

The background of the entire page is a detailed, high-contrast illustration in shades of blue and white. It depicts a scene of conflict and displacement. In the foreground, three people are shown with expressions of distress: an elderly woman on the left, a person in the center with their face partially covered, and a young boy in the lower right looking down. The background shows a landscape with damaged structures, debris, and other figures in the distance, suggesting a war-torn environment.

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CUSTODIANSHIP

إخلاص  
SINCERITY

OUR VALUES

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## ISLAMIC RELIEF WORLDWIDE



## MESSAGE from CEO

After four years of war, Yemen is now widely seen as the world's worst humanitarian catastrophe, with millions of people already in famine-like conditions and millions more teetering on the edge of famine – unsure when or even if they will be able to feed their families.

Starvation on this scale is hard to fathom.

Tens of thousands of children have died of hunger or been so weakened by malnutrition that they could not fight off the simplest of diseases like diarrhoea. Scores of malnourished mothers have given birth to babies they cannot breastfeed because their bodies simply will not provide enough milk. The babies that survive, grow up so stunted that they will never be able to fully recover and will bear the scars of this war for the rest of their lives.

Diseases like cholera have run rampant and our teams are worried that we could be on the brink of a fresh outbreak, with the previous one estimated to have infected more than one million people. With health services already devastated by the crisis and widespread shortages of staff and even basic medical supplies hard to obtain, the country is in no shape to fight off another epidemic. Overall 24 million people now depend on aid to survive and this number will only grow unless urgent action is taken to end the conflict.

The needs have forced us to scale up our work on a nearly unprecedented scale. Working with the UN's World Food Programme, we now provide food assistance to more than 2 million people every month, up from 1.8 million in 2018. We

are also supporting health clinics and hospitals and running feeding centres to help severely acutely malnourished mothers and babies. Overall last year, we helped 2.6 million people and in 2019 have vowed to help even more, promising to allocate \$7.6m from our own funds to aid humanitarian efforts on the ground.

Even as whole families starve, the bombs and bullets keep on flying. Aid groups estimate that on average one person is killed every eight hours in Yemen. While the ceasefire agreed around the port city of Hodeida, may have reduced the violence there, the killing has only shifted further afield.

Not only does the violence terrify and displace civilians on a daily basis, it also makes it hard and dangerous for our teams to operate. In January 2019, one of our aid workers lost his life when a stray bullet hit him and then in March 2019, another aid worker also lost their life.

These tragedies, however, only multiply our determination and efforts to find a political solution to the crisis so that we can slowly try to start bringing peace and stability to the people of Yemen who have endured far too much already.

This is why I hope and pray that this will be the last year of war in Yemen and that we will see all sides come together to find a durable solution to this heartless humanitarian catastrophe that has already claimed far too many lives.



Naser Haghamed





## Message from Yemen Country Director

The people of Yemen are currently living in constant fear, and more than 80 % of the population are now suffering from the disastrous effects of the war that erupted in March 2015. Key on-going challenges include the lack of access to enough nutritious food, safe drinking water, sanitation and hygiene, formal education for children and other basic needs and services.

Alongside other humanitarian responders, Islamic Relief (IR) in Yemen is assisting vulnerable communities in the country who are in severe need of humanitarian assistance. However, more co-ordinated efforts by the global community are required to ensure easy access to people affected by the war.

Despite the challenges on the ground and the high personal risk to staff, IR is committed to staying in Yemen; to deliver emergency relief and remain accountable to the Yemeni people. IR has functional offices in Sana'a, Hodeida, Sa'ada, Amran, Raymah, Aden, Ma'arib, Dhamar and Taiz, and the Yemen team has been carrying out operations in more than 15 governorates to save people's lives.

The progress IR made in delivering this work in 2018 was only possible with the support of members of local communities and local authorities. 2,777 local volunteers facilitated IR's access to even very remote areas of Yemen to deliver humanitarian assistance. IR Yemen also acknowledges the generous financial support of IR's partners, United Nations (UN) agencies, and international donors across the world, which makes IR's work in Yemen possible.

IR strongly urges parties involved in the conflict to implement a complete ceasefire, participate in peace talks, and ensure a final resolution that guarantees an end to the world's worst humanitarian crisis. It is time for the people of Yemen to lead their lives in a peaceful environment without fear.



**Muhammed Zulqarnain Abbas**  
Country Director  
Islamic Relief Yemen



## ISLAMIC RELIEF ASSISTED MORE THAN TWO MILLION PEOPLE IN 15 GOVERNORATES IN 2018



Years of conflict in Yemen have left millions of Yemenis struggling to find food, water and basic health care. Even before the escalation of the conflict in March 2015, Yemen was already one of the poorest countries in the Arab region. The world's largest man-made crisis has resulted in armed conflict, displacement, risk of famine, disease outbreaks, and severe economic decline. After almost four years of intense conflict in Yemen, an estimated 24 million people, about 80 % of the population in Yemen, need humanitarian aid to survive – more than any other country in the world.

IR has been providing an emergency response since the conflict started. This work reached more than 2.6 million people in 2018 and includes: food aid; water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH); nutrition and health care; orphan and child welfare; non-food items (NFIs); and livelihoods.

## ► Islamic Relief Yemen's main focus in 2018

### Food Security

The Food Security sector seeks to reduce severe hunger, food insecurity and widespread under-nutrition among vulnerable people, internally displaced persons (IDPs) and local populations by improving their access to food that is sufficient in quantity, quality, and diversity. This is achieved by providing monthly food rations under in-kind general food distribution (GFD), a cash/voucher transfer network (CVTN), cash transfers, or by distributing emergency rapid response mechanisms (RRMs) to new IDPs. .

### Livelihood

The Livelihoods sector aims to maintain lifesaving interventions to increase access to food for highly vulnerable families across Yemen. IR has implemented several food for assets (FFA) and cash for work (CfW) projects, where targeted households (HHs) are provided with work opportunities through short-term activities, such as; rural roads rehabilitation, the creation of rain harvesting tanks, health facilities rehabilitation, removing harmful trees, cleaning campaigns and the protection of other community assets. The Livelihoods sector also enhances the self-reliance of targeted HHs by providing small grants to start businesses, such as; dressmaking and embroidery, hairdressing and beautification, livestock breeding, handicrafts, small irrigation systems, and agricultural inputs such as seeds and fertilisers.

### Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) is one of the key programme pillars of IR's emergency response in Yemen. WASH sector interventions focus on mitigating the increased risk of WASH-related diseases caused by reduced access to water, basic sanitation services and hygiene items.

### Nutrition

The Nutrition sector aims to contribute to reducing the risk of excessive mortality and morbidity. It aims to improve the nutritional status of vulnerable groups (children aged 0-59 months and pregnant/lactating women (PLW) among refugees, IDPs and host populations), through the treatment and prevention of acute malnutrition and micronutrient deficiencies.

### Orphan and Child Welfare

IR has been delivering an orphan one-to-one sponsorship programme in Yemen since 2006. The programme provides monthly payments to the sponsored orphans to cover food, education, health and sometimes shelter needs. It also integrates other projects such as Eid Gift, Winterisation, food distribution and vocational training to reduce the suffering and improve the life conditions of sponsored orphans.

### Seasonal Projects

IR assists thousands of families every year through seasonal programmes such as Ramadan, Qurbani, Eid Gift and Winterisation. These projects help families to have enough nutritious food during these essential events.





# YEMEN HUMANITARIAN SITUATION



## YEMEN CRISIS

### KEY FACTS & FIGURES

PEOPLE IN NEED OF HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

**22.2 MILLION**

INTERNALLY DISPLACED PEOPLE (IDPs)

 **2 MILLION**

PEOPLE IN NEED OF WATER AND SANITATION

 **16 MILLION**

PEOPLE WHO ARE FOOD INSECURE

 **17.8 MILLION**

PEOPLE WHO NEED BASIC HEALTHCARE

 **16.4 MILLION**

ACUTELY MALNOURISHED CHILDREN, PREGNANT OR LACTATING WOMEN

 **2.9 MILLION**

\* Source: Yemen Humanitarian Needs Overview 2018



## SUMMARY OF THE HUMANITARIAN SITUATION IN YEMEN

Yemen has been experiencing on-going conflict for the past four years. An estimated 24.1 million people in Yemen now need humanitarian or protection assistance, including 14.3 million who are in acute need. Within this population, a staggering 9.9 million people are severely food insecure and at risk of starvation with some pockets at the brink of famine. At the same time, Yemen is grappling with the second wave of a cholera outbreak. More than two million people remain displaced, straining their capacity to cope. Amid these and other challenges, essential services provided by public institutions have all but collapsed. Renewed conflict which escalated in Hodeidah in 2018, and which is continuing sporadically, is having a heavy impact on civilians who are stuck in the conflict zones with no access to food, medical care or even a way out.

The economic situation has also been destabilised by the devaluation of the Yemeni currency against the US dollar, which has led to a rise in the cost of commodities. In addition, the lack of stable income for government employees has reduced their purchasing power and pushed even more people further below the poverty line. Recently, there have been renewed talks about a newly-emerging framework that will include the establishment of principles and parameters for UN-led, inclusive Yemeni political negotiations, a set of interim security and political arrangements to end fighting, and a restoration of state institutions.

Source: Yemen Humanitarian Needs Overview 2019





# YEMEN



## THE WORLD'S LARGEST HUMANITARIAN CRISIS

“ 22.2 million is the number of people in need and 11.3 million require immediate life-saving aid ”





# A BRIEF ABOUT ISLAMIC RELIEF YEMEN



## FAITH INSPIRED ACTION: Islamic Relief Yemen's work

*Islamic Relief Yemen was established in 1998. It is part of Islamic Relief Worldwide, which has been delivering humanitarian relief and development programmes around the world for over 30 years.*



The IR Yemen country office is in the capital city Sana'a, and has eight field offices in Dhamar, Amran, Aden, Taiz, Hodeida, Sa'ada, Marib, and Raymah. It has more than 200 national and international staff members, and 2,777 volunteers are working on implementing projects in various sectors across different parts of the country. IR's donors have shown their trust in IR's capacity and provided financial, technical and in-kind support to help those in need. They include: the UN World Food Programme (UNWFP), The Yemen Humanitarian Fund (YHF), the Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA), Trocaire, Global Affairs Canada (GAC), the Organization of Islamic Cooperation Humanitarian Funds (OICHF), UKAID, the

Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC), Radio-help, the International Development Bank (IDB), and Islamic Relief partner offices in the USA, UK, Belgium, Australia, Canada, Germany, Sweden, the Middle East and others. In addition to emergency response, IR Yemen is working on early recovery and development interventions, child welfare programmes and seasonal interventions like Ramadan and Qurbani distributions. IR Yemen is an active member of clusters and believes in close coordination with all stakeholders including communities, community leadership, UN agencies, international non-governmental organisations (INGOs), non-governmental organisations (NGOs), authorities and civil society.

## READY TO ANSWER THE CALL

### ISLAMIC RELIEF YEMEN'S PRESENCE

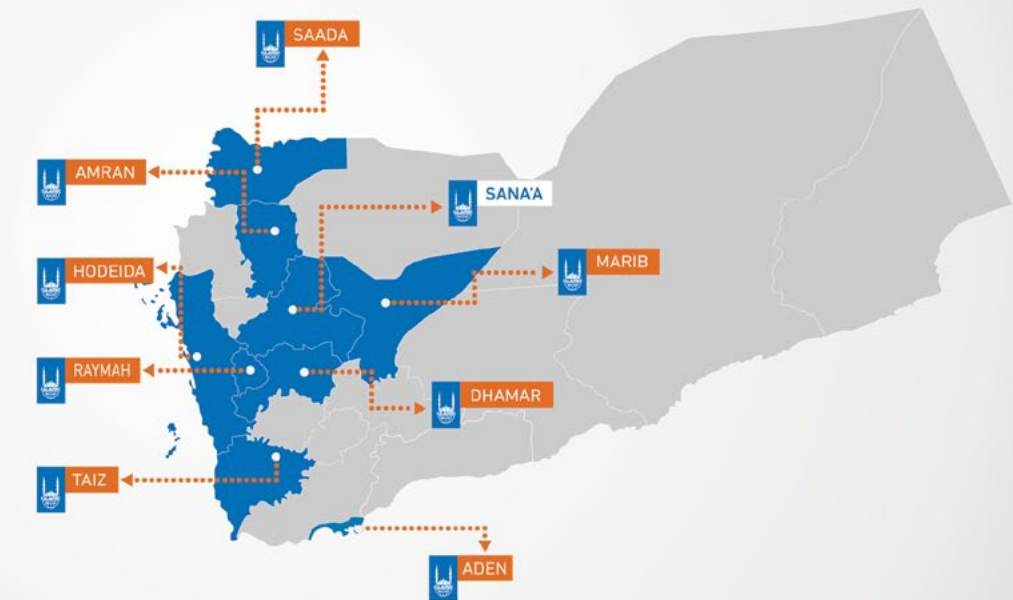
#### Staff:

**212** International and national staff

**2,777** Volunteers

#### Offices:

**1** Country Office in Sana'a  
**8** field offices in Aden, Taiz, Raymah, Hodeida, Amran, Sa'ada, Marib, and Dhamar



Maintaining neutrality, impartiality and transparency gives IR the advantage of being trusted and accepted by all parties with guaranteed access to all communities. During the past four years, IR has been able to assist the most vulnerable populations in 19 out of 22 governorates in Yemen.



# CONCRETE ACTION NEEDED FOR MEANINGFUL CEASEFIRE IN YEMEN TO AVERT FAMINE

*Islamic Relief is calling for concrete action in order to achieve a meaningful ceasefire to avert famine in the country.*

**Muhammed Zulqarnain Abbas, Islamic Relief's Country Director for Yemen, said:**

*"I hope that these 'concrete ideas' lead to a clear and meaningful ceasefire in Yemen. Before the war, the country was already in an emergency situation, now the situation is untenable. Three quarters of the country are living in a state of emergency and if this conflict continues, they will be hit by famine. The people of Yemen, and now Hodeida in particular, have suffered for too long. They deserve nothing less than all sides of the conflict showing a meaningful commitment towards peace."*



The UAE-led coalition announced earlier this week that it would pause the recent escalation in their military activity around the port of Hodeida. Islamic Relief welcomed this but notes that there are continued reports of military skirmishes on the edge of the city.

**Muhammed Zulqarnain Abbas added:**

*"It is imperative for our aid teams to have unrestricted access to be able to help those in need. And it is vital that Hodeida port, which accounts for more than 70% of the imports in this country, is kept open. Even a 2-week closure would result in children dying as they are completely dependent on emergency food rations."*

Islamic Relief is currently distributing emergency food rations and shelter to over 5,000 people newly displaced by the fighting in and around Hodeida. We are also starting to provide emergency support to people leaving the city. Tensions in the city remain high and our operations have experienced a steady increase in delays as the fighting moves closer to the city centre.

**Salem Jaffer Baob, Islamic Relief's, Head of Hodeida sub-office, said:**

*"Hodeida is becoming a ghost town, with streets and houses emptying every day. Hundreds of families are leaving, heading to the capital Sana'a and Ibb, and Dhamar governorates."*

There have been reports of several civilian casualties.

**Salem Jaffer Baob added:**

*"The hospitals and health centres in Hodeida and rural areas along the frontline are struggling to cope with the number of casualties and are running out of vital medical goods needed to treat the injured."*

*"The people of Yemen can't take much more of this conflict and we hope that the people sitting round the table tomorrow in New York will really think about them and what they are going through and come up with some meaningful solutions together to this conflict."*

**Najat El-hamri, Head of Region for Middle East, North Africa and Eastern European Desk, added:**

*"I saw so many children, with desperate staring eyes, ravaged by acute malnutrition and in some cases, cholera. Some were struggling to stand, never mind walk. I saw many others who had lost their limbs in bombing attacks or following a land mine explosion"*

*"This is upsetting for anybody, when you compare what life is like in Yemen, it doesn't just feel like another country, but a dystopian parallel universe where your worst nightmares have become a reality."*

*"All parties to the conflict must put people first and stop this brutal war, before it is too late."*





# YEMEN

THE FORGOTTEN CRISIS





# ISLAMIC RELIEF **YEMEN** RESPONSE



# YEARS OF SAVING LIVES IN YEMEN

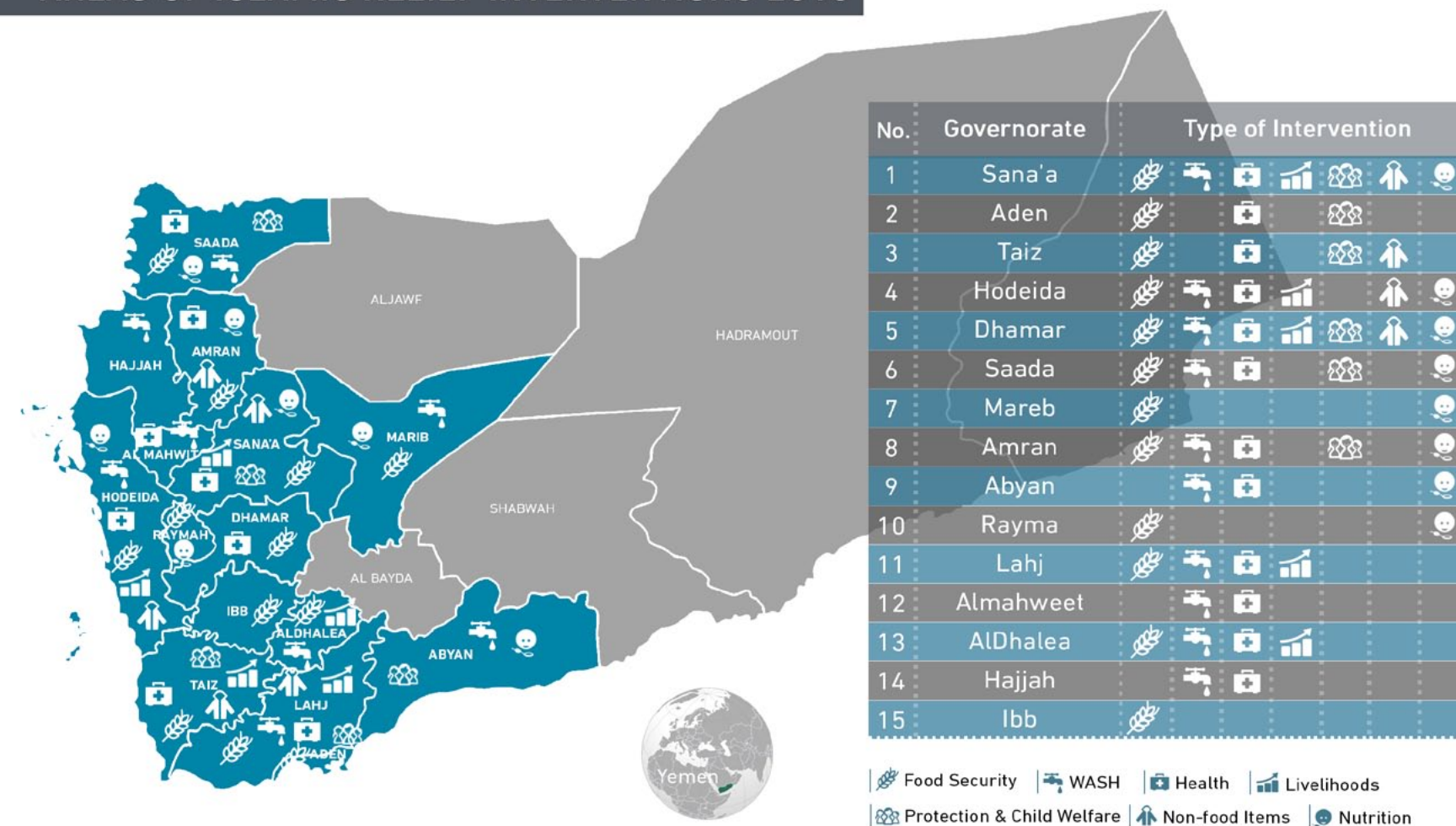


The programme was significantly strengthened following the escalation of the conflict in March 2015. As a response to the war interrupting in Yemen, Islamic Relief launched an emergency response programme within 72 hours, covering a large geographical area through our eight field offices.

In 2017, Islamic Relief continued working with war affected communities and responding to the fast-spreading cholera outbreak. Despite the challenges, difficulties, and unstable security situation, we were able to deliver emergency aid to over 2.1 million people in thematic areas of food security, livelihoods, nutrition, WASH, health, protection and child welfare during the last year.

We are currently working to the fullest and maximum efforts to bring support to Yemen from all over the world in order to reach the most vulnerable population, irrespective of their belief, race, affiliation and location.

## AREAS OF ISLAMIC RELIEF INTERVENTIONS 2018







# FOOD SECURITY INTERVENTION





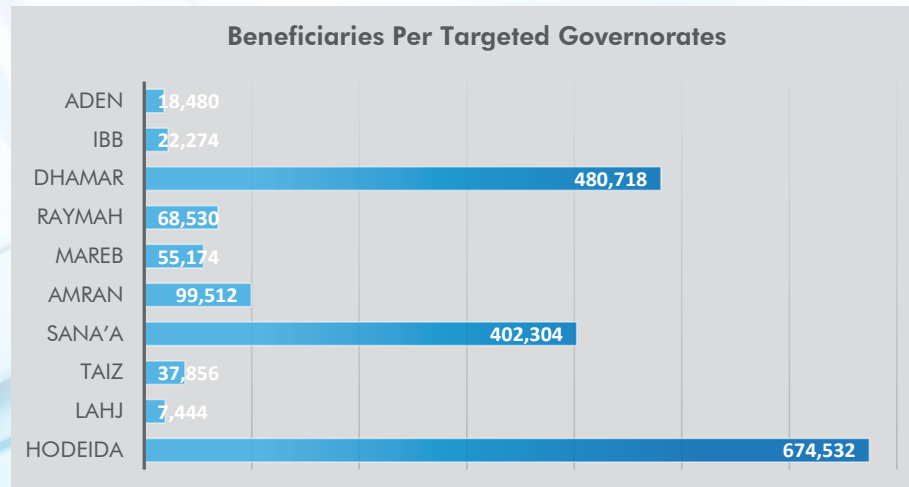


## ► FOOD SECURITY

Over 20 million people in Yemen, out of a population of 30.5 million, are food insecure. This represents a 13% increase from last year when around 13 million people were hungry. 9.6 million people are in the Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) Phase 4, one step away from famine, and 239,000 people are categorised under IPC phase 5 (Catastrophic).

In 2018, IR Yemen provided emergency food assistance to 1,866,824 people in ten governorates through general food distribution (GFD), cash/voucher transfer network (CVTN) as well as distributing emergency rapid response mechanisms (RRMs) to new IDPs.

Number of projects	18 Projects
Donors	WFP, SIDA, IR Worldwide IR Belgium, IR USA, IR UK, IR Middle East, IR Canada and other IR partners
Total beneficiaries	1,866,824 Individuals







## CASE STUDY

# WE NEED SAFETY AND FOOD MORE THAN ANYTHING ELSE



Caption: Abdu receiving his food parcel.

'We need safety and food more than anything else in this catastrophic situation in Yemen,' states Abdu, 54-years-old, who received food aid at one of IR's distribution points in Taiz.

'Sometimes we don't find anything to eat or drink. Many times, my children sleep hungry without having dinner,' says Abdu.

'My house got damaged because of the on-going conflict in Yemen. When we sleep at night, we feel cold from the harsh cold weather. We don't have enough money to repair the broken windows. My children get sick continuously because of the cold weather and lack of food, which forced me to sell my furniture to provide food for my children.'

Abdu says that in the past they were able to diversify their food from time to time but now they can't even buy yogurt, and the prices have increased to double what they used to pay a year ago. Many other food items are too expensive or unavailable in the market.

Abdu says 'Thank you so much for the valuable relief at such a difficult time. Besides safety, this food parcel is what we really need for now, and it can save the lives of my children.'







# HEALTH INTERVENTIONS



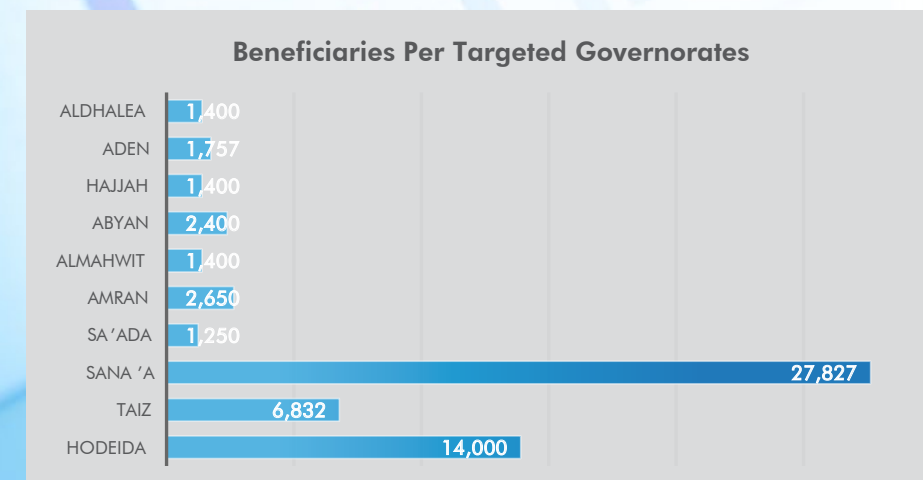




## ► HEALTH

IR Yemen has implemented several health projects that support the most vulnerable groups of the community (host and IDPs) to have access to primary, secondary and tertiary health care, filling gaps from the Ministry of Public Health and Population (MOPHP) and the health cluster services. IR implemented activities to ensure the sustainability of work in Yemeni health facilities (eg health units, health centers, hospitals, renal dialysis centres, prosthetic and physiotherapy centers). These activities included providing incentives, medical and non-medical equipment, medication for

Number of projects	12 Projects
Donors	IR USA, IRSA, IICO, IR Canada, IR Germany, IDB
Total beneficiaries	60,916 Individuals



acute and chronic diseases, recruitment of medical specialists for referral hospitals, and building the capacity of health workers. Integration of IR's health, nutrition and WASH interventions was one of the main achievements of 2018, as part of IR's integrated famine risk reduction strategy in Yemen.

IR has a special role in the emergency response to the current acute watery diarrheal epidemic diseases and cholera outbreak in Yemen, and all preparedness strategies with the health cluster. The interventions are focused on case management of confirmed cases at identified health facilities as well as preventing further spreading of the outbreak.







*Fatima lying in bed at Alrojom Hospital, where she received treatment that was funded by Islamic Relief Mauritius.*



## CASE STUDY

# EMERGENCY RESPONSE TO CHOLERA CASES

Nadia Ahmed, 28-years-old, lives with her aunt, Fatima, in Al-Mahweet governorate. Fatima suffered from cholera and was treated in Alrojom hospital in Al-Mahweet as part of a project funded by IR Mauritius, 'Emergency response for the cholera affected population in Yemen', which helped many people.



*Nadia taking care of her aunt Fatima.*

Nadia explains, 'My aunt was suffering from cholera and she struggled for days. One week ago, she was vomiting a lot and had diarrhea. My aunt thought that she could treat it by home remedies, but her health continued to deteriorate. When she couldn't walk, we rushed her to the hospital. We arrived there in the early hours of Sunday morning, and the doctor gave her the necessary medicine and she became better than before. Today, it is the third day in the hospital, and I hope my aunt becomes better soon.'

'Before the war we were financially stable. Now, we depend mostly on farming to get food and earn money. The money we earn is not enough, we starve from hunger many days and we suffer from many diseases. Children in my house sleep with an empty stomach. We need a lot of things, medicine, clothes and food. In our house there are 20 family members including my aunt. Our situation is deteriorating due to the condition of my country.'

'We are really grateful to Islamic Relief for the lifesaving aid. We are really in need of such support because we can barely afford food,' says Nadia.





## NUTRITION INTERVENTIONS





## ► NUTRITION



The nutrition situation in Yemen remains alarming. An estimated 7.4 million people

require services to treat or prevent malnutrition, including 4.4 million who are in acute need. This includes 3.2 million people who require treatment for acute malnutrition: 2 million children under 5 and 1.14 million pregnant and lactating women.

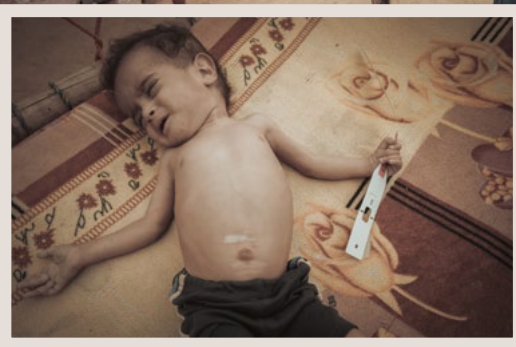
In 2018, Islamic Relief Yemen supported MoPHP to implement Community Based Management of Acute Malnutrition (CMAM) and Infant & Young Child Feeding Programming (IYCF). The key interventions comprised of treatment of Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) and Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM) through Outpatient Therapeutic Programme and Targeted Supplementary Feeding Programme (TSFP) respectively in 151 Health facilities; Community Outreaches in level 2 & 3 villages linked villages to the 151 Health facilities, prevention of malnutrition through Blanket Supplementary Feeding Programme (BSFP) in 331 Food Distribution Points and IYCF counseling to mothers with infants less than 2 years. In addition, we focused on capacity building of Health Workers (HWs) and Community Health Volunteers (CHVs) on case management of acute malnutrition and IYCF.

Number of projects	9 Projects					
Donors	Yemen Humanitarian Fund (2 projects), IR USA, IR UK, IR Germany, WFP (2 projects), IRC					
Total beneficiaries	302,778 individuals					
Targeted areas and beneficiaries	Children 6-59 Months with Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM)	Children 6-59 Months with Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM)	Pregnant & Lactating Women with Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM)	children 6-23 months who are well malnourished (BSFP)	Pregnant & Lactating Women who are well malnourished (BSFP)	Governorate
	2,363	8,735	5,218	104,725	146,500	Hodeida
	4	257	195			Mareb
	1,000	5,289	5,417			Amran
	2,021	3,532	2,995			Saada
	166	654	617			Abyan
	-	-	-			Raymah
	-	-	-			Sana'a
	603	9,029	3,458			Dhamar
Total	6,157	27,496	17,900	104,725	146,500	





## SALEM RECOVERS FROM MALNUTRITION WITH THE HELP OF IRUSA



Salem's mother: 'My son was continuously getting ill. Two months ago, he became sick. He had diarrhea and vomited a lot. His body was very weak. He weighed only 3.5 kg.'

Salem Ahmed was aged seven months when he visited Obal health facility for the first time, in Hodeida, and was diagnosed to be severely acute malnourished. He is one of more than 400,000 children under the age of five suffering from severe acute malnutrition in Yemen. Salem is living in a humble house made of straw with a family of nine members, who lack basic living necessities. His mother Rabaa Ibrahim is 26-years-old, and his father, Ahmed Amodi, is 32-years-old. Salem has six siblings and the youngest one is 18 months..

Salem's father, Ahmed states 'The conflict is the reason behind the deterioration of our living conditions. There are no job opportunities like before. Nowadays, I am collecting firewood and sell it to the nearby restaurants to support my family. With food prices increasing, we eat once a day, usually yoghurt and bread, with potato on good days.

'We live in a straw house that lacks every basic human need. Most of the accessible water sources in our village are contaminated, leaving us vulnerable to cholera and other diseases.'

Salem's mother Rabaa says 'My son was continuously getting ill. Two months ago, he became sick, he had diarrhea



Salem's nutrition status when visiting the health facility for the third time.

and vomited a lot. His body was very weak and he weighed only 3.5 kg. At the beginning I thought it was normal, but when his condition kept deteriorating, I took him to Obal health center. When the health workers did a check-up for him, sadly, they told me that his diagnosis was severe acute malnutrition.'

Salem was admitted into an Outpatient Therapeutic Programme (OTP) and his treatment started. From November 2017 until May 2018, Salem received nutritional treatment from the district health center, which is supported by Islamic Relief USA.



After a period of time, with close observation and necessary health care, Salem health's condition has improved significantly.

After some time, with close observation and health care, Salem's condition improved significantly. There was an improvement in the measurement of his mid-upper arm circumference (MUAC) and weight. Rabaa says 'My beautiful son is better now. His weight is 4.7 kg. I am happy that his health condition has become better.'

The table below shows the progress of Salem's nutrition status, which clearly indicates improvement of his MUAC and weight during each visit.

The IR Yemen team worked with community associations to raise awareness of the importance of nutritious food, educating women on how to vary their diet, the benefits of breastfeeding, and how bad feeding and poor hygiene practices can affect children's growth.

'After the awareness session that the Islamic Relief team provided, women in my village – including me – are now aware of how to protect our children. We are thankful for Islamic Relief's support, you saved my child's life and many others,' says Rabaa.



Salem's mother explained: 'My beautiful son is better now.'

SALEM'S PROGRESS IN OTP		
VISITS	MUAC	WEIGHT
Acceptance	8 cm	3.5kg
1 <sup>st</sup>	8.2 cm	3.6kg
2 <sup>nd</sup>	8.4 cm	3.7kg
3 <sup>rd</sup>	8.5 cm	3.7kg
4 <sup>th</sup>	9 cm	3.8kg
5 <sup>th</sup>	9 cm	3.8kg
6 <sup>th</sup>	9.3 cm	3.9kg
7 <sup>th</sup>	9.5 cm	4Kg
8 <sup>th</sup>	9.8 cm	4.1 kg
9 <sup>th</sup>	10.3 cm	4.2kg
10 <sup>th</sup>	11.1 cm	4.2kg
11 <sup>th</sup>	11.5 cm	4.5kg
12 <sup>th</sup>	11.7 cm	4.7 kg





# WASH

## INTERVENTIONS



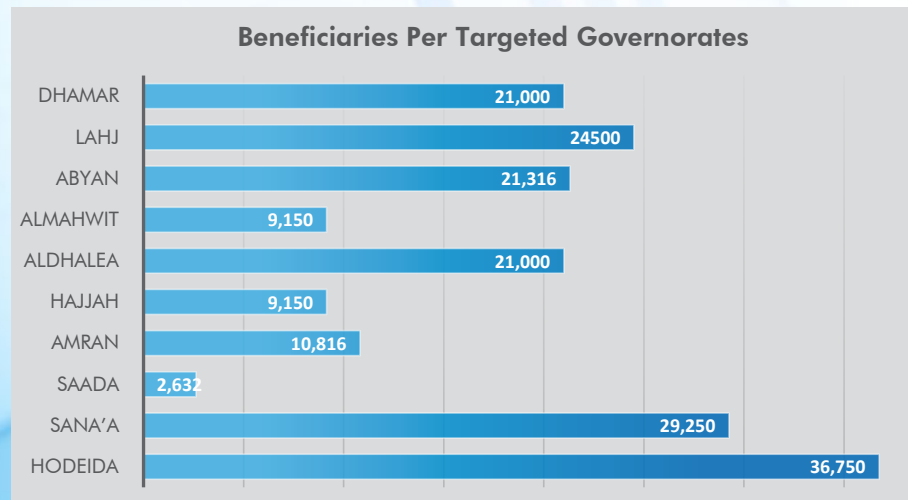




## ► Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

Yemeni people are facing heightened exposure to communicable disease outbreaks and critical under nutrition driven in part by poor WASH conditions, including irregular and insufficient access to safe water, inadequate sanitation and a lack of hygiene provisions. Over two thirds of Yemen's population, or 17.6 million people, require support to meet their basic WASH needs, of which 14.3 million are in acute need. Over half of the population of 167 districts are in acute need of sanitation support and over 55% of the population of 197 districts have no access to adequate water sources.

Number of projects	8 Projects
Donors	IR USA, IR UK, IR Germany, IR Mauritius, IR Middle East, SIDA, GAC, OICHF, IDB
Total beneficiaries	185,564 Individuals



IR's Yemen's main WASH activities are providing safe drinking water, promoting healthy hygiene practices to prevent the spread of diseases, and distributing hygiene kits. IR provided equipment (eg pumps, generators, solar systems) repaired or extended pipes to connect households to water, protected water sources (eg open wells, springs), and tested water quality. This work reached 185,564 individuals.







CASE STUDY

## FAMILIES LACK THE MONEY TO PRACTICE GOOD HYGIENE

**H**ameed Hasan, a 56-year-old father of eight, lives in Sana'a Governorate. He received a hygiene kit from Islamic Relief to help him and his family practice good hygiene.

Islamic Relief distributed hygiene kits which will make life easier for thousands of Yemeni citizens living in Sana'a governorate under the project 'Emergency response for the cholera affected population in Yemen', funded by Islamic Relief USA.

Hameed explains his situation: 'I used to work as a labourer, but I stopped working over a year ago, due to my health condition. I am jobless now. My daughter is working in manufacturing and supports all the family. Her income is barely enough to pay the rent. Most of the time we depend on humanitarian assistance to survive. We lack the money to eat and practice good hygiene.'

Along with the hygiene kits that Islamic Relief distributed, the team provided an awareness session about healthy hygiene practices and the appropriate use of items the kits contain. 'Before we received your kind support, we used to wash our hands with water only. We appreciate the hygiene items and they are suitable for the needs of our whole family. Thank you for the generous help and the awareness session on the importance of hygiene,' says Hameed







# LIVELIHOODS INTERVENTIONS





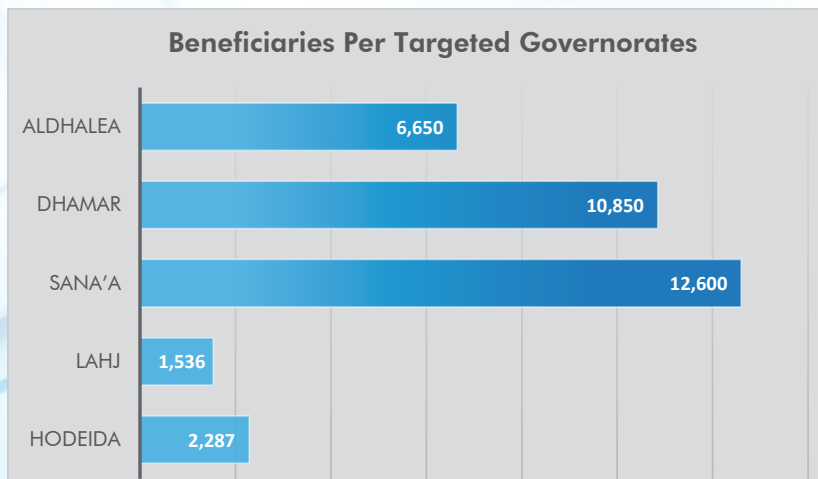


## ► LIVELIHOOD

According to the latest IPC analysis, about 29.3 million people or 67% of the total population (including IDPs), in the absence of humanitarian food assistance, would be in need of urgent action to save lives and livelihoods.

Through its activities in livelihoods, IR Yemen has implemented a food for asset (FFA) project and cash for work (CfW) activities which help targeted people generate income. This improves their resilience through conditional food assistance where they have worked on rehabilitating or protecting community assets. IR has also designed a project focused on providing agricultural inputs to small farmers as a means of enhancing their self-reliance

Number of projects	3 Projects
Donors	GAC, Sida, WFP
Total beneficiaries	33,923 Individuals







## PROTECTION & CHILD WELFARE INTERVENTIONS







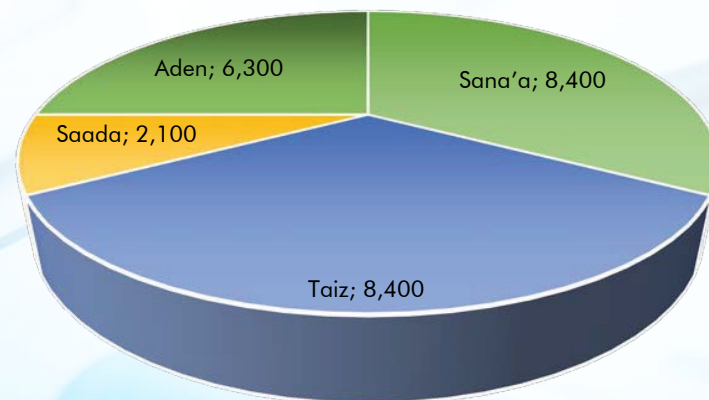
## ► CHILD WELFARE

In August 2018, conflict in Yemen resulted in the highest monthly number of civilian casualties reported for the year. The most affected governorates by casualties in the first nine months of 2018 were Hudaydah (29%), Sa'ada (19%) and Taiz (12%), as well as Hajjah (9%) and Amanat al Asimah (7%). Women and children were estimated to comprise one-third of the civilian casualties in August and September. Most incidents struck civilian homes and farms, health, education, water, food and other protected sites, as well as civilians while they were in their vehicles.

The IR orphans programme was able to expand in very short period of time in Sana'a, Taiz and Aden governorates to reach 1,200 sponsored orphans. The total number of sponsored orphans in the four targeted governorates (Sana'a, Aden, Sa'ada and Taiz) is 3,600. As well as the sponsorship amount that orphans received, they benefitted from several projects related to health, education, and NFI distribution.

Number of projects	4 Projects
Donors	IR partners
Total beneficiaries	25,200 Individuals

Beneficiaries Per Targeted Governorates







Eshraq looking for new clothes for Eid at the shopping center.



CASE STUDY

## EID CLOTHES BRING JOY TO ESHRAQ

Eshraq Bassam, 10-years-old, lives with her mother, Najla Hassan, and her brothers Nazeem and Jalal, and sister Noor (ranging in age from 13 to 24 years-old), as well as her uncle, in Aden Governorate. Her uncle is working as a day labourer and provides the necessities for Eshraq's family.

Eshraq explains 'Sadly, when the crisis started in my country we struggled more and more. It is hard for us to live a good life like before. We are trying to survive and live regardless of the bad situation. Even though my uncle is trying his best to support us, we still lack money for important things like food, water, clothes and things for our house.'

IR provided Eid Al-Adha clothes to the 880 sponsored orphans in Aden like Eshraq, helping to reduce their suffering and make their Eid better. 'I was registered with Islamic Relief this year as a sponsored orphan and received Eid clothes. Since the conflict started, this the first time I have had new clothes, I usually

wear used clothes that people give to us. I am really happy to receive new clothes in Eid. Every Eid, I dream of wearing new clothes and gathering with my family - you made one of my dreams come true! I love you Islamic Relief for your help. This will motivate me to be a good person now and in the future. I wish for two things in the future. The first is to be a doctor, and work hard to have a good amount of money to help my mother and family; and the second wish is to help poor people like you do. Thank you for everything,' says Eshraq.



Eshraq is happy that she received new clothes during Eid Al-Adha.





## NON-FOOD ITEMS INTERVENTIONS







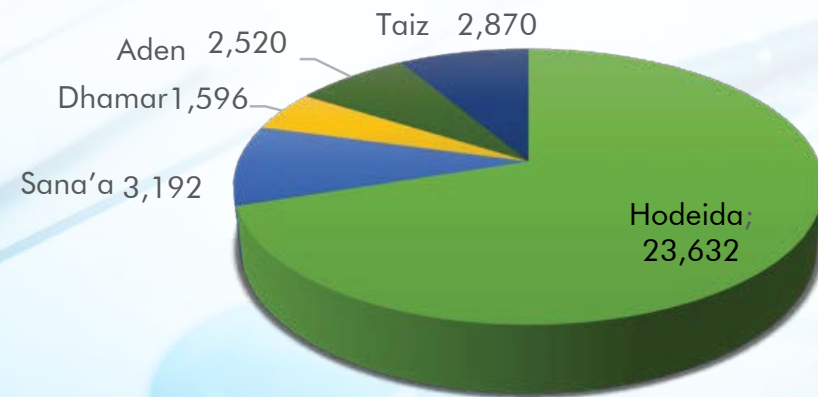
## ► Non-Food Items

According to the Yemen Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP) 2018, there are 5,367,990 people in Yemen who need shelter and NFIs; of these, 2,572,997 people are in acute need and require immediate assistance, and almost 51 % are children.

IR concentrated during 2018 on distributing winter items to special needs, orphans, IDPs, and the neediest individuals in the community. Cash vouchers were given to the orphans' families in different governorates, which allowed them to buy winter clothing for their children. Kitchen sets and shelter items were also distributed to new IDPs from Hodeida.

Donors	IR-UK, IR-W, IR-Canada, IR-USA
Total beneficiaries	33,810 Individuals

Beneficiaries Per Targeted Governorates







## SEASONAL PROJECTS





# Seasonal Projects

This is a seasonal food distribution/meat programme which is complementary to the emergency response projects.

## Ramadan programme

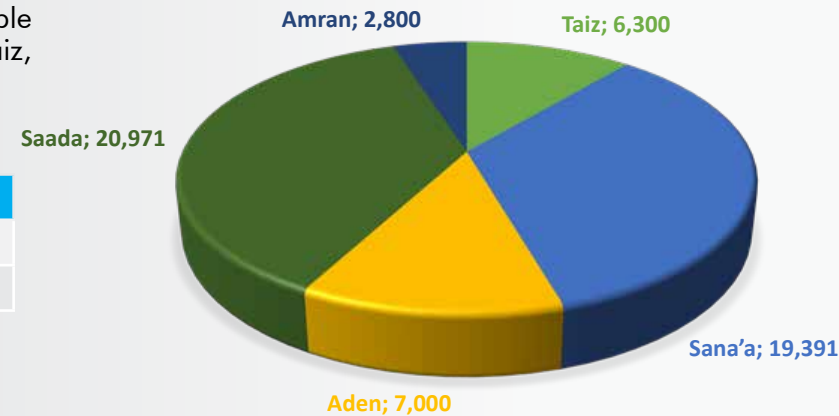
IR's annual Ramadan initiative enables donors to share the joy of the blessed month with those suffering hardships. IR has delivered a Ramadan and Qurbani food distribution programme in Yemen since 1998, and links this with longer-term projects, such as food distribution in conflict areas. In 2018, IR delivered Ramadan food packs to the most vulnerable families in Sana'a, Aden, Taiz, Amran, and Sa'ada.



Ramadhan 2018 Project	
Donors	Islamic Relief Worldwide and Partners
Total beneficiaries	56,462 Individuals



Beneficiaries Per Targeted Governorates



## Qurbani programme

Every year, IR provides the best possible Qurbani meat to poor people, in line with Shariah requirements, prioritising the most vulnerable families through rigorous selection criteria.



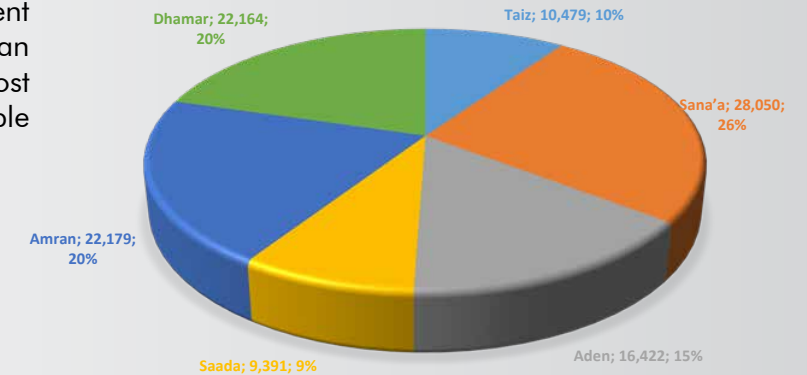
IR also ensures that animals are transported and slaughtered humanely by managing the whole transportation and logistics network. Strict hygiene standards cover the handling, packing and distribution of all meat. During 2018, IR's Qurbani Programme was implemented in six different

Yemeni governorates: Sana'a, Aden, Sa'ada, Taiz, Amran and Dhamar. People affected by the war, IDPs and host communities, orphans and vulnerable children, and people with special needs were all prioritised.

Qurbani 2018 Project	
Donors	Islamic Relief Worldwide and Partners
Total beneficiaries	108,685 Individuals



Beneficiaries Per Targeted Governorates







## CASE STUDY

Mohammed Munasar is 38-years-old and lives in Amran Governorate.

He says 'Everyone in Yemen has been badly affected by this conflict. I am disabled. I have seven children and I cannot provide the basic needs for them. A lack of food is causing malnutrition for most of my children. I'm living with my family in a rented house and we are often late paying the rent, so the owners usually ask us to move out and leave their property. I had to take my children and move to a new house several times in the past couple of months.

'We are now in the fourth year since the crisis began in Yemen, and due to the on-going conflict and its catastrophic impact on us and millions of others, our



Mohammed Mansur receiving his food basket

conditions are getting worse every year.

'My family and I are dependent on humanitarian aid provided by organisations or any help given by our neighbours. Today, Islamic Relief has donated food baskets to me and hundreds of needy people. The basket contained flour, rice, milk, soup, dates, oil, etc.

'This basket will be enough to feed my family for around 20 days. I can go back home now and make my children happy. This help is really appreciated. Thank you.

'Ramadan means a lot to all Muslims. It is a month of blessing. It is a month of helping those who need assistance. In the past, we were fasting to feel the struggle of the poor, but now we are fasting because we are the poor, we are fasting because we cannot find anything to eat. This Ramadan is totally different. Since the beginning of the crisis, we cannot enjoy these special occasions. Although we are fasting the whole day long, and might only eat one or two meals a day, still, I cannot provide those basic meals for my children. This makes me sad and desperate.

'From the bottom of my heart, I hope that those who can do so, work towards stopping the war in Yemen. To end this misery, and move towards helping us and saving the lives of our children.'



## CASE STUDY

### Qurbani Meat Distribution for Khansa

Khansa Saadullah is 14-years-old and lives with her family in Sana'a, Yemen. Her father is Saadullah Alward, her mother is Warda Hussein, and she has two brothers and two sisters aged from 15 to 21-years-old: Fares, Zakaria, Taima, and Anod. Khansa's father is a school teacher, and her mother is a house-wife. Fares, who is 21-years-old, is a motorcycle driver.

Khansa explains 'My father has not received his salary for months, so my brother Fares is supporting us. My brother's income is barely enough to fulfil our basic needs, so we borrow money from neighbours. It is hard for us to pay our debt these days. Many times, we go to bed hungry due to a lack of money.

'We rarely eat meat. My brother buys meat for us whenever the money is available, but everything is getting expensive.

'My teacher taught me that meat has a lot of essential vitamins. So, if we don't eat meat our body will not get these vitamins. Whenever I eat meat, I feel energetic and happy.

'We live in a small, old house. We live without windows

and the walls are cracked. We don't have enough money to repair the damage that the on-going conflict caused to our house. Our situation is deteriorating but we thank Allah for everything.

'During Eid al-Adha we feel happy despite the conflict and the bad conditions in my country. My family and I go to visit our relatives. I enjoy playing with my friends in the neighbourhood. I really love Eid because I gather with the people I love in my life.

'My family will be so happy when I return with the meat pack. Specially my mom because she cooks the meal of meat with love for us. I love meat when my mom cooks it because it tastes good.

'I am registered at AlTahadi Center because I am disabled. For the past eight years, I have received an Eid meat pack from Islamic Relief; I also receive food baskets from them every three months. I am thankful from my bottom of my heart for the generous support from Islamic Relief that makes my family and I happy during Eid



Khansa receiving Meat Packs





WHAT CHANGES  
DO WE WANT  
TO SEE?





**2018** saw a dramatic escalation in the conflict, primarily around the port city of Hodeida. At the same time, there have been some positive signs of conflict resolution with the agreement of a ceasefire on Hodeida in December 2018, and the first new UN Security Council resolution since 2016.

The situation in the country remains tense with millions of lives at stake. As one of the major agencies operating in the country, IR has a first-hand view of the crisis and a duty to bear witness to the decision-making powers. IR knows that there is no military solution to the conflict and a peace agreement is vital.

**Civilians and aid workers are not a target: their protection is paramount and must come above all other considerations.**

- As a neutral, non-partisan humanitarian aid agency, IR exists to save lives. IR calls on all parties to protect civilians and condemn any instances where this is not adhered to.
- Violations of International Humanitarian Law (IHL) must be investigated with urgency, transparency and accountability.
- Where parties are shown to be in breach of IHL, appropriate sanction measures should be imposed by the international community.

**All parties must prioritise the negotiations for a peaceful settlement.**

- A cessation of hostilities across the country is imperative. The suffering faced by Yemeni citizens must not be normalised.
- The Hodeida ceasefire, agreed in December 2018, was a positive outcome of talks convened by the UN. As a neutral, non-partisan INGO, IR welcomes all engagements that can lead to a cessation of hostilities.

**The international community must do all it can to support peace talks and the work of the UN Special Envoy Martin Griffiths, with the aim of a national ceasefire.**

- The initial outcomes agreed in December 2018 for all parties to halt the conflict around Hodeida are positive. Aid agencies welcomed the fact that all parties negotiated in good faith and world powers prioritised the talks.
- They must however be supported by a real and progressive increase in the number of Yemenis who can access humanitarian aid. To date, IR's teams have witnessed a very limited impact from the ceasefire in terms of the improvement of the lives of citizens around Hodeida or IR's ability to supply aid. Violence means that food supplies are still rotting on the frontlines. The warring parties must acknowledge that they have to put the basic needs of civilians first.
- It is critical that all parties to the conflict meaningfully engage around the ceasefire and that it leads to a

national ceasefire.

- IR is supporting and calling for continued UN Security Council monitoring of the ceasefire agreement; if there are any violations to it, or gaps in reporting, IR demands that the Council members deal with the situation as promptly as possible.
- It is imperative that peace negotiations deliver incremental changes. IR's first-hand experience of delivering aid shows that the people of Yemen are facing an acute crisis. They cannot wait years for a final peace agreement.

**The ability of civilians to reach, and humanitarians to supply, aid and commercial goods must increase.**

- Over 80 % of Yemen's population needs humanitarian aid. Delays caused by obstructions stop aid agencies saving lives.
- All parties to the conflict must comply with UN Security Council 2451 and remove obstructions to access for vital humanitarian and commercial goods, including food, fuel and medical items. It is necessary to open commercial airspace into Sana'a airport, and ensure all ports stay open for humanitarian and commercial goods.
- The closure of Sana'a airport has also hindered the movement of humanitarian workers, limiting access.

**Relevant authorities and international aid donors should restore effective functioning of state institutions.**

- To avoid a further collapse of the Yemeni rial, the

international community should further increase the foreign exchange reserves into the Yemeni Central Bank as a matter of priority.

- Public servants such as teachers, doctors and state administrators regularly go unpaid. It is critical that the banks have sufficient funds to make payments.
- Yemen urgently needs more health interventions to guarantee access to safe water and sanitation. This would be supported by mass vaccination campaigns facilitated by the World Health Organization (WHO) to avoid potential further large waves of the cholera epidemic.
- The devastating impact of cholera has been exacerbated by hospitals that cannot pay their doctors.

**The humanitarian crisis in Yemen is human-made and getting worse. IR welcomes the increase to the pace of diplomacy while reminding the global community that more than half of the Yemeni people are facing starvation.**

- Yemen was the world's largest humanitarian operation in 2018 for the UN and IR's second-largest operation. It is expected that in 2019 a growing number of people in Yemen will need aid.
- IR reminds all parties to the conflict that, as established in UN Security Council Resolution 2417, obstructing humanitarian access and depriving civilians of relief supplies is a violation of international humanitarian law.



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