

Yemen Report - 2019 in Review

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YEMEN - BACKGROUND

Over the last few years, the oppressed people of Yemen have suffered a brutal war waged through airstrikes, food and medical blockades from the land and embargos via sea that has killed several thousand civillians and injured or malnurished far more. Families have been forced to leave their homes and lives behind as they flee to areas - constantly on the fear of being bombarded.

The violence has annihilated Yemen's most basic of infrastructure, prompting deadly disease outbreaks and squeezing the country's food supplies to the brink of starvation. Food prices have doubled witihin the year, with currency fluctuations being the norm. Of the 22 million people affected, 15 million are battling food hardship and around 10 million do not know where they will obtain their next meal from.

More than 5 million children are facing starvation right now in what could be the worst famine in 100 years.



OUR WORK IN YEMEN

We have been working urgently with our partners on the ground since May 2018 to provide food packs and medical aid to vulnerable families and those that are internally displaced.



EMERGENCY FOOD

We have distributed over 20,000 food baskets in regions such as Sana'a (both in the city and the countryisde), Hodeidah, Marib and Taiz - reaching almost 100,000 individuals. Our focus of support is primarily for the widows, orphans and the elderly as well as heads of households who are out of work or who may not be receiving a salary from the central government - such as teachers, sanitation and port workers.



Furthermore, through the initiative of using locally sourced products, we believe our aid work is also providing crucial financial support by empowering the local economy through wholesalers whose businesses are suffering severely.

MEDICAL AID

Hodeidah has been especially impacted by the ongoing war. Our assessments on the around show that the vast population are gravely lacking access to basic healthcare for life-threatening potentially illnesses or injuries and for dialysis treatment. In July 2018, we provided critical dialysis treatment to 170 adults who had not been able to access medical support due to the ongoing bombings.



Many health centres have closed down or been destroyed which means patients need to travel far or on dangerous routes for treatment. For many, it is simply too expensive to pay for in the current climate of poverty, danger and displacement.

WHERE DID YOUR MONEY GO?

The World Federation of KSIMC would like to show its sincere appreciation for the benevolent contribution that you have made totaling \$370,000 AUD, equivalent to approx \$250,473 USD / €227,268 EUR.

Your generosity has enabled us to assist the urgent needs of desperate people through food distributions in various capacities.

Duetothedifficult circumstances in Yemen, we are required to remit in multiple tranches. Numerous organisations experienced difficulties in sending funds to Yemen between April to July, as well as August to October this year. Thus far, we have managed to successful send €136,072 Euros - over half of the funds received.

This has resulted in over 3,000 food packs being distributed, with the number of beneficiaries reaching above 17,000 in 2019. We expect to conduct a number of further distributions in early 2020.

These families have been facing food insecurity & unemployment as a result of internal displacement and are now settled in hard to reach areas across Sana'a.

Items included in each food basket:

- Ground wheat
- White Flour

- Lentils
- Cooking oil
- Milk/baby milk
- Sugar
- Rice





Some of the food basket contents



Families collecting their food baskets



Food distribution to displaced families in Sana'a

DISTRIBUTION INFORMATION

	Amount in EUR	Families/ food packs	Individuals	Beneficiary Type	Area
Jan/Feb 2019	€20,000	575	2,880	Hygiene/Sanitation Workers	Hodeidah
Late Feb 2019	€20,000	680	3,400	Port Workers	Hodeidah
March 2019	€20,000	603	3,015	Most Needy	Sana'a City (76%); San'aa Countryside (24%)
Early April 2019	€11,500	394	1,970	Teachers	Sana'a City
July 2019	€5,000	149	745	Most Needy	Marib
October 2019	€19,786	N/A*	2,010	Students - School Bag Project*	Sana'a Countryside
November 2019	€19,786	AWAITING REPORTS**	AWAITING REPORTS**	AWAITING REPORTS**	AWAITING REPORTS**
December 2019	€20,000	602	3,010	Most Needy	Hodeidah
TOTAL	€136,072	3,003	17,030		

* School Bag Project was conducted in October 2019 due to desperate situation of children of the poor and needy, whereby they had neglible resources to access a form of education. School bag contents included: pens, pencils, rulers, notebooks and zamzam water.

** Awaiting reports for a distribution which took place in late November 2019 - penny figures and accounting to be completed, before we are able to review, audit and submit.



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