



A clinician screens a child for acute malnutrition.

The escalation of conflict across Yemen's West Coast is driving displacement, disrupting essential services and increasing humanitarian needs across Hodeida and Taiz governorates. Local authorities have appealed for urgent humanitarian assistance due to rising displacement, public health risks, service disruptions and mounting pressure on already overstretched response systems.

An estimated 1,790 households were displaced in the first three days of September, with an additional 100,000 people projected to be displaced if the conflict persists. Overall, approximately 300,000 people could be affected across the West Coast, particularly in Al Mokha, Al Wazi'iyah, Dhubab Jabal Habashi, Mawza and Maqbanah.

The crisis is unfolding alongside a growing public health emergency. International Medical Corps-supported facilities recorded 1,227 AWD/cholera cases in August, with children under 5 accounting for more than half of reported cases. Concurrently, surveillance systems reported 16,516 suspected cases of measles and 99 deaths across government-controlled areas, highlighting critical gaps in routine immunization and outbreak response capacity.

Nutrition needs are also expected to rise. According to the 2026 Taiz Health and Nutrition Cluster Partner Operational Preparedness and Response Plan, an estimated 9,142 children will require treatment for severe acute malnutrition during the next 90 days. Continued transmission of acute watery diarrhea (AWD) and cholera, along with displacement and service disruptions, are likely to further worsen malnutrition among children under 5 and pregnant and lactating women.

International Medical Corps Response

International Medical Corps continues to adapt our integrated health, nutrition, maternal, newborn and child health (MNCH) and mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) programming to respond to the rapidly evolving humanitarian situation across Yemen's west coast. International Medical Corps currently supports one mental health

FAST FACTS

- Due to the increase in conflict, population displacement is increasing along Yemen's west coast, with hundreds of thousands of people at risk of being displaced.
- Without immediate de-escalation, the convergence of conflict, displacement, a surge in infectious and water-borne diseases—including measles, acute watery diarrhea (AWD) and cholera—along with heavy rains and flash floods, will worsen the humanitarian situation.

OUR FOOTPRINT

- International Medical Corps maintains a wide operational presence across the Middle East, delivering lifesaving assistance in active conflict zones and high-risk environments.

OUR RESPONSE

- International Medical Corps is responding by providing increased health services focused on nutrition, mental health, and maternal, newborn and child health.
- In August, International Medical Corps-supported services delivered 17,301 medical consultations, 2,568 antenatal consultations and treatment for acute malnutrition to 782 children under 5 and pregnant and lactating women.
- As part of our integrated AWD/cholera response, International Medical Corps has supported the activation and operation of oral rehydration centers across supported health facilities, ensuring timely management of cases and strengthening referral pathways to existing diarrhea treatment centers for severe and complicated cases.
- International Medical Corps also has facilitated the transportation and prepositioning of medicines and medical supplies from Aden to health facilities across the west coast.

hospital, 15 static primary healthcare facilities and one mobile medical team serving conflict-affected, displaced and vulnerable populations across the affected areas.

Though International Medical Corps is utilizing emergency stocks to ensure availability of essential medication and medical supplies, these emergency stocks are expected to be depleted within the coming weeks if additional funding is not secured. Without immediate de-escalation and additional funding, health facilities and mobile response teams will face significant challenges in maintaining essential health, nutrition, MNCH, MHPSS and AWD/cholera response services at a time when humanitarian needs continue to increase.

Since 2012, International Medical Corps has provided integrated health, nutrition, protection, cash and voucher assistance, and water, sanitation and hygiene services in Yemen to address immediate humanitarian needs while strengthening resilience and supporting the continuity of essential services. Maintaining a strong presence across the north and south, we provide direct services while working with community-based organizations, women-led groups and government institutions to expand access to quality services. By helping local actors, we strengthen communities' resilience, self-reliance and capacity to withstand recurrent shocks and vulnerabilities in a protracted crisis.