



Agriculture

Foot-and-mouth disease (FMD)



Foot-and-mouth disease (FMD) is a highly contagious and rapidly spreading viral disease that affects all animals specifically with cleft palate.

FMD is an endemic disease which is characterized by the appearance of vesicles in/and around the mouth, feet and udder nipples out-breaking irregularly in the governorates of Sadah – Taiz- Raymah - Dhamar and Sana'a governorate leading to destructing livestock in these governorates and causing great loss of many animals, affecting the livelihoods of livestock keepers and reducing the animal production significantly.

According to the reports received from the Governorates' Food Security Field Units (GFUs), the disease symptoms are rarely observed in young sheep and goats in the form of general weakness, inability to stand for a long time and high temperature, while the disease is more harmful to cows and the rest of the elder animals¹.

Introduction

The aim of this monthly SNAPSHOT is to provide a brief overview of the food security situation in Yemen in its various sectors and to provide all stakeholders with a view to highlighting the various issues related to food security to draw attention of stakeholders, officials and decision-makers.

the topics in this SNAPSHOT are derived from various sources and sectors including Food Security Information System - Governorate Focal Unit (FSIS-GFUs), the FAO project Strengthening of the Food Security information and Early Warning System, sectoral ministries and local and international NGOs.

Water and Environment

UNICEF supports sustainable projects:

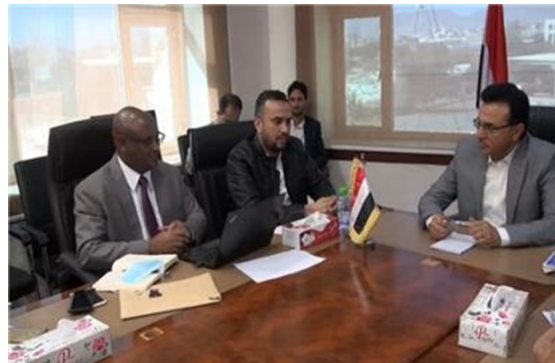
His Excellency, the Minister of Water and Environment (MWE) indicated in the expanded meeting that included water and environmental sanitation experts from the Ministry and UNICEF.

During the meeting, which was held on December 27th 2020, HE affirmed the Ministry's 2021-plan to implement sustainable projects and interventions that meet the needs of citizens in securing water and sanitation services in various governorates.

The plan of the Ministry of Water and Environment, according to the Minister will contain a package of strategic projects concerned primarily with covering the needs of water and sanitation projects and requires concerted efforts of all partners to make it a success.

The draft included the priorities of the programs for the year 2021, including the expansion of sanitation projects in rural and urban areas, as well as sustainable projects, in addition to strengthening efforts towards the water safety plan.

The draft plan also included aspects related to capacity building and emergency interventions in the field of water and environmental sanitation, in addition to water safety through chlorination and water quality monitoring².



Fisheries

In a workshop for the Food Security Policy Dialogue Forum.

Ways to enhance the resilience of the fish sector and protect fishing grounds

The Food Security Policy Dialogue Forum discussed in a third workshop organized by the Food Security Technical Secretariat at the Ministry of Planning's office on December 1, 2020, ways to enhance the resilience of the fish sector and protect fishing grounds.

The workshop produced several recommendations, the most important of which are:

1- Defining safe fishing areas along the Yemeni coast of the Red Sea by communicating with the UN agencies and addressing international organizations concerned with human rights to adopt their identification and take measures to protect them, in order to enhance the resilience of the fish sector and protect coasts exposed to conflict and insecurity, as well as protecting vulnerable groups in societies Coastal in the Red Sea.

2- Establishing artificial pastures in safe areas by seeking funding for their establishment from donors.

3- Improving the livelihoods of coastal communities through:

- Funding a comprehensive emergency support project for fishermen affected by conflict.
- Launching a package of small and medium enterprises to raise the income level of coastal women and the families of fishermen

The holding of this workshop comes in light of the challenges facing the fish sector in Yemen that have limited its production and its contribution to the national economy. In addition, what the sector's infrastructure has suffered from the destruction and low levels of development and development, in addition to the lack of interest in developing human capabilities. Consequently, the challenges facing the sector and fishermen increased after the outbreak of the war in 2015, to include: A sharp decline in production, as a result of prevention and restrictions on fishermen, the displacement of many of them and of the workforce in the sector; Stopping production in fish factories; High fuel prices; Decreased local purchasing power, and consequently lower domestic demand for fish Failure to empower the Ministry of Fisheries, and other challenges facing the sector.

The workshop was held under the auspices of both the Minister of Planning and the Minister of Fish Wealth, and it is concerned with the results of the study related to fish production and people's livelihoods in the West Coast and was attended by most of the cadres and leadership of the Ministry of Fisheries in Sana'a and lasted for three days, including two days at the technical level of cadres and general directors of the technical departments of the ministry.

Sources : 1 Reports of field units,Epidemiological evidence Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation.2December / 2020] Sana'a - Saba