# YEMEN – Conflict

## ETC Situation Report #42

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## Highlights

- To support the response to COVID-19 in Yemen, the Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC) in close collaboration with the UN Department of Safety and Security (UNDSS) is setting up a joint UN Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) at the UN accommodation facility in Sana'a.

- The ETC continues to provide critical Internet connectivity to 935 humanitarians across 11 sites in Yemen, and communications services, including security telecommunications to a total of 2,848 responders across the country.



a joint UN Emergency Operations Centre at UNCAF, Sana'a.
*Photo: ETC Yemen*

## ETC Activities

- The ETC is now providing connectivity to 935 humanitarian responders in 11 sites across the common operational areas. The ETC continues to maintain services in the seven UNDSS-managed Security Operations Centres (SOC) in Sana'a, Aden, Al Hudaydah, Ibb, Sa'ada, Al Mokha and Al Mukalla.

- The ETC is liaising with local Internet Service Providers (ISPs) to deploy new satellite terminals to reactivate connectivity services in the INGO hubs in Sana'a and Ibb.

- The ETC in Aden is in the process of signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to provide connectivity services in a new site hosted by the International Non-Governmental Organisation (INGO), ZOA.

- The ETC team in Aden has received a request to extend Internet connectivity services from to the UNDP guesthouse. The ETC agreed to conduct the assessment.

- The ETC has upgraded internet connectivity services for responders based at UNCAF in Sana'a.

- The ETC team is now providing internet connectivity services to the IOM guesthouse in Aden.

- The ETC together with the Ministry of Telecommunications and Information Technology (MoTIT) and Aden Net ISP has been requested to provide Internet connectivity services at Aden International Airport.
- A number of ETC staff are working remotely due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

## ETC Planned Activities

- The ETC still has plans to collaborate with the Telecommunications Security Standards (TESS) team on the expansion of the VHF coverage in Aden city to strengthen the safety and security of responders.

## Funding

- The ETC in Yemen has a projected budget of USD3.6 million to implement its activities in 2020.

## Key Information

- All information on the ETC response in Yemen can be found here.
- The latest ETC Dashboard and infographic are also available on the www.etcluster.org website.
- The next Global ETC Joint Teleconference on Libya, Syria and Yemen will be held on 8 April 2020.
- For further information or to contact the team on the ground, please email Yemen.ETC@wfp.org

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