Scottish Government supporting humanitarian effort in Yemen

■ The Scottish Government has confirmed today that it has donated £250,000 of humanitarian aid to the Disasters Emergency Committee's (DEC) Yemen Crisis Appeal.

DEC is an amalgamation of 13 leading UK agencies who raise money to deal with humanitarian crises in poorer countries.

International Development Minister Alasdair Allan said:

"Since March 2015, Yemen has been engulfed in a state of civil war that has aggravated an already dire humanitarian crisis brought on by years of poverty, poor governance, conflict and ongoing instability.

"Almost 19 million people are in urgent need of humanitarian aid due to the conflict, which has caused forced displacement, severe economic decline, and the collapse of basic services and institutions.

"The Scottish government will do all we can to help Yemen's most vulnerable people in their hour of need, and I hope that today's announcement of £250,000 funding for the Disasters Emergency Committee Yemen Crisis Appeal will allow us to reach the worst affected areas of the country."

If you wish to donate to DEC then this is the link for the Yemen Crisis Appeal <u>http://www.dec.org.uk/appeal/yemen-crisis-appeal</u>