

FAST FACTS YEMEN CRISIS

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Total population:



29.3 MILLION*

Population
in need:



22.2 MILLION, or
three quarters of
Yemen's population

Total number
of children in
need:



**11.3 MILLION
CHILDREN**

Internally
displaced
children:



1 MILLION



CHILD PROTECTION

Figures from 26 March 2015 to 30 September 2018² - these are only figures that the United Nations has been able to verify, with actual numbers likely to be much higher:

- 6,639 children were killed or injured (2,575 killed and 4,064 injured),
- 2,706 children recruited into the fighting,
- 323 attacks and military use of schools,
- 133 attacks and military use of hospitals,
- Child marriage has increased, with two thirds of girls under 18 marrying in 2017 against 52 per cent in 2016³.
- More than 570,000 people were displaced since violence escalated in Hodayda in June this year⁴.



EDUCATION

- One in five schools in Yemen can no longer be used because they were damaged, destroyed, are sheltering displaced families or being used for military purposes.⁵
- 135,000 teachers and education professionals have not been paid for two years⁶.
- More than 2 million children are out-of-school compared to 1.5 million before the conflict.⁷



NUTRITION

- 400,000 children under the age of five suffer from severe acute malnutrition⁸ and are fighting to survive.
- The deepening economic crisis and escalating violence could make an additional 3.5 million people food insecure, including 1.8 million children⁹.
- 90,000 additional children could become severely malnourished in the coming months without scaling up lifesaving assistance¹⁰.
- The plummeting value of the Yemeni Riyal has increased the price of food and fuel by 25 and 45 per cent respectively since September¹¹. Compared to before the violence escalated in 2015, essential commodity prices have increased by 140-204 per cent and fuel by 280-357 per cent¹².



HEALTH

- Only half of all health facilities are functional and even these face severe shortages in medicine, equipment, and staff¹³.
- Since the outbreak of acute watery diarrhoea AWD/cholera on 27 April 2017 to September 2018, there have been over 1.2 million suspected cases with more than 2,500 associated deaths.¹⁴
- Children under the age of 5 continue to represent more than a quarter of all suspected cholera/acute watery diarrhoea cases¹⁵.
- Nearly 8.4 million children require basic health care assistance¹⁶.



WATER SANITATION AND HYGIENE

- An estimated 8.1 million children do not have access to clean water, sanitation, and hygiene¹⁷.
- Overall, only one third of people in Yemen is connected to a piped water network¹⁸.

UNICEF RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS¹⁹

From January-Sept 2018:

EDUCATION: Over 42,000 children were provided with basic learning supplies, and an estimated 164,000 children accessed education with UNICEF support.

HEALTH: Nearly 1 million children under the age of five received primary health care, and nearly 4.2 million were vaccinated against polio.

NUTRITION: Over 170,000 children with severe acute malnutrition were admitted to therapeutic care.

WASH: Nearly 5 million people received access to safe drinking water. Additionally, over 5.5 million people living in high risk cholera areas had access to household level water treatment and disinfection.

CHILD PROTECTION: More than 565,000 children and caregivers in conflict-affected areas received psychosocial support, and almost 1.2 million children and community members were reached with lifesaving mine risk education.

FUNDING REQUIREMENTS²⁰

In 2018, UNICEF is appealing for **US\$ 424 MILLION** to fund its emergency response for children affected by the conflict in Yemen.

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