



COUNTRY PORTFOLIO YEMEN

The worst humanitarian catastrophe in the world

24 million people in Yemen are in urgent need of humanitarian assistance. This are more than 80 percent of the population.

War has been raging in Yemen for six years, leading to unimaginably catastrophic conditions in the already impoverished country. An end to the complex conflict is not in sight any time soon. Currently, there are warnings of a massive famine, as resources for emergency humanitarian aid are insufficient.

Even before the violence broke out in March 2015, Yemen was the poorest and most vulnerable country in the Middle East. Aside from the thousands of deaths, the armed conflict continues to cause waves of internal displacement that now affects nearly 4 million people. In addition, Yemen has experienced a high refugee influx, primarily from Africa.

Meanwhile, there is insufficient food for more than half of Yemen's people; 1.8 million children are severely malnourished. Towns, houses and vital infrastructure such as schools, hospitals and water supplies have been damaged or destroyed by years of heavy fighting.

The United Nations calls it the world's worst humanitarian disaster, made worse by the spread of Covid-19. The people of Yemen need help in many areas of life: They lack food, clean water and health care.

Vision Hope International is currently working in the governorates of Hajja, al-Mahwit and al-Hodeidah.

ACTUAL PROJECTS

Area: Food Security

Humanitäre Nothilfe – General Food Assistance



Millions of people in Yemen are suffering from hunger, and the country is on the brink of a massive famine. Families in rural areas, households that have to be headed by women or children, elderly and disabled people are particularly affected. In the regions where VHI works, two out of three people do not know where they will get their next meal. People usually cannot afford food such as legumes, vegetables, fruits, dairy products or meat, which leads to shortages. Many families sell their belongings in order to be able to buy something to eat.

What we do

As emergency aid, food packages are distributed to particularly vulnerable families



in the poorest districts of Hajja and al-Hudaida. These include a monthly ration of flour, pulses, vegetable oil, sugar and salt. In 2020, this helped more than 80,000 households - that's at least 400,000 people a month. After a flood in the same year, an additional 3,425 affected families were provided with a one-time monthly ration of food. When the situation allows, families are given food vouchers to buy food at local markets. This simultaneously supports the business of local merchants. More than 14,500 households were supported in this way in 2020. People who help distribute the food receive a salary: more than 1,200 people were employed in 2020.

[Help fight hunger in Yemen now!](#)

Area: Emergency Nutrition

Emergency care for infants and mothers



Pregnant and nursing mothers, as well as babies and young children, are particularly at risk of malnutrition and undernourishment in



Yemen. Malnutrition massively impairs a child's physical and cognitive development. In addition, malnourished children are more

susceptible to diseases such as diarrhea, respiratory infections, and cholera. Many Yemeni families lack sufficient and adequately nutritious food. Contaminated water, poor sanitary conditions and lack of health care further complicate the situation. With each year of war in Yemen, the situation of acute malnutrition worsens. As of December 2020, 1.7 million children under the age of 5 were affected by malnutrition; in addition, 360,000 children suffered from severe acute malnutrition.

What we do

The emergency care program for

malnourished children and pregnant and lactating women has already been running since 2016 in cooperation with the World Food Programme (WFP).

Women and children who can be treated at home are provided with enriched special food. In addition, women are conveyed breastfeeding and feeding practices to improve the care of their children. Cases of severe acute malnutrition (SAM) require inpatient treatment at health facilities. In 2020, nearly 329,000 infants and approximately 179,000 pregnant or lactating women were reached in Hajja, al-Mahwit and al-Hodaïda.

[Help ensure a child survival!](#)

Area: Rapid Response Mechanism

Rapid crisis response for refugees



The ongoing fighting and violence in Yemen have forcibly displaced millions of people from their homes. Since the war began, more than 4 million people have been forced to flee - around 172,000 people in 2020 alone. More than 80 percent of them are women and children. As internally displaced persons, they seek protection and shelter in regions of the country that are often anything but safe and are themselves massively affected by poverty. Many people must stay in improvised camps and makeshift dwellings and are extremely vulnerable. The difficult humanitarian situation of the refugees is further exacerbated by the coronavirus pandemic and outbreaks of preventable diseases.

What we do

Since 2018, Vision Hope has been involved in the coordination and implementation of the emergency response for internally displaced persons, known as the United Nations Rapid Response Mechanism. The goal is for IDPs to receive emergency supplies within 48 to 72 hours of arrival. They receive ready-to-eat food rations for the first week and basic supplies for personal hygiene. In 2020, Vision Hope was able to serve 79,000 people in 33 conflict-ridden and highly vulnerable districts in al-Hodaïda, Hajja and al-Mahwit governorates. To do this, staff are also specially trained to deal with those in need of protection.

[Provide refugees with emergency care!](#)

Area: Food Security and Agriculture

Development project for reconstruction through sustainable agriculture



Hunger is one of the biggest challenges in Yemen. The cost of living has risen enormously as a result of the war: First, much of the country's agriculture has been wiped out; second, supply routes and access for food shipments have been destroyed, as has the country's infrastructure. Many small farmers have lost their food and income opportunities, having to sell their livestock and farm equipment to cover the cost of living. They lack the means to buy seeds or equipment they would need to produce nutritious food. Another problem is the supply of clean water, both for personal use and for irrigating fields.

What we do

To help the people of Yemen sustainably and reduce their dependence on emergency aid, we support families in meeting their own



food needs and securing their livelihoods through agriculture. For this purpose, rural households are provided with seeds as well as animals such as chickens, goats, sheep and bees to create a sustainable food supply and a source of income.

In addition, the project ensures that new wells and water cisterns are built and damaged wells and water pumps are repaired. Solar-powered water pumps will be installed to provide permanent, sustainable irrigation that does not depend on fuel supplies. In addition, water filters are provided to families. The project also includes training for smallholder farmers in project-related areas. The project has been running since 2017 and now serves more than 1,000 households annually.

[Support a family achieve sustainable food security!](#)

Professional and economic empowerment of handicapped

Training in skills that generate income (income-generating activities) and corresponding earning opportunities



Fighting in Yemen is resulting in thousands of deaths and serious injuries from mines and explosions. Many war injuries lead to disabilities that further aggravate life, especially in remote regions. Affected families cannot expect help and are socially stigmatized and discriminated against. Many people with disabilities have to beg and live isolated or on the streets. Hajja is one of the most affected regions. Women in particular, who have been widowed by the war and must feed their families, usually have no way to earn money.

What we do

To help these people, the Vocational and

Economic Empowerment of People with Disabilities Project was launched in 2020. It is aimed at people with disabilities aged 15-50 and especially widows who have no means of income. Through the project, participants are taught skills such as sewing and embroidery, as well as how to make local sweets and perfumes.

After the training, they are supported to work independently and earn money by selling the products. The project also provides the disabled with aids such as wheelchairs and hearing aids, as needed and possible. So far, 80 people have been able to participate in the project.

[Provide a person with disabilities with a chance for training!](#)

Area: Emergency aid in a health crisis

Corona emergency aid to prevent another disaster



Millions of people in Yemen are dependent on humanitarian and medical aid. The Corona outbreak makes the situation even more dramatic. The country will not be able to contain the COVID-19 pandemic and manage the cases. The health status of the Yemeni population is already very poor and the health system is decrepit. Hospitals are destroyed or poorly equipped, and health workers are overworked. There is a lack of protective equipment, isolation facilities and intensive care treatment options.



What we do

To help the Yemeni population, hygiene kits are distributed in the communities we serve. Information campaigns and training on self-protection measures are being conducted. Food parcels are provided to people who are unable to access supplies due to lockdown measures to contain the spread of Covid-19. Our employees are equipped with infection control material for this purpose.

[Help fight Corona!](#)

Living and learning in the children's home



Children are particularly helpless in the face of war in Yemen: Thousands of them have been orphaned, many severely traumatized by the rocket fire and bombardment. Some have witnessed the deaths of family members. Orphans in Yemen no longer receive any government support since the infrastructure collapsed and the country's social services failed. Children's homes have had to close, resulting in even more children living on the streets or staying with relatives who are themselves too poor to care for them.

What we do

Around 130 boys have found a new home in our children's homes in Hajja and al-Mahwit. These are children who otherwise have no prospects because they have lost their parents or their families cannot provide for

them. The children's homes offer them a safe environment and the necessary care and support. The boys attend school and spend their free time playing sports and games together. In addition, the children can receive medical care and psychological support. Since 2017, Vision Hope has been supporting the children's home in Hajja, which at that time was no longer able to provide and care for the children. A year later, the support was extended to the home in al-Mahwit.

This is how you can help concretely:

- ✓ Meals for one child: 45 Euro / month
- ✓ Medical checkups and medicines: 50 Euro / year
- ✓ Costs for school attendance for one child: 15 Euro / month

[Provide a safe place for a child in the orphanage!](#)

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