Yemen: Conflict

ETC Situation Report #93
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The ETC was activated in Yemen in April 2015 in response to the conflict crisis. Situation Reports are issued monthly.

Highlight

- In June, the ETC provided data connectivity services to 1,326 humanitarians and security communications services to a total of 2,535 responders across 19 sites in Yemen.

- The ETC conducted preventive maintenance of ETC infrastructure including for connectivity services in Aden and Hodeidah.

- In coordination with UNDSS, the ETC installed five VHF mobile radio antennas on WFP Armoured Vehicles (AVs) in Aden on 07 June.

The ETC in Aden conduct security preventive maintenance for the VHF mobile radio antennas on WFP Armoured Vehicles (AVs) in Aden. Photo: WFP/ETC

Activities

Coordination

The WFP-led ETC continues its long-term collaboration with the World Health Organization (WHO) in providing IT services including connectivity to 29 Emergency Operations Centres (EOCs) across Yemen and supporting humanitarian operations in response to the ongoing cholera outbreak through access to internet and IT facilities.

Internet connectivity

In June, the ETC provided data connectivity to 1,326 humanitarians in 19 sites across nine common operational areas in Yemen.

The ETC conducted preventive maintenance of ETC infrastructure including for connectivity services in Aden and Hodeidah.

On 25 June, the ETC supported the relocation of the UNDP guesthouse to a new building by moving and installing the IT network equipment in Aden.

The ETC unified Wi-Fi solution—initiated in coordination with WFP HQ and Regional Office—is being deployed and piloted. The development of the ETC Yemen Captive Portal is completed in collaboration with the supplier. The application will enhance users' experience

by providing a unified login page for the ETC users' authentication and access across the country.

Security communications

In June, a total of 2,535 users utilized ETC security communications services through the nine United Nations Department of Safety and Security (UNDSS)-managed Security Operations Centres (SOCs) across the country.

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User support

In June, the ETC helpdesk received and resolved 911 user requests.

Challenges

Since mid-2023, the ETC has faced significant funding challenges. Consequently, the ETC has adapted an alternative model to combine funding received from the Yemen Humanitarian Fund (YHF) as well as from the inter-agency cost sharing agreement in coordination with the UN Resident Coordinator's Office (UNRCO) and the Operations Management Team (OMT) to ensure the cluster is fully funded to carry out its planned activities.

The ETC continues to face difficulties in the importation of IT and telecommunications equipment, which has been awaiting shipment since 2019. The pre-import certificate for the shipment of two consignments from Djibouti to Aden is still pending approval from the Internationally Recognized Government (IRG). WFP in Aden followed up with the deputy minister of the Ministry of Telecommunications and Information Technology (MTIT) to expedite the ETC shipment approval process in Djibouti. The ETC met with the UNRCO in May 2024 to request further support for this shipment.

Funding

The ETC funding appeal for 2024 is US$2.7 million.

So far, the ETC in Yemen is just 44 percent funded out of the required total US$2.7 million.

The ETC requires a further US$1.5 million to address critical shared communication needs in Yemen in 2024 to facilitate the coordination of humanitarian efforts.

Additional Information

See the **ETC Yemen Dashboard** for an overview of planned and existing service locations.

Meetings

The next Local ETC Working Group meeting will be held on **10 July 2024**.

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