**Fast Facts**

**Yemen Crisis**

**March 2020**

**General**[[1]](#endnote-1)

* Total population: 30.5 million.[[2]](#endnote-2)
* Population in need: 24.1 million, or 80 percent of Yemen’s population.
* Total number of children in need: 12.3 million – nearly every child in Yemen.
* Internally displaced children: 1.71 million.

**Child protection**

**Figures from 26 March 2015 to 29 February 2020**[[3]](#endnote-3).

These are figures that the United Nations has been able to verify. **The actual numbers are likely to be much higher**

* 3,081 children killed (2,147boys; 885 girls; 49 unknown),
* 5,470 children injured (3,983 boys; 1,487 girls),
* 3,438 (3,379 boys recruited into the fighting, and 59 girls are participating on the events or on the check points,
* 407 attacks and military use of education facilities,
* 158 attacks and military use of health facilities,
* Child marriage has increased, with two thirds of girls under 18 marrying in 2017 against 52 per cent in 2016[[4]](#endnote-4).

**Education**

* 2000 schools in Yemen are unfit for use due to the conflict because they are damaged or being used in the fighting or to shelter displaced families.[[5]](#endnote-5)
* Most public-school teachers have not been paid in more than three years, placing nearly 4 million additional children at risk of missing out on their education[[6]](#endnote-6).
* More than 2 million children are out-of-school, an increase of nearly half a million children since the conflict escalated.[[7]](#endnote-7)

**Nutrition**

* An estimated 2 million children in Yemen are acutely malnourished, including nearly 360,000 children under the age of five suffering from severe acute malnutrition[[8]](#endnote-8) and are fighting to survive.
* 1.2 million pregnant or lactating women are acutely malnourished[[9]](#endnote-9).
* According to recent analyses, nearly 16 million people of the population will be severely food insecure in 2019.[[10]](#endnote-10)
* An estimated 12 million Yemenis, including 2 million children, are dependent on food assistance in 2019.[[11]](#endnote-11)

**Health**

* Only 51% of all health facilities in Yemen are functional and even these face severe shortages in medicine, equipment, and staff[[12]](#endnote-12).
* Since the outbreak of acute watery diarrhoea /cholera in April 2017, there have been over 2.32 million suspected cases with more than 3,778 associated deaths[[13]](#endnote-13).
* Children under the age of five continue to represent more than a quarter of all suspected cholera/acute watery diarrhoea cases[[14]](#endnote-14).
* Nearly 19.7 million people (10.2 million children) require basic health care assistance[[15]](#endnote-15).

**Water Sanitation and Hygiene**

* An estimated 17.8 million people (9.2 million children) do not have access to safe water, sanitation, or hygiene[[16]](#endnote-16).
* Overall, only one third of Yemen’s population is connected to a piped water network[[17]](#endnote-17).

**UNICEF’s RESULTS FOR CHILDREN, 2019**[[18]](#endnote-18)

* **Education:** Over 253,400 conflict-affected children have been provided with access to education via improved school environment and alternative learning opportunities. Over 277,000 children were provided with basic learning supplies. More than 61,700 affected children received psychosocial support services and peace building education in schools. More than 127,000 teachers and school-based staff received transportation incentives for the 2018/2019 school year.
* **Health:** 11,837,521 from 6 months – 15 years vaccinated in MR campaigns. More than 2.57 million children under the age of five received primary health care, and over 4.47 million children under 5 were vaccinated against polio and over 740,00 children under 1 vaccinated against measles (MCV1).
* **Nutrition**: 343,277 children 0-59 months with Severe Acute Malnutrition admitted to therapeutic care and over 4.3 million were given micronutrients including Vitamin A.
* **WASH**: More than 7.25 million people had access to safe drinking water and more than 691,000 gained access to emergency safe water supply. Additionally, more than 25.49 million people living in high-risk cholera areas had access to household-level water treatment and disinfection. More than 626,000 people have access to adequate sanitation (through emergency latrine construction or rehabilitation)
* **Child protection**: Over 621,000 children and caregivers in conflict-affected areas received psychosocial support, and over 2 million children and community members were reached with lifesaving mine risk education
* **Emergency Cash Programme**: nearly 9 million of Yemen’s most vulnerable people were provided with cash assistance during the Project’s 6th payment cycle to meet their most pressing needs.

**UNICEF’s TARGETS for 2020**[[19]](#endnote-19)

* **Education:** 1,000,000 children provided with individual learning materials. 820,000 children accessing formal and non-formal education, including early learning. 135,000 teachers receiving teacher incentives each month.
* **Health:** 5,500,000 children under 5 years vaccinated against polio. 1,700,000 children under 5 years receiving primary health care in UNICEF-supported facilities. 700,000 children under 1 year vaccinated against measles (measles-containing vaccine) through routine immunization.
* **Nutrition**: 331,000 children aged 6 to 59 months affected by SAM admitted for treatment and 4.4 million were given micronutrients including Vitamin A.
* **WASH**: 6,800,000 people accessing a sufficient quantity of safe water for drinking, cooking and personal hygiene. 5,000,000 people provided with standard hygiene kits
* **Child protection**: 2,000,000 children and community members reached with life-saving mine risk education messages. 874,000 children and caregivers accessing mental health and psychosocial support. 200,000 children and women accessing gender-based violence response interventions.
* **Social policy:** 85,000 marginalized/excluded people benefiting from emergency and longer-term social and economic assistance (through case management).
* **Communication for development:** 6,000,000 people reached with key lifesaving/behaviour change messages through communication for development interpersonal communication interventions.
* **Rapid Response Mechanism:** 1,300,000 vulnerable displaced people receive Rapid Response Mechanism kits. 135,000 vulnerable persons supported with multipurpose cash assistance.

**FUNDING REQUIREMENTS**[[20]](#endnote-20)

* In 2020, UNICEF appeals for nearly **US$ 535 million** to fund its emergency response for children affected by the conflict in Yemen.

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