

THE SYSTEMS, HEALTH AND RESILIENCY PROJECT

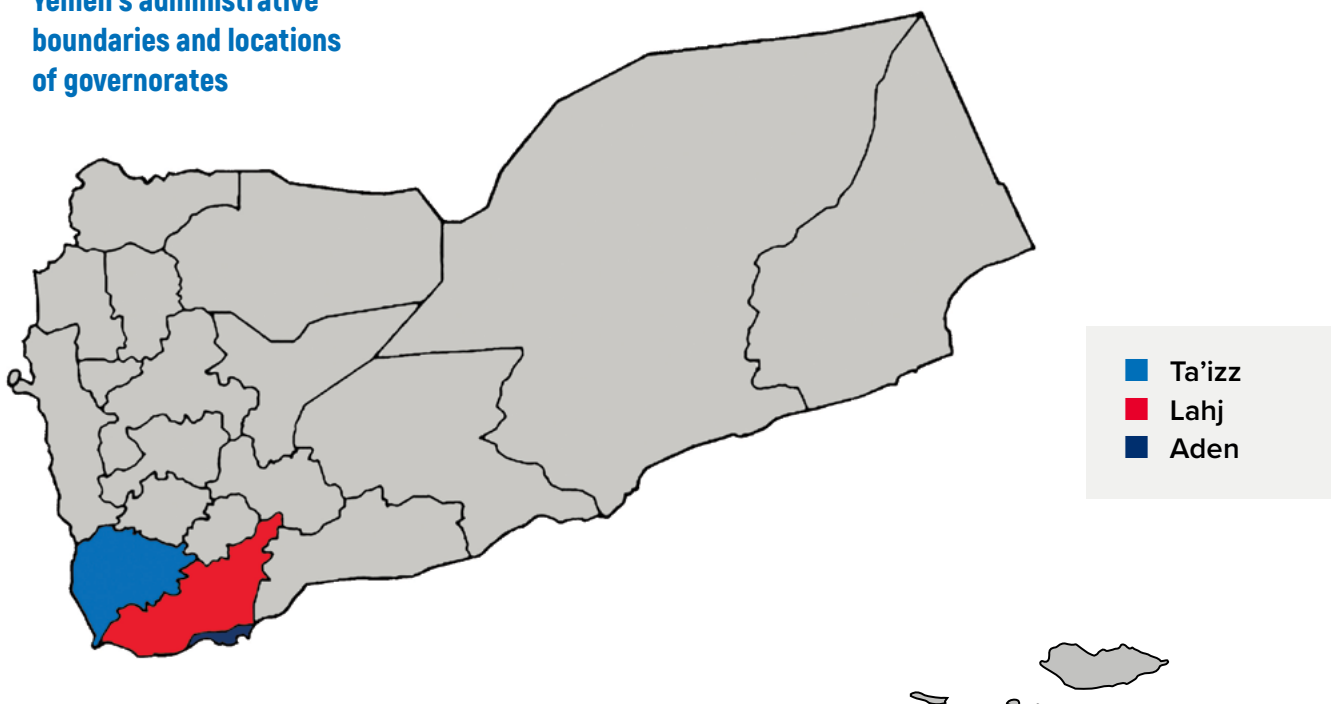
The Systems, Health and Resiliency Project (SHARP) is a three-year (2019-2022), USAID-supported development project that works to reduce maternal and infant mortality in Yemen by focusing on reproductive, maternal, newborn, child health, and nutrition coupled with support services to mitigate life-threatening challenges such as COVID-19, malnutrition, and diarrhea.

SHARP is implemented by John Snow, Inc. (JSI), in partnership with the National Yemeni Midwives Association, Search for Common Ground, and Yemen Family Care Association.

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Yemen's administrative boundaries and locations of governorates



WHAT DOES SHARP DO?

SHARP has three goals:

1. Improve maternal and child health outcomes
2. Increase community engagement in the health sector
3. Improve the resiliency of Yemen's health system

SHARP has six objectives:

1. Create demand for priority health care services
2. Improve access to care through a referral system, subsidized care, and financing
3. Build capacity of health facility staff to deliver high-quality care
4. Revitalize community-level services by engaging community midwives and volunteers
5. Improve local governance of health care service provision
6. Strengthen health information systems to support the management of health services

HOW DOES SHARP DO IT?

The SHARP team recognizes it needs to ensure agile, scalable, and sustainable programming along the humanitarian aid-to-development continuum. To do this, SHARP implements strategic activities to support strengthening Yemen's health system to help the government identify and solve health service needs and challenges in the targeted areas.

SHARP has helped to develop a detailed SOP for a referral network to link communities to facilities, and to also link lower-level facilities to higher-level facilities. The project has also trained community midwives who make home visits to provide health education, and serve as a referral point between the communities and the facilities.

SHARP will pilot a transportation scheme for complicated delivery cases in selected districts, as well as introduce a voucher scheme



and savings plan. SHARP will also pilot a health management information system to strengthen routine data collection and management at facilities and the MoPHP. Finally, the project continues to foster an enabling environment through district and governorate level engagement, and strengthen the health system by improving policies, strategies, practices, and local ownership.

WHAT WILL SHARP ACHIEVE BY THE END OF THE PROJECT?

- Increase use of reproductive, maternal, newborn, and child health services by women of reproductive age and children under five.
- Expand access to high-quality health care through a variety of financing schemes
- Improve the ability of health facilities to provide quality services and track patient health outcomes
- Strengthen the ability of community midwives to provide education and services, and make referrals to health facilities as needed
- Engage local authorities in supporting the availability of quality health services and assisting communities to access health services
- Pilot a health information system that ensures data quality, and enables health managers and providers to make decisions