

STARVATION IN YEMEN



WHAT IS HAPPENING IN YEMEN?

- Conflict from the civil war engulfs most of the country.
- With economic collapse, food prices have soared. 20 million people lack enough food.
- The volatile security situation makes it difficult to supply aid to people in need.

HOW HAS THE CRISIS AFFECTED CHILDREN?

- About 400,000 children under age 5 suffer from acute malnutrition.
- Cases of cholera and acute watery diarrhea are on the rise.
- Schools and hospitals have been damaged and closed.



WHY IS THERE STARVATION?

Even before the conflict began, poverty and hunger has always been an issue in Yemen. About 90% of the country's food was imported. Now that much of the commercial trade is blockaded due to the war, it's difficult for farmers to get seeds and fertilizer, and most people can't afford to buy what they need. Even aid agencies struggle to import and transport goods.



WHY IS IT THE WORLD'S WORST HUMANITARIAN CRISIS?

- An estimated 20 million people – or two-thirds of the country's population – are food-insecure.
- A child in Yemen dies every 10 minutes of preventable causes, including malnutrition, diarrhea and respiratory infection.



FOOD BLOCKADE IN YEMEN

The blockade of Yemen refers to a sea, land and air blockade on Yemen. As a result, there is a desperate shortage of necessary supplies such as food, water and medical supplies. A limited number of aid ships can unload, and the bulk of commercial shipping, on which the desperately poor country depends, is being blocked, creating a state of emergency for Yemenis.



WHAT IS BEING DONE?

Organizations such as, UNICEF, are on the ground to help deliver necessary resources such as food and medical supplies throughout Yemen. Many non-profit organizations are currently taking donations to help alleviate the humanitarian crisis and bring food to the most crucial areas. Visit their website for more information!



SOURCES:

- [HTTPS://WWW.UNICEF.ORG/EMERGENCIES/YEMEN-CRISIS](https://www.unicef.org/emergencies/yemen-crisis)
- [HTTPS://WWW.ALJAZEERA.COM/NEWS/2020/06/MILLIONS-YEMENI-CHILDREN-BRINK-STARVATION-200625084934928.HTML](https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2020/06/millions-yemeni-children-brink-starvation-200625084934928.html)

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