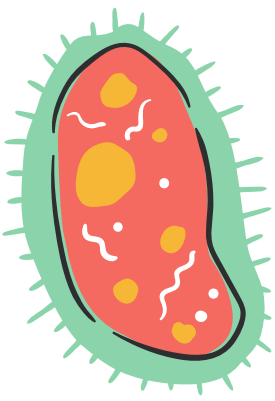


THE CHOLERA OUTBREAK IN YEMEN



WHAT IS CHOLERA?

Cholera is an acute, diarrheal illness caused by infection of the intestine with the toxigenic bacterium "Vibrio Cholerae." Without proper treatment, cholera can be fatal with an estimated 95,000 deaths a year around the world.

WHEN DID A CHOLERA OUTBREAK BEGIN IN YEMEN?

An outbreak of cholera began in Yemen in October 2016 and is ongoing as of April 2019. The cholera outbreak was difficult to contain and was spread due to poor hygiene, sanitation and contaminated drinking water in the area.



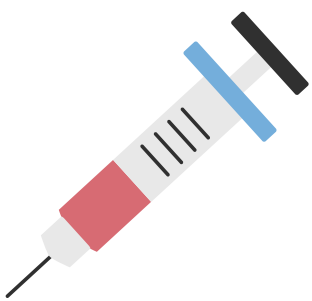
WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR YEMEN?



The drastic rise in the number of cholera cases in Yemen is a direct result of ongoing conflicts - war and economic difficulties - which have made more than half of the country's health facilities no longer functional. Over 1000 deaths have been reported as a result of the outbreak and continues to worsen due to the on-going conditions in the country.

CHALLENGES WITHIN THE HEALTHCARE SYSTEM

The cholera outbreak in Yemen is worsened by the collapsing healthcare system in Yemen. As of 2016, the government ended funding for public health leaving many employees without salary. The lack of funding for public health workers in addition to the lack of medical supplies in the area have further contributed to the spread of cholera in Yemen.



LACK OF VACCINATION

The International Coordinating Group on Vaccine Provision, announced a plan in June 2017 to send one million doses of oral cholera vaccine to Yemen, but that plan stalled. The lack of access to vaccine in Yemen, causes the population to be more vulnerable to the spread of the disease.

WHAT IS BEING DONE?

International Medical Corps' community health volunteers have been working to identify cholera cases and refer them to the nearest health facility, where those affected can receive antibiotics. International Medical Corps has also distributed more than 230 health and hygiene kits to families in Yemen, while giving education sessions about practices to prevent cholera. Visit their website to donate!



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