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Who Are We? & What Do We Do?

Mission Statement

The Yemen Relief and Reconstruction Foundation (YRRF) aims to increase awareness within the US public and policymaking community about the humanitarian crisis underway in Yemen, support relief and reconstruction efforts, and facilitate campaigns to bring peace to the country.

What Do We Stand For?

We reject all forms of coercion, violence, and oppression against the civilian population of Yemen. We promote the ideals of an open society and support the rights of people to be informed, healthy, and safe.

Strategic Aims

1- To prevent humanitarian disaster by promoting broad awareness of grave health and security issues faced by Yemeni families, raising funds to support critical needs, and supporting material relief efforts.

2- To facilitate a just peace that considers all segments of the Yemeni population.

3- To advocate and facilitate support for Yemen during the reconstruction period.
Our Values

Impartiality
YRRF is a non-partisan organization and is not affiliated with any religious or regional groups.

Empowerment
YRRF strives to develop people's capacity and confidence to play an effective role in Yemen's stability.

Cooperation and partnership
YRRF believes that partnership is a major key to success.

Integrity
YRRF is committed to meeting transparency and reliability standards. This includes mutual respect for privacy and confidentiality between YRRF and our partners and beneficiaries. Third-party evaluators and external auditor reports are always available and readily accessible.

Why Yemen?
Since March 2015, Yemen has been experiencing a brutal war and a siege that has severely restricted the commercial import of food and medicine. Most food factories and businesses have been bombed, creating the largest humanitarian crisis in the world. Today, 24 of the 29 million people in Yemen require aid, 19 million are food insecure, and almost half of the population of Yemen – 14 million — are at risk of famine, 5 million of which are children. Finally, many Yemenis in the areas affected by the escalation of war have fled to safer places in other Governorates — resulting in over 3 million internally displaced people. YRRF was established to provide relief to those in need in Yemen. We reach the most inaccessible areas due to geography or security risk.
Yemen’s COVID-19 outbreak has been catastrophic. The overall case fatality rate remains extremely high at 27%, which is nearly 4 times higher than the global average. According to the United Nations, “all indications suggest that COVID-19 is spreading rapidly across the country. Individuals who are symptomatic are often not seeking testing or treatment until their condition is serious because health facilities are not accessible or local facilities are full or cannot treat patients safely. Other reasons that explain why people are delaying seeking treatment include fear of stigma, concerns about safety, and the perceived risks of seeking care. Even so, the health system is overwhelmed and is in danger of collapsing under the strain of COVID-19.”

The Yemen Relief and Reconstruction Foundation has provided COVID-19 reagents and gloves to all public health labs in Yemen. The Foundation was the first organization in Yemen to send shipments of these supplies in February 2020. A second shipment was sent in June and July 2020. We also provide air conditioning to two COVID-19 isolation centers in Hajjah and Hudaydah, and PPEs to surveillance officers who report COVID-19 cases and conduct contact tracing. Finally, we purchase locally-made masks and distribute them to people who receive our food baskets.
Medicine and Medical Supplies

Yemen has been experiencing a brutal war and a siege that has severely restricted the commercial import of food and medicine since 2015. In addition, the central bank moved from Sana’a to Aden in August 2016, resulting in many government employees not receiving their salaries. The restriction of imports, especially of medicine, has created an undue burden for families who have sick members. Medicine is scarce -- and even when available -- is extremely expensive and beyond the means of the majority of the population. These families are forced to watch helplessly as their sick members suffer or die, unable to provide for their needs.

The Yemen Relief and Reconstruction Foundation, in partnership with Americares, has provided five cancer centers with medicine. The Foundation has also donated laboratory reagents to the Ministry of Health to confirm the H1N1 influenza outbreak. We also regularly work with medical organizations to ensure donations of essential medicines to Yemen.
The war and siege starting in March 2015 has resulted in the largest humanitarian crisis in the world, with over 24 of the 30 million people in Yemen in need of aid and 19 million in need of food. An estimated 8.4 million are at risk of famine.

The Yemen Relief and Reconstruction Foundation provides food baskets to families in need, reaching the places that are inaccessible. Each food basket supports a family of 6 for one month. We have reached tens of thousands of families with hundreds of thousands of members all over Yemen. We also support local charitable bakeries and kitchens. During the major holidays such as Feast of the Sacrifice, we distribute 2 or more kilograms of meat per family; in 2019, we reached about 5,000 families. In July 2020 alone, we reached 3,207 families — amounting to 19,242 people.
The UN estimates that there are around 4 million internally displaced persons (IDPs) in Yemen. We distributed 400 Ramadan food baskets to IDPs in the Hais Camp in Hodeidah governorate.

This photo is from the distribution of 250 Ramadan food baskets for internally displaced persons in Al Jawf. These baskets will support 1,500 people for a month.

These photos are from food basket distribution in Amanat Alasemah Sanaa (300 baskets), Jabal Habashi (150 baskets), and Jabal Sabir (150 baskets). These food baskets will assist a total of 3,600 individuals.
Food basket distribution is a large part of our work because the war and the continued blockade of Yemen have resulted in a dire shortage of basic necessities. These pictures are from the distribution of 200 baskets in Radaa and 150 baskets in Amran City.

Pictures from the distribution of 250 food baskets in Amanat Alasemah, Sanaa, May 2021. These baskets will support 1,500 individuals for a month.
According to UN reports, 18M people in Yemen lack access to clean water. This has resulted in the largest cholera outbreak recorded, with over 2M suspected cases. Filtering drinking water is a key in the prevention or reduction of cholera outbreaks.

The Yemen Relief and Reconstruction Foundation has distributed 1,200 water filters to places with high cholera incidence, including refugee camps in Aden and Lahj. In July 2020, we shipped 2,000 more water filters. We plan to distribute 3,500 water filters in 2020 especially in communities affected by floods where the risk of cholera is expected to be high.
Diarrheal diseases are a leading cause of morbidity in Yemen, which is now suffering the largest cholera outbreak in modern history with more than 2M suspected cases. Over two-thirds of the population (18M people) lack access to safe drinking water and sanitation. Frequent cuts in electricity compromised healthcare, and clinics must now rely on generators while struggling to find costly fuel while the price of diesel has increased by 235%.

The Yemen Relief and Reconstruction Foundation has a Water Purification and Renewable Power (WARP) Systems project that is designed for disaster zones and is being adapted for war zones. The Humanitarian Grand Challenge Canada awarded the Foundation a grant to install WARP in 3 hospitals in Hudaydah. The system will provide clean drinking water and renewable power.
According to UNICEF, “The situation of Yemen’s education sector is daunting. Out of 7M school-aged children, over 2M children are already out of school. School infrastructure is badly damaged and learning materials are in short supply. One in five schools in Yemen can no longer be used because they are damaged or being used in the fighting or to shelter displaced families.

The Yemen Relief and Reconstruction Foundation aims to support the needs of Yemeni children by distributing school supplies and school bags to families who cannot afford them. In 2019, we reached 2,300 children in regions ranging from the highlands of Hajjah to the seashores of Hudaydah and Al-Jawf and Saada areas with active fighting. Due to the economic hardship Yemen is experiencing, school textbooks are sent in PDF format so families can print them for their children. However, since the majority of families cannot afford to print, YRRF provides them with printed textbooks. In 2020, the Foundation will continue providing school bags and supplies for children who cannot afford them.
Economic Support

Orphan Support (Zakat Eligible)

It is estimated that over 230,000 people in Yemen have been killed in Yemen since the war started in March 2015. This left many children in Yemen without income or support.

The Yemen Relief and Reconstruction Foundation’s Orphans Project provides sustainable support for over 400 families caring for orphans less than 18 years of age across Yemen. This act of charity will allow these families to have a decent life that provides them with the minimum basic needs such as food, shelter, education for the children, and healthcare. Without this support, these families would be struggling to feed their members as they have lost the sole provider for the family.
Yemen faces rising and fluctuating food prices — especially protein food sources — which heavily impact the poor and vulnerable. In fact, Yemen imports more than three-quarters of its food, and the war has exacerbated food prices.

The Yemen Relief and Reconstruction Foundation has multiple projects that aim to enable poor and vulnerable families to sustainably generate income. We started our first project in 2019 by providing sheep to 20 families. This has grown into multiple projects where we provide hens or sheep that serve as a source of protein and nourishment to families in need, as well as an opportunity for income. Through these sustainable approaches, YRRF seeks to improve food security, self-reliance, and dignity for families in a time of severe deprivation.
These photos are from the distribution of 100 sheep and 250 egg-laying hens in Almatamah, Aljawf Governorate last month. 50 families received these livestock as part of our ongoing income generation project.
Providing families with livestock is a sustainable way for Yemeni families to generate income. In 2020, we donated 155 sheep and 300 roosters/hens to families.

We distributed 30 sheep to 15 families in Alqafr, Ibb Governorate. We also distributed 20 sheep to 10 families in Kaedenah, Hajjah Governorate.
Winters in the highlands of Yemen are very cold with temperatures dipping below 0 °C (32.0 °F). In many areas, temperatures drop to –6 °C. Yemen has about 3.1M internally displaced people with no protection against severe temperatures, and most families in need lack the funds to purchase what they need to stay warm in the winter. For example, when children go to school, they lack adequate clothing to keep them warm.

The Yemen Relief and Reconstruction Foundation provides internally displaced families in the highlands of Yemen with blankets and warm clothing. With these donations, we reduce the risk of diseases, especially respiratory illnesses that are more common in the cold weather. We also provide children with the ability to go to school without undue suffering from the cold.
The Yemen Relief and Reconstruction Foundation is honored to announce that we have earned GuideStar’s Platinum Seal of Transparency for 2020.

The Platinum Seal is the highest level of recognition that GuideStar — the leading source for nonprofit information — awards to nonprofits.

To earn the Platinum Seal, the Yemen Relief and Reconstruction Foundation provided extensive information to GuideStar, from financial information and project background to our strategic goals and quantitative impact.

Trust is one of our core tenets as an organization. The Yemen Relief and Reconstruction Foundation is committed to maintaining the highest level of transparency towards our donors, and we value each and every donation.
We’re happy to announce that the Yemen Relief and Reconstruction Foundation has published research in Global Security: Health, Sciences, and Policy — the journal authored by Ann Marie Kimball, our Board Member, and Aisha Jumaan, our Founder.

The research covers the challenges of delivering aid in Yemen — an active conflict zone with the largest man-made humanitarian disaster, the largest cholera outbreak in modern history, and one of the highest COVID-19 mortality rates in the world.

The research presents a case study of YRRF and discusses how the Foundation has been successful in providing humanitarian relief in a conflict zone. It compares YRRF’s strategy with policy guidance for the humanitarian sector, identifying the advantages and vulnerabilities of the Foundation’s innovative approach in an area of ongoing armed conflict. The case study describes YRRF’s history, mission, methods, and metrics used to characterize the effectiveness of its strategy and projects in Yemen.

Read the full research on the Global Security Journal website.
Changing Lives

YRRF provides help and support to the neediest families in Yemen who have suffered from a devastating war since 2015. With our extensive network of local volunteers, we are not only able to reach people living in urban areas, but also those in remote villages, areas with active fighting, refugee camps, and makeshift shelters, where an estimated 3.1M now live. Our services cover most basic needs — including food, clean water, medicine, education, and economic support.
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