



A staff member screens a child for malnutrition during an outreach activity in a hard-to-reach area of Yemen.

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.

Displacement has increased by more than 600% compared with the initial estimate reported in early September. Preliminary reports indicate 12,597 newly displaced households (86,415 individuals).¹

Lahj has emerged as a major destination for displaced people, particularly in Al Mudarabah and Ras Al-Arah districts, hosting approximately 2,540 displaced households (17,780 individuals).

Overall, approximately 300,000 people are affected across the west coast, particularly in Al Mokha, Al Wazi'iyah, Dhubab Jabal Habashi, Maqbanah and Mawza.

Health and nutrition needs are 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

FAST FACTS

- 12,597 newly displaced households (86,415 individuals) have been reported across Abyan, Aden, Al Hodeidah, Lahj, Shabwah and Taiz governorates.
- Fifteen of 19 International Medical Corps-supported health facilities remain operational across the west coast, with four non-functional.

OUR FOOTPRINT

- International Medical Corps maintains a wide operational presence across Hajjah, Ibb and Sana'a governorates in the north, and Aden, Al Dhale'e, Al Hodeidah, Lahj and Taiz governorates in the south. Our lifesaving multi-sectoral assistance prioritizes active conflict zones and high-risk environments. In 2025, we reached more than 400,000 people with integrated humanitarian programming.

OUR RESPONSE

- International Medical Corps continues to support a network of health facilities across the west coast in Al Khawkhah, Al Mokha, Al Mudhafar, Hays, Mawza and Salah districts.
- Seven facilities resumed service delivery after temporary disruption, reflecting strong community engagement and health workforce commitment.
- International Medical Corps will be deploying an integrated mobile medical team in Lahj governorate to provide displaced populations with primary healthcare, maternal and newborn services, nutrition screening and treatment, mental health care, disease surveillance and referral services.

¹ IRG Executive Unit for IDPs Camp Management report

humanitarian situation across the west coast. We currently support one mental health hospital and 19 static primary healthcare facilities, of which 15 are currently fully or partially operational and serving conflict-affected, displaced and vulnerable populations across affected areas in Al Hodeidah and Taiz governorates.

International Medical Corps worked closely with health authorities at the local, subnational and national levels, and engaged with the clusters, to deploy an integrated mobile medical team in mid-September to support the displaced populations in Lahj governorate. International Medical Corps continues monitoring and coordination with stakeholders to sustain continuity of essential healthcare services for communities on the west coast.

We are utilizing emergency stocks to ensure availability of essential medication and medical supplies. However, 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. With a strong presence across the north and south of the country, 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.