



FOR EVERY CHILD
IN DANGER



YEMEN EMERGENCY: CHOLERA OUTBREAK LIONS CLUB WORKING TOGETHER WITH UNICEF TO PROVIDE LIFE-SAVING NUTRITION AND CHOLERA INTERVENTIONS

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THE SITUATION IN YEMEN

Yemen is facing a major humanitarian crisis. Four years of unrest – in addition to the current conflict – has left children and families in urgent need of food, water and medical supplies. And now they are facing the deadly spread of cholera.

This cholera outbreak is unprecedented in scale. **More than 300,000 cases** have been confirmed in a matter of weeks, and the health system is near collapse. Over 19 million people are in need of food and lack access to clean water and sanitation facilities, whilst 14.1 million people are in desperate need of basic health care. The crisis is having a devastating effect on children's lives.

Dr Meritxell Relano, Unicef's Representative in Yemen, said "The cholera outbreak is making a bad situation for children drastically worse. Many of the children who have died from the disease were also acutely malnourished."

In Yemen, a staggering 400,000 children are in need of urgent life-saving food, and at least **one child dies every ten minutes** because of malnutrition, cholera and respiratory tract infections.

Unicef is already on the ground, delivering life-saving aid – but resources are running out. We must act now to protect millions of children in Yemen from the dangers of hunger and disease.

LIFE-SAVING INTERVENTIONS

Cholera is a form of acute diarrhoea that, if left untreated, can lead to death within hours. This highly infectious disease spreads and kills with devastating speed. In places where drinking water is unprotected from fecal contamination, cholera can affect entire populations in a matter of hours. However, with prompt and appropriate treatment children's lives can be saved. We can stop the spread of this deadly disease by providing safe water, adequate sanitation and rehydration treatments, and by detecting the disease early on.

WHY UNICEF?

Unicef and partners are working tirelessly to help administer life-saving medication, nutrition and rehydration treatment to families in danger. We're also helping to make local environments safer, to prevent further spread of the disease. Around 4 million people have been reached with safe water and health care supplies, services and hygiene awareness.

These are some of the most challenging operating conditions we have seen, but we won't stop until every child is safe.

LIONS CLUB SUPPORT

We urgently need supplies, such as oral rehydration sachets and life-saving food, to support the growing number of children affected by cholera and malnutrition. We have prevented the spread of cholera in the past and we are ready to prevent it again. With Lions Club support we could bring these children back to health.

£29 could provide 500 sachets of Oral Rehydration Salts to save 100 children from dehydration caused by cholera.

£250 could provide 10 children with a month's supply of high-energy peanut paste.

£500 could provide 100 severely malnourished children with a month's supply of therapeutic milk.



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