary boy. The 15-year-old is suffering from atrophy in the brain, which means he needs treatment of a special kind.

“After suffering from cholera, his condition was very difficult and he was transferred to the health center for treatment of acute watery diarrhea which was supervised by the Yemen Family Care Association in our village to cope with the epidemic.”

Stated Ali's Father

The condition of the young boy deteriorated significantly and he was imbedded for a whole week receiving treatment at the Health Center. His condition (cerebral hemorrhage)

had a clear negative impact on the course of his treatment against cholera. Due to the difficulty of controlling his emotions and actions which caused further burden for his family and specialists in the health center who had a challenging time saving Ali's life. Thanks to their efforts, Ali returned home intact, healthy and cholera free.

When we went to visit him, with the doctors and health workers at his home not too long after his recovery, we witnessed through his innocent, hope filled laughter a sense of trust and recognition of those who made great efforts to treat him. A defining moment was clear in his wandering glances, gratitude was clearly communicated to those who made him better, Ali was telling them “thank you for all you've done for me” and in a moment he was gone back to his own world..



YFCA conducts an internal workshop on Community Engagement.

Wednesday, August 16th, 2017 – Sana'a

Yemen Family Care Association (YFCA) organized an internal workshop on Community Engagement (CE) which was previously implemented at UNICEF. The workshop is the first of its kind in Yemen and aims to ensure Community Engagement is integrated in to all Programs implementations and is advocated in all respective UN Clusters.



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