

Yemen – Conflict

ETC Situation Report #91

Reporting period: 01/04/2024 to 30/04/2024

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

Highlight

- In April, the ETC provided data connectivity services to 1,254 humanitarians and security communications services to a total of 2,537 responders across 19 sites in Yemen.
- In April, the ETC received US\$54,086 from the inter-agency cost shared funds. The ETC is funded 30 percent out of the required US\$2.7 million for its 2024 needs.
- The ETC conducted preventive maintenance of ETC infrastructure including for connectivity services in Aden, Mokha, and Hodeidah.



The ETC and WFP conducted an oversight mission to visit the ETC solar project in the west coast of the Mukha IDP camp. 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 April, the ETC provided data connectivity to 1,254 humanitarians in 19 sites across nine common operational areas in Yemen.

The technical requirement to implement the planned UniFi users' registration system is being finalized. The UniFi system will facilitate user registration in all 19 sites where ETC connectivity services are provided.

The ETC conducted preventive maintenance on the ETC network service for UN agencies in Aden, Mokha, and Hodeidah.

The ETC team in Hajjah supported OCHA to install a TV screen and a new Logitech group conference system in its office in Hajjah.

Security communications

In April, a total of 2,537 users utilized ETC security communications services (SCS) through the nine United Nations Department of Safety and Security (UNDSS)-managed Security Operations Centres (SOCs) across the country.

The ETC conducted preventive maintenance on VHF mobile radios in three WFP Armoured Vehicles (AVs) in Aden.

In coordination with UNDSS, the ETC programmed three VHF radios for WFP in Aden, according to the UN standard callsign structure.

User support

In April, the ETC helpdesk received and resolved 690 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. 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.

Funding

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

For 2024 funding, the UNRCO has approved 20% of the ETC projected funding from the Yemen Humanitarian Fund (YHF) while the remaining 80% must be covered through cost-recovery from UN agencies.

In April, the ETC received US\$54,086 as part of cost-sharing funds. Therefore, the ETC is now 30 percent funded for its 2024 needs.

Further, US\$500,000 has been secured from WFP. This arrangement will help to ensure timely payment to suppliers as well as salaries to ensure business continuity.

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 **29 May 2024**.

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