

## Yemen – Conflict

### ETC Situation Report #56

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### Highlights

- The ETC continues to provide critical Internet connectivity to 589 humanitarians across 12 sites in Yemen, and communications services – including security telecommunications – to a total of 2,345 responders supported by eight UNDSS-managed Security Operations Centres (SOCs) across the country.
- The team has completed the joint project with the Ministry of Telecommunications and Information Technology (MoTIT) and Aden Net Internet Service Provider (ISP) that will provide connectivity to all passengers – including humanitarian responders and commercial passengers – at Aden airport.
- The ETC received US\$1 million from CERF. The Cluster in Yemen is now fully funded to carry out its activities in 2021.



The ETC team works on the project to provide Internet connectivity services for passengers at Aden International Airport.

*Photo: WFP/ETC*

### ETC Activities

#### *Funding*

- In May, the ETC received US\$1 million from CERF. The ETC in Yemen is fully funded to continue providing its current services in response to operational needs on the ground.

### *Internet connectivity*

- The team has completed the joint project with the Ministry of Telecommunications and Information Technology (MoTIT) and Aden Net Internet Service Provider (ISP) that will provide connectivity to all passengers – including humanitarian responders and commercial passengers – at Aden airport. The ETC is waiting for the authorities to confirm the official launch date.
- The ETC Internet service expansion to the new WHO guesthouse in Aden is in progress with the IT cabling almost completed. The team is using a local supplier to carry out the installation.
- The ETC provided connectivity and helpdesk services to support a high level OCHA and UNICEF delegation in Sana'a between 19-29 May.
- ETC connectivity services have been extended to the PUAMI site in Al Hodeidah until the end of the year. The team also completed a site assessment to set up connectivity services at an INGO hub at an Islamic Relief site in Al Hodeidah.
- The reactivation of ETC connectivity services for INGOs in Sana'a is in progress, hosted in the premises of Action Against Hunger (ACF).
- The shipment of equipment for the three WHO-funded connectivity projects is in progress from Djibouti to Aden. The ETC will support the implementation of these projects including the rehabilitation of IT infrastructure in Aden University and Ameen Nasher Higher Institute for Health Sciences to encourage online learning and interaction with global institutions. The third project will be at the Ministry of Health to enable the humanitarian community to enhance public awareness about the COVID-19 pandemic, engage with the community and spread prevention messages.

### *COVID-19 response*

- To support the response to COVID-19, the ETC continues to provide Internet connectivity services in the dedicated COVID-19 UN isolation centres in Sana'a, Al Hodeidah and Aden.

### *Capacity building*

- On 27 May, the ETC in Al Hodeidah conducted a two-hour virtual workplan review session with partners.

## **Planned activities**

- The ETC is reviewing the technical requirements for the opening of a new ETC site in Ibb.
- The Operations Management Team (OMT) requested that the ETC provide a common digital platform for storing their documents. The ETC team is exploring options based on needs.
- The shipment of the telecommunications equipment from Aden to the UN hub in Marib is on hold due to security issues in Marib. The importation of this equipment was approved.



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## Funding

- The ETC has received US\$1.5 million from WFP, US\$850,000 from the Yemen Humanitarian Fund (YHF) allocation in January and US\$1 million by CERF. The ETC is fully funded to carry out its activities in 2021.

## Meetings

- The next Global ETC Joint teleconference will take place on **23 June 2021**.

## Information

- All information on the ETC response in Yemen, including the latest infographic can be found [here](#).
- For further information or to contact the team on the ground, please email [Yemen.ETC@wfp.org](mailto:Yemen.ETC@wfp.org)

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