

Yemen: The Worst Humanitarian Crisis on Earth

Hunger and Disease

- » **8 in 10 Yemenis** are in need of some form of humanitarian assistance
- » 10 million people are on the **brink of starvation**
- » Every **12 minutes**, a child under 5-years-old dies, mostly from hunger or disease
- » There have been over **2 million cases** of cholera, leaving thousands dead

“With COVID-19 now spreading rapidly, Yemen is facing an emergency within an emergency.”

– UNICEF

COVID

- » Millions of Yemenis have compromised immune systems
- » Nearly 30% of Yemenis who have contracted COVID-19 have died - by far the **highest fatality** rate in the world
- » Projections cited by the UN estimate that COVID-19 could infect nearly **16 million** Yemenis

Conflict

- » The Saudi-led coalition’s bombing campaign has killed more than **18,500 civilians**
- » About 50% of health facilities have been **destroyed or closed** due to the war
- » The coalition’s *de facto* blockade **prevents** food, fuel, and medicine from reaching north Yemen

Major Funding Shortfall

- » 31 of 41 major UN aid programs were forced to **shut down or scale back** operations this year
- » The WFP has **cut food aid** by nearly 50%, meaning millions will go with half-rations
- » \$73 million of appropriated USAID funding has been **suspended**
- » 70% of the Yemeni population **lives** in areas subject to US aid restrictions

“Families all across Yemen depend on the generosity of the American people to survive. Now they are being punished and now they will die.” – Yemeni aid worker to the [Washington Post](#)