

# YEMEN FACTSHEET

As at end September 2023



## Background

As the war in Yemen has entered its ninth year, the country remains one of the world's largest humanitarian crises. According to the UN, in 2023, 21.6 million people (two-thirds of the population) are estimated to need humanitarian assistance; with 17.3 million people being in acute need. A collapsing economy and often non-existent public services mean that millions struggle to access food, water, education, and healthcare. This dire situation has been further exacerbated by frequent natural disaster events such as floods, drought, and the continued impacts of climate change. CARE works to respond to emergencies, strengthen resilience, and ensure voices of the most vulnerable are heard. Across 14 governorates in Yemen, in the first half of 2023, CARE has reached 2.3 million people with food security and livelihoods, WASH, reproductive health, women's economic empowerment and education programs.

## Displaced families struggle to rebuild their lives

Sahar Abdo who is 38 years old, fled from Hodeidah Governorate in 2022 with her family of eight. The family escaped the security unrest in their hometown and settled in Abyan Governorate. "Imagine losing everything you collected your entire life in one day," says Sahar.

"Suddenly, your life becomes unpredictable and scary. My husband suffers from a disability, and we could barely make it to the IDP camp in Abyan. Receiving food and hygiene items in our first days here was bliss because we were exhausted, hungry, and had no money."

One year after displacement, Sahar struggles to rebuild their resilience. Now she works selling simple grocery items in a small kiosk.

The rapid response to the new arrivals of displaced families, such as Sahar's, is critical to meet their immediate needs in the first days of displacement. Although it provides instant relief to displaced families that have endured so much, more sustainable solutions must be found. All the displaced families hope the war will end and they return to their hometowns, jobs, families, and peaceful lives.



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## OVERVIEW in 2023



**21.6 million** people in need of humanitarian assistance



**4.5 million** people forced from their homes since the conflict escalated



**17.3 million** living in food insecurity, 11.2 million women and children.



**15.3 million** people in need of water, sanitation and hygiene services

\*2023 OCHA figures

## Achievements as at end June 2023



**747,972** people were supported with water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) services, including rehabilitation of water systems, provision of hygiene kits, and hygiene training and awareness.



**328,789** people received primary healthcare through rehabilitating health facilities and setting up mobile clinics. **8,016** women accessed reproductive health services.



**1,712** children and youth were empowered with improved access to education and training. This includes rehabilitating classrooms, improving WASH facilities in schools, and providing vocational training and grants for youth.



**1.5 million** people received assistance through food, cash and vouchers to meet their necessities, including agricultural needs.



**2,764** women were supported economically by improving access to financial means, equipment, technical advice, and training, enabling them to set up small businesses.



Continued to promote **Localization** agenda through strengthening and expanding partnerships, especially with women-led organizations, building a diverse network of local NGOs, CSOs, networks, and initiatives.

**142,673** women benefited from psychological and legal support and protection services.