A close-up, high-resolution photograph of a young child's face, looking directly at the camera with a neutral expression. The child has dark, expressive eyes and light brown skin. The background is softly blurred, showing hints of a red and blue patterned garment.

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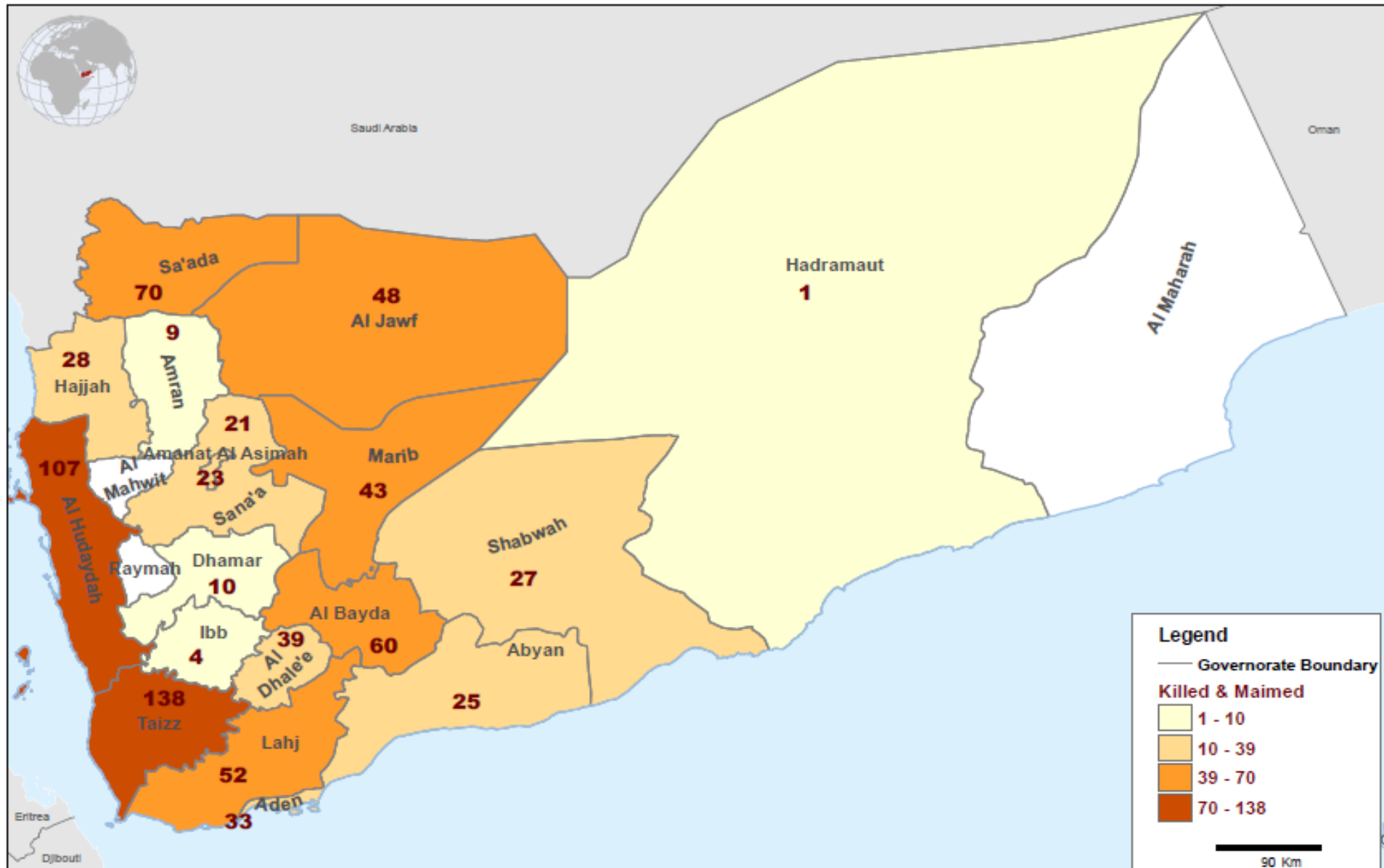
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MRE/ERW Contamination and Protection Risks in Yemen

- 20 out of 22 governorates are contaminated by mines and ERW
- On average, 25 armed clashes/airstrikes/explosive incidents per day
- From March 2015 to December 2018 the UN Monitoring and Reporting Mechanism on grave violations on children's Rights documented and verified a total of 582 children killed or injured by mines and ERW (80% of victims were boys).
- New contaminations are happening with the escalation of hostilities in Hodeida, Hajja and other new frontlines opening up in Western Cost

Trends of killing and maiming of children as a result of Mines/ERW: 582 children – only verified data. Source: UN Monitoring and Reporting Mechanism on Grave Violations

Yemen: Children Killed and Maimed by Mine/ERW from 2015- 2018



UNICEF MRE Responses

- UNICEF Leverages on **integration of MRE in schools** - Teachers in 520 schools were trained in 2018 on MRE



UNICEF MRE Responses

- **Community based MRE integrated approach through psychosocial support in child friendly spaces reached 1,145,851 children**



UNICEF MRE Responses

- **Emergency MRE:** Response for displaced population reached as part of preparedness plan - preposition of supply in AL Hodeida, MRE leaflets are part of emergency package handed over to each family on the move.
 - 72 hours rapid response survival packets
- **MRE Campaign:** High quality standalone implementation in high risk locations



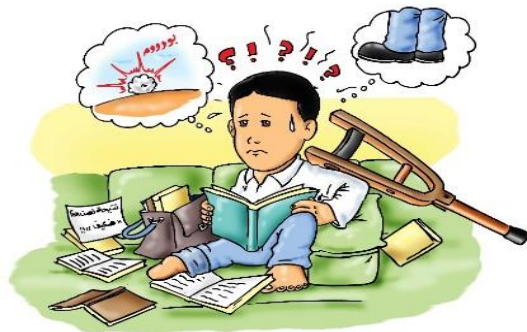
UNICEF MRE RESPONSES



- Coordination of MRE within child protection sub-cluster/MRE Working Group and with Early Recovery, Health and Education

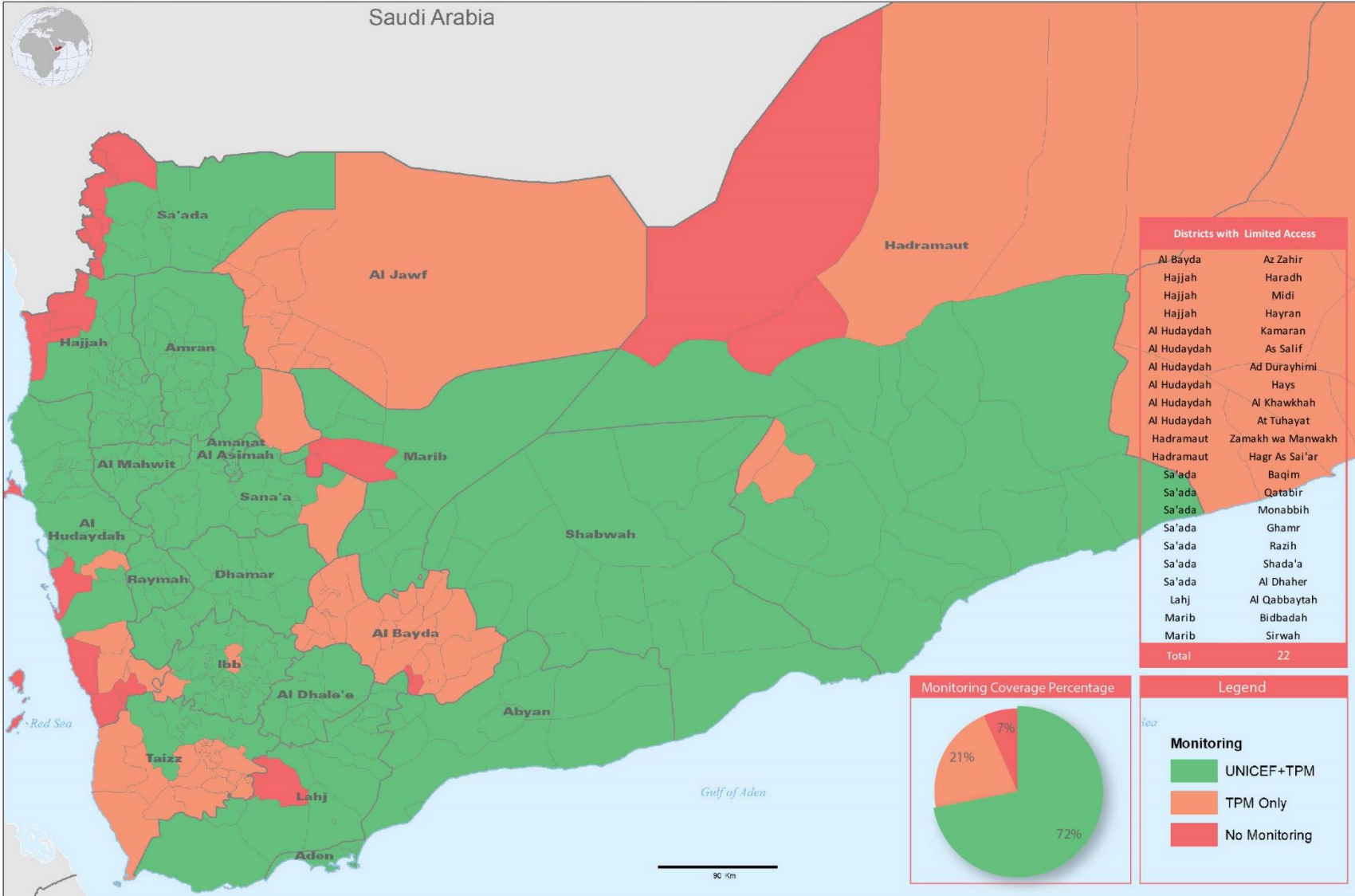


- Develop/Revise, Test and Print MRE communication materials to include the new devices used in the current conflict including IEDs



UNICEF Access Mapping

YEMEN: UNICEF Monitoring Access Mapping



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Data source: GoY/CSO/UNICEF team

Expanded Responses for Victim assistance

- UNICEF expanded victim assistance services to children who lost limbs – through two prosthesis and rehabilitation centers in Aden and Taizz governorates – other support include transports and medication for victims
- By end of 2018, 102 children (79 boys, 23 girls) were provided with prosthesis and artificial limbs and 213 children (127 girls, 86 boys) were provided with assistive devices. Most of these children were victims of Mines/ERW



CHALLENGES AND LESSONS LEARNED

- Coordination on demining around contaminated schools and community residential areas
- The integration of 5 pillars of mine action in Yemen is very important
- Parallel authority structures in Sana'a and Aden hampers implementation of a coherent and harmonized approach to MRE
- Continued use of mines and other explosive weapons in heavily populated areas continue to put children and communities including IDPs at risk.

Priorities in 2019

- Need for joint approaches with UNDP and YEMAC for demining, MRE, victim assistance, and safe access to homes and schools in conflict affected areas once active combat has ceased
- Advocacy with parties to the conflict to allow agencies to implement integrated mine action including clearance, MRE, surveys and injury surveillance, marking, fencing, and victim assistance
- Advocacy against use of mines and cluster bombs with parties to the conflict
- Continue with Scaled up integrated MRE in School and in Child Friendly Spaces
- Scale up Victims assistance component - injured children and caregivers in a more systematic manner using MRE as an entry point



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