

Yemen health crisis at a glance

The World Health Organization (WHO)

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Nearly eight years of intensive armed conflict has left over two thirds of Yemen's population (21.6 million people) in present need of humanitarian assistance. An estimated 4.5 million people are internally displaced. Endemic violence, a deteriorating economy, mounting food insecurity and recurring disease outbreaks have all but collapsed the country's health system. Currently, 46 percent of Yemen's health facilities are non-functioning or partially functioning due to shortages of staff, funds, electricity, medicines, supplies, and equipment.

The World Health Organization (WHO) is sustaining an integrated response in these priority areas: 1) coordinating the national Health Cluster; 2) keeping therapeutic feeding centres (TFCs) operational; 3) strengthening disease surveillance; 4) responding to all infectious disease outbreaks; 5) supporting health care facilities and services; 6) controlling vector-borne, water-borne, and neglected tropical diseases; 7) fighting chronic diseases including diabetes, renal diseases, and cancer; 8) maintaining water, sanitation and hygiene services (WASH) to strengthen infection prevention and control measures in hospitals; 9) supporting and improving maternal and newborn health care; and 10) responding to a neglected mental health crisis.

In 2022...

Lives saved & sustained

 **7.8 million**

people reached with health services (62% of 12.6 million targeted under HRP¹)

 **1.1 million**

persons vaccinated against COVID-19

¹ Humanitarian Response Plan 2022

Healthcare workers & facilities supported

 **8 million**

liters of fuel delivered to 76 health facilities

 **2,300**

health facilities supported with electronic Integrated Disease Early Warning System (eIDEWS)²

² A health facility-based surveillance system monitoring 27 diseases weekly

³ Central public health laboratories (CPHLs)

⁴ National blood transfusion centres (NBTCs)

In 2023...

Critical health needs

 **20.3 million**

people need urgent health services (12.9 million in acute need)

 **15.3 million**

people cannot access clean WASH⁶ without assistance

 **540,000**

children under age 5 suffer from SAM⁸ (with direct risk of death)

 **17.3 million**

people suffer from AFI⁵

 **1.1 million**

children under age 5 suffer from MAM⁷ (with 30–50% mortality risk)

⁵ Acute food insecurity

⁶ Water, sanitation and hygiene

⁷ Moderate acute malnutrition

⁸ Severe acute malnutrition

Required funding to Yemen's health sector

 ***US\$392 million**

to reach **12.9 million** people

*Only **3.5%** of required funding has been pledged to date.

Consequences of underfunding

 **1,000**

health facilities are unsupported

 **7.9 million**

children are in critical need of health services

 **1.1 million**

children with acute malnutrition face deteriorating health or death

 **10 million**

persons have no access to health services

 **2.9 million**

women of reproductive age lack maternal, child, and reproductive services