

# Update 7: Yemen - United Nations Warns Risk of Devastating Famine Within Months Amid COVID-19 Crisis

- World Food Program Executive Director David Beasley warned the United Nations (UN) Security Council of the looming famine in war-torn Yemen amid the COVID-19 pandemic
- The civil war, which began in 2015, has displaced some 3.6 million people with an estimated 24.3 million people, or 80% of the country's population, in need of some sort of assistance
- David Beasley said that Yemen has been on the brink of collapse before in 2018 and 2019, catastrophes that were averted by the help of donors but all the work they have done is now being wiped away and once again
- David Beasley said they have already needed to cut rations to 9 million people in the country who they support
- David Beasley stated with no further funding they will run completely out in March 2021
- He further added to avert famine for 2021, we will need US\$1.9 B
- As of now, Yemen has reported 2,071 confirmed COVID-19 cases with 605 deaths (29.2% of total reported cases), and 1,394 recovered (67.3% of the total reported cases)
- Supply Wisdom is continuously monitoring the situation and will alert you to any relevant developments
- Please consult the Republic of Yemen Ministry of Public Health & Population (<http://www.moh.gov.ye/>) for the latest information on COVID-19 in Yemen

## Source(s)

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## Targets Affected:

Yemen

## Category(s):

Quality of Life Risk - Geo-Political Risk

## Event:

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Incident(s)

## Guidance

### *Actions to consider:*

- If there is a presence of business operations, SW Subscribers are advised to ensure that Business Continuity plans and programs are commensurate with the level and types of risk exposures of this location
- It is advised that current Business Continuity Plans are updated and activated as required as per the changing risk environment to ensure no or minimal disruptions
- In an event of extended risk disrupting business operations, evaluate options to migrate critical processes to nearby unaffected regions
- Consider implementing suggested actions related to 'Increase in Positive Cases/Deaths' under the 'COVID-19: Actions to Consider' section below / next page

## Related Alerts

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Medium

Update 6: Yemen - Government to Resume Commercial and Humanitarian Flights Amidst Rise in COVID-19 Cases

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Update 5: Yemen - Heavy Rainfall and Flash Floods Add to Ongoing Challenges of COVID-19, Cholera, and Civil War

May 26, 2020

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Update 4: Marib, Yemen - Imposes New COVID-19 Curfew Indefinitely

May 11, 2020

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Update 2: Yemen - World Health Organization Suspends Staff Activity Indefinitely in Houthi-Held Regions Amid COVID-19 Pandemic

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Update 3: Aden, Yemen - Faces Triple Epidemic Threat Amid Growing Cases of Chikungunya, Cholera, and COVID-19

May 2, 2020

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Update 1: Yemen - OCHA Warns of Increase in Cholera Cases; Total COVID-19 Cases Rise to Seven

April 15, 2020

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Yemen - Reports First Case of COVID-19

# Impact level Definitions

Impact Level	Definitions
Immediate	<b>Certain</b> - Supply Wisdom recommends considering prompt action. Examples of Immediate level alert events may include bankruptcy filings, data breaches, unexpected curfews, strikes, power black-outs, major geo-political events etc.
High	<b>Highly likely to occur in the near term (within 3 months)</b> - Supply Wisdom recommends being in a state of readiness to take quick action. Examples of High level alert events may include withdrawal of rating by ratings agencies, hostile takeover, multiple cyber-attacks, new business policies causing significant hardship etc.
Medium	<b>Likely to occur in the mid-term (within 3 to 6 months)</b> - Supply Wisdom recommends reviewing current mitigation steps and being ready to take proactive actions if and when situation deteriorates further. Examples of Medium level alert events may include unplanned C-level exits, suppliers caught in bribery cases, economy slipping into recession.
Low	<b>Possible in the long-term (after 6 months)</b> - Supply Wisdom recommends taking proactive action if situation does not resolve. Examples of Low level alert events may include lawsuits filed against suppliers, client losses, air pollution alerts issued by country's local authorities, unexpected holidays announced for the location etc.
Informational	The event is pertinent information but does not have a risk element associated with it. Examples of Info level alert events may include launch of new solutions, partnerships signed, industry outlook, positive changes in government policies, announcements regarding launch of software parks/ free trade zones/special economic zones etc.