

Yemen: The Worst Humanitarian Crisis on Earth

A vicious civil war has been raging since 2014

- President Hadi's government against the Houthi rebels (northern tribes)
- Hadi backed by a Saudi-led coalition, including UAE, Egypt, , Kuwait, Morocco, Jordan, Bahrain, and Sudan
- The Houthis receive assistance from Iran

The humanitarian disaster:

-More than 10,000 people killed

-Over 3 million displaced

-80% of the Yemeni population (28 million) need humanitarian assistance

-8.4 million are on the brink of famine

-17 million are food insecure

Worst Place to Be a Child

- UNICEF: Yemen one of the worst places on earth to be a child.
- More than 11 million children are in “acute need” of humanitarian assistance--almost every single Yemeni boy and girl.
- Two million are acutely malnourished and at grave risk of dying

A Man-Made Catastrophe

- A massive cholera outbreak
 - More than 900,000 suspected cases.
 - Over 2,000 related deaths since April.
- Indiscriminate air campaign of the civil war has decimated schools, hospitals, homes, and basic infrastructure.
 - More than 55% of Yemen's health facilities are closed or partially functional.
 - Some 15 million people do not have access to basic healthcare.
 - About 14.5 million do not have safe water and sanitation services.

End the Blockade

- The Saudi-led coalition enforced a near-complete blockade of Yemen after the Houthi rebels fired a long-range ballistic missile into Riyadh in early November.
- In late November, the coalition began to ease the blockade and allow in limited humanitarian aid. Commercial imports, however, continue to be blocked.
- Yemen, which imports 90 percent of its goods, is experiencing severe shortages in food, fuel, medical supplies, and other products.
- Trump administration has called for a complete end to the blockade of Yemen, and a reopening of all the ports to humanitarian assistance AND commercial delivery.
- #EndtheBlockade