

New Humanitarian Operation Commits Over \$3.5 Billion to Relieve Suffering in Yemen

RIYADH – 22 January 2018 – The Coalition to Restore Legitimacy in Yemen announced today the launch of the new Yemen Comprehensive Humanitarian Operations (YCHO), an expanded relief program that commits billions of dollars in aid and support for the humanitarian response to the conflict in Yemen.

H. E. Abdrabbuh Mansur Hadi, President of the Republic of Yemen said,

“On behalf of the people of Yemen, I express my profound gratitude to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for its efforts to alleviate the suffering. This humanitarian operation will reaffirm the longstanding trust and friendship between Yemen and the countries of the Coalition. Nothing demonstrates this more powerfully than the unprecedented humanitarian operation that is being implemented today.”

YCHO's efforts to open land, sea, and air lanes to Yemen will result in 1.4 million metric tons of imports into Yemen each month, up from 1.1 million metric tons per month in 2017. Among the announced efforts, the Coalition will:

- Increase the capacities of Yemeni ports to receive humanitarian as well as commercial imports.
- Operate an air bridge from Riyadh in Saudi Arabia to Ma'rib to run multiple daily flights of C130 cargo planes full of humanitarian aid; and
- Set up 17 safe-passage corridors originating from 6 points of entry to ensure safe overland transportation of aid to NGOs operating in the interior of Yemen.

YCHO will support the Yemeni humanitarian situation by addressing immediate aid shortfalls while simultaneously building capacity for long-term improvement of humanitarian aid delivery and commercial imports to Yemen.

Under YCHO, the Coalition will contribute:

- \$1.5 billion in new humanitarian aid funding for distribution across UN agencies and international relief organizations;
- \$2 billion deposited to the Central Bank of Yemen to promote economic stabilization;
- \$40 million to expand Yemeni ports' capacity to accommodate additional shipments
- \$30 million to reduce the cost of land transportation through road upgrades.

H.E. Mohammed Saeed Al Jabir, Ambassador of Saudi Arabia to the Republic of Yemen said,

"These humanitarian operations aim to increase the capacity of Yemeni ports, and to secure sea, land and air corridors, providing urgent relief for the widespread deterioration in food and water security that has occurred as a result of the continued attacks of Iranian-backed Houthi militias, their hindrance of humanitarian aid flows, and their rejection of a political solution. The operation builds upon the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia's efforts to support the people of Yemen over the years, including the recent deposit of \$2 billion into the Central Bank of Yemen. The Kingdom is determined to alleviate the suffering of the fraternal Yemeni nation and redress the criminal activity of the Houthi militias. We continue to stand by the people of Yemen."

Col. Turki bin Saleh Al-Malki, spokesman for the Coalition in Yemen said,

"The Coalition is placing its military resources at the disposal of these broad-ranging humanitarian operations, protecting the supply routes through air, sea and land with the logistical and technical capacity of the armed forces of the Coalition member states. We are backing a professionally planned and detailed humanitarian mission with military power and precision to guarantee that the humanitarian aid reaches the people who need it to lift their suffering."

YCHO's launch follows the re-opening of the Port of Hodeidah on 22 Nov 17 and the Sana'a airport on 23 Nov 17.

The Saudi-led Coalition, in partnership with UN agencies, continues to make the welfare of the Yemeni people its top priority in its efforts to restore peace and stability to Yemen. The Yemen Comprehensive Humanitarian Operations reinforce the Coalition's commitment to bringing needed food, medicine, humanitarian assistance and fuel supplies to the people of Yemen in all regions.

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Yemen Comprehensive Humanitarian Operations

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Unprecedented Relief to the People of Yemen

The Yemen Comprehensive Humanitarian Operations' objectives are to improve the Yemeni humanitarian situation by addressing immediate aid shortfalls while simultaneously building capacity for long-term improvement of humanitarian aid and commercial goods imports to Yemen. The plan is specifically designed to address the needs of Yemenis in all regions.

To meet these objectives, the Saudi-led Coalition will substantially contribute to the 2018 United Nations Yemen Humanitarian Response Plan. These operations will enhance the flow and delivery of humanitarian aid and commercial supplies, including fuel, medical supplies, and food, to all Yemenis. The plan aims to increase imports in Yemen to 1.4 million metric tons per month up from 1.1 million metric tons per month while enhancing capabilities in Yemen to import 500,000 metric tons of fuel derivatives per month up from 250,000 metric tons per month at its peak in 2017.

The Yemen Comprehensive Humanitarian Operations is forward-looking and responsive to concerns about humanitarian aid in the country. Countries within the Saudi-led Coalition are among the highest contributors of humanitarian and developmental aid to Yemen, and this new plan reiterates their commitment to bringing needed food, medicine, humanitarian assistance, and fuel supplies to the people of Yemen.

- **Funding:** Under the YCHO, the Saudi-led Coalition will contribute \$1.5 billion in new donations to international organizations to ensure the success of the 2018 UN Yemen Humanitarian Response Plan.
- **Port Expansion:** The Saudi-led Coalition will lead the expansion of additional Yemeni ports to ensure the effective flow of imports. This will include the installation of four additional cranes purchased by the Coalition (2) in Mokha, (1) in Aden, and (1) in Mukalla as well as repairs and infrastructure projects in these ports.
- **Economic Recovery:** The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia directly deposited \$2 billion in the Yemeni Central Bank to promote economic stabilization and improve the Yemeni people's quality of life. This is in addition to a \$1 billion deposit that Saudi Arabia contributed in 2014.
- **Air Bridge:** An air bridge from coalition countries to Ma'rib will enable up to six flights of C130s per day. The air bridge will then be available for use by humanitarian organizations to deliver critical humanitarian needs.
- **Hodeidah Cranes:** The Coalition allowed the installment of the WFP 4 cranes in the port of Hodeidah.
- **Safe Passage Corridors:** The Saudi-led Coalition is setting up 17 safe passage corridors originating from six points to ensure safe overland transportation of aid to NGOs operating in the interior of Yemen. The opening of Al Khadra and Al Tuwal border crossings between Saudi Arabia and Yemen will further allow the unabated flow of goods to key areas such as Sa'ada, Sana'a, Hajah, and Amran.
- **Sanaa Airport:** Sanaa Airport will remain open for humanitarian flights.

PROVIDING BILLIONS OF DOLLARS OF ADDITIONAL AID

As part of the YCHO, the Saudi-led Coalition will contribute \$1.5 billion in new humanitarian funding, with money distributed across the varying UN agencies and international organizations based on urgent priorities determined by stakeholders.

Other prominent donations will include:

- **Port Expansion:** A contribution of \$30-40 million will be allocated to expand the long-term capacities of Yemeni ports to accommodate additional humanitarian shipments.
- **Transportation Costs:** The Saudi-led Coalition will provide \$20-30 million to facilitate land transportation of goods and improve road infrastructure.

The Saudi-led Coalition's efforts to open land, sea, and air lanes to Yemen will result in 1.4 million metric tons of imports into Yemen each month, up from 1.1 million metric tons per month in 2017.

- Fuel: 500,000 metric tons per month
- Food: 500,000 metric tons per month
- Medical, Shelter and Non-Food Items: 117,000 metric tons per month
- Commercial Goods: 245,000 metric tons per month

TOTAL GOODS: 1.362 million metric tons per month

AID BY AIR

The Yemen Comprehensive Humanitarian Operations includes the creation of an air bridge from Coalition countries to Ma'rib, which is strategically located in the central region of Yemen.

- The Saudi-led Coalition will run up to six flights per day of C-130 cargo planes filled with humanitarian aid. This air bridge will be made available to humanitarian organizations to deliver critical aid supplies.
- The airport at Sana'a, which was reopened on November 23, will receive direct flights of essential humanitarian aid. Approximately 10,000 metric tons of humanitarian aid can be delivered through Sana'a Airport.

AID BY LAND

The Yemen Comprehensive Humanitarian Operations will establish safe passage corridors to major population centers in the interior of Yemen where aid is urgently needed.

To facilitate the delivery of aid to the interior of Yemen, the Coalition will set up 17 safe passage corridors originating from six points. These routes will be added to the no strike list, which contains in excess of 40,000 sites exempt from targeting.

Corridor originating points include:

- Al Khadara
- Al Tuwal
- Hodeidah
- Mokha
- Aden
- Marib

From those cities, safe passage corridors will reach the following destinations:

- Sa'ada (Population: 1,078,000)
- Hajjah (Population: 2,129,000)
- Amran (Population: 1,052,000)
- Sana'a (Population: 1,435,000)
- Dhamar (Population: 1,913,000)
- Ibb (Population: 2,837,000)
- Taiz (Population: 3,182,000)
- Al-Hazm (AlJawf) (Population: 589,000)

- **Nishtun:** Will primarily receive bulk food (2,000 MT/month) and fuel (4,000 MT/month), and will help service the import needs of the eastern region of the country.
- **Dibbah:** Will primary receive fuel (4,000 MT/Month) into the eastern region of the country.
- **Jizan:** This Saudi port will be made available if additional capacity is needed. If necessary, Jizan port can leverage its capacity of 5 million MT/year, of which 3 million MTs are used in 2016, 1.8 million metric tons in 2017 (until November). Additionally, it could play an important role in receiving commercial shipments and rapidly delivering them to the northern regions of Yemen.
- **Mukalla:** One mobile crane will be purchased by the Saudi-led Coalition and installed in Mukalla (\$582,000) to enhance the port capacity to receive shipments. Mukalla will primarily be used to receive bulk food (29,000 MT/month) and fuel (52,000 MT/month), and some commercial bulk (4,000 MT/month) which will be delivered primarily to the eastern and southern regions of the country, as well as Sana'a or Hodeidah.
- **Mokha:** Will build new warehouse space (\$3.3 million) and providing port generators (\$70,000), as well as installing two mobile cranes (\$1.2 million). These improvements will enable Mokha to receive up to 36,000 MT/month of fuel and basic commercial goods, as well as bulk food items.

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