

Yemen

Yemen's prolonged war has created one of the world's worst humanitarian crises, with more than half of the country's nearly 35 million people in need of humanitarian assistance. International Medical Corps began working in Yemen in 2012, focusing on healthcare, nutrition, food security and livelihoods (FSL), protection, and water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH).

Our integrated programs link emergency responses with recovery and development programs, working with local civil society organizations.

We currently maintain a strong presence in both the north and south of the country. Working from four field offices, we serve communities directly affected by the war in eight of Yemen's 23 governorates: Aden, Al Dhale'e, Al Hodeidah, Amanat Al Asimah, Lahj, Ibb, Sana'a and Taizz. We strengthen existing institutions, providing them with the essential medicines, supplies and training needed to enable them to continue functioning amid a debilitating crisis that is affecting the delivery of basic services. The disruption of these services has heightened the risk of frequent disease outbreaks and further increases the need for humanitarian support.



NUTRITION

In a country where food security has been a challenge even in the best of times, we implement nutrition-specific curative and preventive interventions to address the growing nutritional needs of the population. Years of war have left four out of 10 Yemenis acutely malnourished—in parts of Yemen, acute malnutrition among children under 5 is at the highest level ever recorded.

We support the treatment of severe acute malnutrition (SAM) and moderate acute malnutrition among children aged 6 months to 5 years, and among pregnant and lactating women (PLWs), through outpatient therapeutic and targeted supplementary feeding programs. We refer children with SAM who require further treatment due to medical complications to stabilization centers, working in coordination with the World Health Organization and UNICEF. We provide essential nutrition supplies to treat acute malnutrition among children and PLWs, and support infant and young-child feeding (IYCF) spaces that provide individual counseling to PLWs while encouraging them to adopt optimal feeding practices for their children during the first 1,000 days of life.

To prevent malnutrition at the household level, our community health and nutrition workers detect and refer cases while promoting IYCF and hygiene practices among women and caregivers. In addition, we manage cases of small and nutritionally at-risk infants under 6 months and their mothers to ensure that both mother and child not just survive but also thrive.

HEALTHCARE

International Medical Corps supports primary, secondary and tertiary healthcare facilities in Yemen, providing a range of services, including maternal, neonatal and child healthcare; reproductive health services; mental health and psychosocial support; and prevention and control of communicable diseases (outbreak response) and noncommunicable diseases (providing chemotherapy and other supportive drugs to cancer patients).

We provide essential medical supplies to health facilities and support sustainable energy solutions by installing solar panels to help ensure that medicines and nutrition supplies are stored under ideal temperature conditions. These interventions support immunization campaigns for children and women. In addition, we support hospitals with the procurement and installation of such advanced medical equipment as CT scan and MRI machines.

Our mobile medical units enable us to help internally displaced persons (IDPs) and those who reside in hard-to-reach areas and are unable to reach static healthcare centers.





WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE

Our WASH interventions promote public health and mitigate the risk of diseases caused by limited access to clean water, basic sanitation and hygiene. Since 2012, we have reached millions of Yemenis with WASH services.

We collaborate with local authorities to rehabilitate and protect water sources, including installing solar-powered pumps and solar-powered chlorination technologies for water systems. We also deliver water by trucks to health facilities and IDPs in areas where water infrastructure is damaged.

The WASH team supports the construction of institutional and communal latrines, water and sewage systems and medical waste zones, which have helped to reduce public health risks of nosocomial infections. To support sustainability and service continuity, we use green energy—mainly solar systems—to power facilities in off-grid and low-energy areas. In addition, we support cleaning campaigns and provide infection prevention and control (IPC) kits, hygiene kits and cholera kits.

We train community health volunteers on how to provide key hygiene messages, and build the capacity of health facility staff by improving their knowledge about medical-waste disposal. We also help communities and local authorities take ownership of WASH projects to ensure their sustainability and effectiveness.

FOOD SECURITY AND LIVELIHOODS

Our integrated approach to FSL involves providing food baskets and unconditional cash assistance to vulnerable



households, prioritizing those with children under 5 and PLWs. We also help women and children with protection risks. Our assistance enables them to meet their basic household food needs in a dignified way and avoid negative coping mechanisms, such as selling livelihood assets to purchase food.

In 2024, we distributed more than \$390,000 in cash assistance to 735 vulnerable households, including those affected by acute malnutrition.



PROTECTION

With more than 17 million Yemenis estimated to require protection assistance in 2025, we place the protection of the people we serve at the center of our humanitarian response by prioritizing safety and dignity, promoting meaningful access to services, ensuring the participation of targeted groups and promoting human rights.

Our integrated prevention and response services related to violence against women and girls (VAWG) and child protection (CP) include case management and in-kind and cash aid. We raise awareness about CP and prevention of VAWG through community-sensitization activities, and offer safety referrals and family-support activities in partnership with women-led organizations and the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labor. These activities ensure safe access for VAWG and CP survivors to our services, and create a more secure environment for conflict-affected communities.

We conduct protection mainstreaming and risk mitigation efforts in close coordination with the Yemen Protection Cluster. Our Safeguarding Implementation Guide and Safeguarding Policy

Implementation Toolkit support efforts to create and maintain safe environments in the communities where we work.

CAPACITY BUILDING

Regular training on health, nutrition, WASH, food security and protection is a central component of our programming in Yemen. Training ensures that the delivery of quality services is in line with recognized standards and protocols while improving knowledge and skills.

We train health and nutrition cadres on integrated management of childhood illnesses, expanded immunization programs, reproductive health, emergency obstetrics and newborn care, mental health, mass casualty, IPC measures, community-based management of acute malnutrition and IYCF in emergencies.

We also train water-management committees on operational maintenance and protection of water sources. We have established a network of more than 300 community health and nutrition hygiene-promotion volunteers who play a critical role in health education and hygiene awareness throughout communities.



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A pre-eminent first responder since 1984, International Medical Corps delivers emergency medical and related services to those affected by conflict, disaster and disease, no matter where they are, no matter what the conditions. We also train people in their communities, providing them with the skills they need to recover, chart their own path to self-reliance and become effective first responders themselves.

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