

YEMEN FACTSHEET

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Yemen is still the world's worst humanitarian crisis. More than five years into the conflict, eighty percent of the population is in need of humanitarian assistance and protection. A collapsing economy and often non-existent public services mean that millions struggle to access food, water, education and healthcare. This dire situation has been exacerbated by the global COVID-19 pandemic.

CARE reaches 2.8 million people a year across 13 governorates and 95 districts in Yemen. We work in food security and livelihoods, WASH, reproductive health, women's economic empowerment and education and training. We have reached a quarter of a million people in 2020 with COVID-19 prevention activities.

OVERVIEW



24.1 million people are in need of humanitarian assistance



4 million people have been forced from their homes since the conflict escalated



20 million are living in food insecurity, with 10m at risk of famine



20.5 million people are in need of water, sanitation and hygiene services

*OCHA figures



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CARE'S WORK IN YEMEN



CARE reaches 1.4 million people with water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) services including water trucking and hygiene kits. CARE works with communities on hygiene promotion to prevent the spread of deadly waterborne diseases like cholera, as well as COVID-19.



We distribute food, cash and vouchers to 1.5 million people, enabling them to buy essential supplies for their families.



We support women's economic empowerment through loans, equipment and technical advice and training so they can set up small businesses



We work in reproductive health to train and equip midwives, rehabilitate maternity wards and provide home delivery kits.



CARE empowers young people with education and vocational training to offer them opportunities.

LATEST UPDATES



Over 20,000 households have been displaced this year due to fighting, flooding and COVID-19.



300,000 people have lost homes and possessions in widespread flooding across the country.



The Yemen humanitarian response is severely under-funded, leaving many programmes at risk of closure.

IMPACT OF COVID-19

The COVID-19 pandemic combined with existing problems caused by continued conflict and collapsing public services disproportionately impacts Yemeni women and girls - especially widowed women, many of whom are now out of work.

Arwa from Ibb works as a housemaid in her village, but has lost her income due to COVID-19. People are afraid," she says. "They don't ask me to help them with the housework because they are isolating themselves." Her eyes fill with tears as she explains: "Some nights my children cry because they are hungry, but I can't do anything. I feel useless."



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