

RUNNING OUT OF OPTIONS: YEMEN'S FAMILIES FACE A DANGEROUS TIPPING POINT AS HUNGER DEEPENS AND RESILIENCE ERODES

Yemen is facing a dangerous new deterioration in hunger, with millions of people being pushed deeper into crisis just as humanitarian funding is collapsing and large parts of the country remain unmonitored. More than a decade of conflict, displacement, economic decline, and repeated shocks have pushed the resilience of Yemeni families beyond its absolute limits. People are not running out of resilience; they are running out of food, water, healthcare, and support.

The scale of this crisis is staggering. Right now, over 53 percent of the total population, which is 18 million people, are estimated to be experiencing severe food insecurity. This includes 2.2 million children under five and 1.3 million pregnant and breastfeeding women who are acutely malnourished. Despite these catastrophic needs, the 2026 humanitarian response plan is currently less than 15 percent funded. Because of this massive shortfall, food assistance has been sharply cut and will soon reach only 1.2 million people with a mere fraction of a standard ration.

Recent Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) data for Internationally Recognized Government (IRG) areas reveal that nearly 5 million people experienced high levels of acute hunger between March and May, with 1.4 million enduring deep emergency conditions. However, these figures are a warning sign from only the areas currently analysed. They do not capture the full scale of suffering across Yemen. Humanitarian organizations operating in northern Yemen consistently report that humanitarian needs are massive and that the situation is rapidly deteriorating. However, the lack of recent, comprehensive statistics and reliable data remains a major barrier to clearly demonstrating the scale and severity of needs.

The international community must not treat this as a localized crisis, but as a national deterioration.

These data gaps translate into a severe operational reality on the ground. Recent mapping by humanitarian organizations found that out of 68 priority districts where populations suffer from both emergency hunger and extreme multi-sector needs, 31 districts remain entirely uncovered by active humanitarian programming. 40% of health facilities across the country are non-functional or only partially functional, drastically reducing malnutrition screening and treatment capacities. Critical gaps in coverage across districts with severe acute needs remain a stark reality.

To survive, families are being forced into destructive, irreversible choices. They are selling off essential household assets, productive agricultural land, and homes, while skipping meals and taking children out of school to work. Women and girls are disproportionately impacted due to systemic inequalities that exacerbate food insecurity and inadequate nutrition. Women and girls tend to prioritize the needs of other household members, particularly in times of scarcity, and reduce their own food intake. As a result, women and girls may eat a lower quantity or poorer quality food, exposing them to greater risk of hunger and malnutrition. Furthermore, acute water scarcity, which is directly exacerbated by rising fuel costs that drive up the price of commercial water trucking, forces households to choose daily between safe water and basic food. The physical burden of collecting this water falls heavily on women and girls.

Yemen remains highly import-dependent, leaving it dangerously vulnerable to price volatility in global markets. The recent escalation of conflict in the Middle East and the wider region has severely disrupted maritime shipping lanes and increased freight insurance costs, directly driving up the prices of essential food and fuel imports. These macroeconomic shocks are compounded by erratic climate events, including localized flash floods and pest outbreaks in early 2026 that have ravaged domestic crop yields just as international aid hits an all-time low.

We, the undersigned humanitarian organizations operating in Yemen, confirm that the humanitarian community possesses the ready capacity and local networks to immediately scale up operations into underserved and uncovered areas. Our recent joint operational mapping confirms that almost all active humanitarian partners are already positioned on the ground. However, the critical shortage of funding

remains a significant barrier, alongside overlapping access and administrative constraints, preventing us from stepping into these 31 uncovered districts.

“The world cannot say it did not see this coming. The warning signs are already here. Children are malnourished, food assistance is being cut, health services are collapsing, and millions of families are being left with no safety net. We are running out of time to prevent total collapse unless action is taken now.”

OUR URGENT DEMANDS

To International Donors: Urgently fund the Yemen humanitarian response with flexible, multi-year funding. This food security assistance must be integrated with nutrition, water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), health, livelihoods, and multi-purpose cash assistance to maximize impact.

To International Donors (Climate Action): Donors must urgently enhance climate preparedness and early warning systems. This includes funding the pre-positioning of emergency supplies, reinforcing displaced-person (IDP) shelters, and providing targeted agricultural support to protect remaining crops and livestock during forecasted seasonal floods.

To Parties to the Conflict: Guarantee safe, unhindered humanitarian access and protect aid workers so that life-saving assistance can safely reach the uncovered districts.

SIGNATORY ORGANIZATIONS

International Organizations

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| • Action contre la Faim (ACF) | • Action For Humanity |
| • ADRA | • Concern Worldwide |
| • Danish Refugee Council (DRC) | • Dorcas |
| • International NGO Safety Organisation (INSO) | • International Rescue Committee (IRC) |
| • INTERSOS | • MedGlobal |
| • Médecins du Monde | • MEHAD |
| • Mercy Corps | • Norwegian People's Aid (NPA) |
| • Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) | • Oxfam |
| • Polish Humanitarian Action (PAH) | • Relief International |
| • Save the Children International | • Secours Islamique France (SIF) |
| • SOLIDARITÉS INTERNATIONALE | • Triangle Génération Humanitaire (TGH) |
| • Vision Hope International (VHI) | |

National Organizations

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| • Union of Green Climate Organizations (IGCO) | • Sustainpath Development (SPD) |
| • Bena Charity for Human Development (BCFHD) | • Tashbeek Foundation for Development, Advocacy and Relief (TDR) |
| • Masa Hawaa Foundation for Development (MFD) | • Civil Center for Support and Advocacy (CCAS) |
| • Light Foundation for Development (LIGTLFD) | • Human Access for Partnership and Development (HUMAN ACCESS) |

• Al-Amal Women's and Sociocultural Foundation (AWSF)	• National Foundation for Development and Humanitarian Response (NAHR)
• Joud Al-Ataa Foundation for Development and Humanitarian Rehabilitation (JAFHD)	• Neda'a Foundation for Development (NFD)
• Basamat Development Foundation (BDF)	• Al-Aidaroos Development Association (Al-Aidaroos Association)
• Ma'akum Developmental Foundation (MAAKUM)	• Al-Rowad Foundation for Development (RFD)
• Humanitarian Work Library - Yemen (HWL)	• Mercy Humanitarian Foundation (MHF)
• Improve Your Society Organization (IYSO)	• El-Abda Assistant for Woman Development (EAWD)
• Albseera Charity Foundation (BCF)	• Hadaf Development Organization (Haded)
• Al-Anwar Development Foundation (ADF)	• Ramz Development Foundation (RDF)
• Sustainable Development Foundation (SDF)	• Abductee's Mothers Association (AMA)
• For Human Development Foundation (FHD)	• Society for Humanitarian Solidarity (SHS)
• Al-Ataa Foundation for Environment Protection and Community Development (AFEPCD)	• Nahda Makers Organization (NMO)
• Abs Development Organization for Woman and Child (ADO)	• Generations Without Qat (GWQ)
• Sana'a Coalition for Relief and Development (SCRD)	• Developmental Re'ayah Foundation (DRF)
• Qudrat for Development	• For You Foundation (FYFHRD)
• Yemeni Family Care Association (YFCA)	• Assistance for Response and Development (ARD-Y)
• Children & Youth Protection Foundation (CYPF)	• Mozn Charitable Development and Social Foundation (MOZN)
• Engadh Humanitarian Foundation for Social Development (EHFSD)	• Enhance Foundation for Development (EFD)