



EMERGENCIES WHATEVER IT TAKES

YEMEN CRISIS APPEAL: CHILDREN FACE STARVATION

The heart-wrenching images of starving children emerging from Yemen are a wake-up call for the world. They are the most shocking sign that war has pushed the country to the brink of famine.

We've been responding to the tragedy unfolding in Yemen since it began almost two years ago. War has ripped through what was already the poorest country in the Arab world. Thousands of children have been killed or injured. Many more have witnessed the death of family and friends, and the destruction of everything they know.

But until now the world has looked the other way.

A staggering 18 million people – almost 70% of the country's population – are now in dire need of aid. In terms of the numbers of people affected, this is now the world's largest humanitarian disaster.

One in three of Yemen's young children are severely malnourished. And a staggering 7 million children go to bed hungry every night. Water supplies in some parts of the country are only turned on for an hour a day.

Our teams are on the ground, working round the clock in the line of fire to deliver food, water and vital medical supplies to the children who need them most. So far, thanks to the support of people like you, we've reached 1.1 million people in Yemen, including 635,000 children.

But millions more are still tormented by hunger and thirst. We urgently need help to reach them.

OUR RESPONSE

Despite the formidable challenges in humanitarian access and in extremely dangerous conditions, our teams have been working tirelessly to provide food, water and vital healthcare to families, and help get children back in the classroom to ensure that an entire generation of children's futures are not lost.

HEALTH & NUTRITION

We are:

- Establishing mobile health and nutrition teams across the country, each with a nurse, midwife, community health-worker and doctor. We are also providing support to fixed health facilities in partnership with the Ministry of Health
- Rehabilitating health facilities that have been damaged by the conflict, and installing appropriate water and sanitation systems in these facilities
- Running infant and young child feeding information points for pregnant and lactating women to inform them of the benefits of breastfeeding. Over 3,000 women have been supported to breastfeed so far
- Distributing food, and providing targeted feeding programmes and vitamin supplementation for children who are most at risk of malnutrition.



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Ali*, 4 months old, is suffering from Severe Malnutrition and has been admitted into our Outpatient Therapeutic Programme at Sabeen Hospital in Sana'a.



Waleed*, who is just 1 year old has been severely malnourished for 9 months.



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CHILD PROTECTION

We are:

- Running child-friendly spaces across the country where children have a safe space where they can learn, play, and receive specialist emotional support
- Holding landmine awareness sessions in community areas for displaced and host communities. We've trained children to run peer-to-peer mine education sessions in their schools and with local youth groups
- Running a national campaign to raise awareness of children's right to protection in emergencies. Radio stations have joined the campaign with flash announcements and radio shows. Children chose the topics that were of particular importance to them – including child marriage, education, child participation, landmine risk, violence against children and malnutrition.



Amal* is two years old and suffers from severe malnutrition. Her mother says: "When we arrived in Sana'a, we came to this hospital and they said she needs medicine. I was forced to sell my jewellery to afford it." Doctors say Amal* requires special treatment in the Malnutrition Unit, but they cannot provide care for her.

EDUCATION

We are:

- Supporting schools with rehabilitation and reconstruction, to repair damage as a result of the conflict and to ensure that schools are safe spaces, appropriate for a quality learning environment
- Distributing back-to-school kits and running a 'back to school' campaign to encourage children into education. Catch-up classes are also available for those that have missed out on school
- Training teachers and social workers to provide specialist emotional support to children who have been affected by the conflict
- Running the Education cluster in the south of the country, coordinating the education response amongst the different agencies and championing the importance of education in emergencies. Before we ran this cluster, it had been completely inactive for two years.

WATER & SANITATION

We are:

- Ensuring that children and their families have access to safe drinking water and constructed and rehabilitated water and sanitation facilities at schools and health facilities
- Giving out hygiene kits which contain essential items such as soap, toothpaste and basins, so that children can stay healthy
- Carrying out mass hygiene and sanitation promotion campaigns for the most vulnerable families.

HOW OUR SUPPORTERS COULD HELP

Together, we can make sure we reach the most vulnerable children with life-saving aid. Your donation could help Yemeni children survive. Here's how:

- **£29** could provide a displaced family, who have left everything behind, with simple toiletries such as shampoo, soap, towels, laundry detergent.
- **£85** could provide a family of 7 with a food voucher which they can use at the local market to buy food basket to feed them for a month.
- **£162** could pay for treatment of one child with severe acute malnutrition.
- **£242** could pay for a health worker for a month to support a therapeutic feeding centre where malnourished children can receive life-saving food and care at a stabilisation centre.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE CHILDREN OF YEMEN.