FAST FACTS

YEMEN CRISIS

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for every child

GENERAL[1]

Total population
30.5 MILLION[2]

Population in need
24.1 MILLION,
or 80 per cent of Yemen's population

Total number of children in need
12.3 MILLION CHILDREN
nearly every child in Yemen

Internally displaced children
1.71 MILLION

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CHILD PROTECTION

Figures from 26 March 2015 to 31October 2019 [4]
These are only figures that the United Nations has been able to verify. The actual numbers are likely to be much higher

- 2,867 children killed (1,992 boys; 826 girls; 49 unknown),
- 4,846 children injured (3,546 boys; 1,300 girls),
- 3,326 (3,269 boys recruited into the fighting, and 57 girls are participating on the events or on the check points)
- 362 attacks and military use of education facilities
- 146 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.[3]

EDUCATION

- 2,000 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]
- Most public-school teachers have not been paid in more than two years, placing nearly 4 million additional children at risk of missing out on their education.[6]
- More than 2 million children are out-of-school, an increase of nearly half a million children since the conflict escalated. [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] and are fighting to survive.
- 1.2 million pregnant or lactating women are acutely malnourished.[9]
- According to recent analyses, nearly 16 million people of the population will be severely food insecure in 2019.[10]
- An estimated 12 million Yemenis, including 2 million children, are dependent on food assistance in 2019.[11]

HEALTH

- Only half of all health facilities in Yemen are functional and even these face severe shortages in medicine, equipment, and staff.[12]
- Since the outbreak of acute watery diarrhoea /cholera in April 2017, there have been over 2 million suspected cases with more than 3,571 associated deaths.[13]
- Children under the age of five continue to represent more than a quarter of all suspected cholera/acute watery diarrhoea cases.[14]
- Nearly 20 million people (including10 million children) need basic health care.[15]

WATER SANITATION

- Nearly 18 million people (9.2 million children) do not have access to safe water, sanitation, or hygiene .[16]
- Overall, only one third of Yemen's population is connected to a piped water network.[17]

UNICEF'S RESPONSE FOR CHILDREN, 2019[18]

Education	Over 230,000 conflict-affected children have been provided with access to education via improved school environment and alternative learning opportunities. Over 127,000 children were provided with basic learning supplies. More than 61,000 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 1.5 million children under the age of five received primary health care, and over 466,000 children were vaccinated against polio and 405,362 children under 1 vaccinated against measles (MCV1).
Nutrition	215,578 children 0-5 years with Severe Acute Malnutrition admitted to therapeutic care and 1,132,914 were given micronutrients including Vitamin A.
WASH	More than 6 million people had access to safe drinking water and more than 638,000 gained access to emergency safe water supply. Additionally, more than 18.4 million people living in high-risk cholera areas had access to household-level water treatment and disinfection. Nearly 600,000 people have access to adequate sanitation (through emergency latrine construction or rehabilitation).
Child Protection	Over 427,000 children and caregivers in conflict-affected areas received psychosocial support, and over 1.6 million children and community members were reached with lifesaving mine risk education.
Emergency cash transfers	Nearly 9 million of Yemen's most vulnerable people provided with cash assistance.

FUNDING REQUIREMENTS[19]

In 2019, UNICEF is appealing for **US$ 536 MILLION** to fund its emergency response for children affected by the conflict in Yemen.

To date, UNICEF Yemen faces a funding gap of **US$ 195 MILLION**, (32 per cent).

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