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Food insecurity and conflict in Yemen

4,980,505

People in IPC Phase 3+, Government of Yemen areas, Mar to May 2026; 1,403,214 in Phase 4

IPC, Acute Food Insecurity Analysis, March 2026

1.4 million

People WFP assisted in Yemen in September 2026; the brief gives no planned number

WFP, Yemen Country Brief, October 2026

3 in 5

Assessed health facilities in Yemen fully functioning, WHO and health partners

WHO via OCHA, Security Council briefing, 9 October 2026

356,602

People displaced in Yemen 1 Aug to 17 Nov 2026; 9,281 added since the 16 November report

IOM DTM, Update #19, 18 November 2026

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The Situation, November 2026

Since July, Yemen's conflict has become a war on several fronts centred on Taiz and Lahj, and on 4 October the Houthis took the last major road linking Taiz City to Government of Yemen areas (FEWS NET, 17 November 2026). From 1 August to 10 November, OHCHR documented 284 civilian casualties in 107 incidents, 70 people killed and 214 injured, and 103 of the casualties were children (OCHA, Situation Update No. 7). In November, front lines moved through Lahj towards Aden, which hosts the main referral hospitals (WHO and Health Cluster, Situation Report #12).

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Food Security and Nutrition

R15 FORCED DISPLACEMENT AND RESTRICTED MOVEMENT

- **Government areas.** 4,980,505 people in Government of Yemen areas were in IPC Phase 3 or above in March to May 2026, and 5,361,223 were projected to be in it in June to September 2026 (IPC, March 2026 analysis).
- **Phase 4 districts.** 12 of 118 districts in Government of Yemen areas were in IPC Phase 4 in March to May 2026, including Al Madaribah Wa Al Aarah in Lahj, and 38 were projected in Phase 4 for June to September (IPC, March 2026 analysis).
- **Taiz City.** FEWS NET assessed a credible risk of Famine in Taiz City from February to May 2027 if the siege imposed by the Houthis lasts and tightens, with 600,000 to 750,000 people there (FEWS NET, 17 November 2026).
- **Children in Taiz.** UNICEF screened more than 168,000 children in Taiz in 2026 and found more than 52,000 of them acutely malnourished (UNICEF, 20 October 2026).

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Health and Disease

R02 ATTACKS ON CIVILIANS

- **Cholera.** Suspected cholera cases in Yemen's 5 most-affected governorates fell from 638 in week 40 to 321 in week 45 of 2026, while Tarim in Hadramawt reported 172 acute diarrhoea cases since week 43 (WHO and Health Cluster, Situation Report #12).
- **Lahj.** The Al-Saqiya Health Centre in Lahj was destroyed on 1 November 2026, killing 3 health workers and injuring 4, and the report names no actor (WHO and Health Cluster, Situation Report #11).
- **Health facilities.** At least 28 health facilities in Yemen, 5 of them supported by UNICEF, have been damaged since the escalation began on 3 September 2026 (UNICEF, 18 November 2026).
- **Measles.** A measles and rubella campaign in southern governorates in November 2026 vaccinated 883,896 children aged 6 to 59 months, and 73,300 children were not reached (WHO and Health Cluster, Situation Report #12).

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Response and Funding

- **Food assistance.** WFP assisted 1.4 million people in Yemen in September 2026 and needs US$294 million for November 2026 to April 2027 (WFP, Yemen Country Brief, October 2026).
- **Cuts.** To fund its emergency response in Yemen, WFP moved resources from food distributions scheduled for November 2026 and warned of assistance gaps without new funding (WFP, 6 October 2026).
- **Al-Bayda.** From 9 May to 3 October 2026, MSF treated 5,327 children for malnutrition in Al-Bayda and admitted 1,043 patients to hospital, and its emergency response then ended as planned (MSF, 26 October 2026).
- **Response plan.** The Yemen Humanitarian Needs and Response Plan 2026 had received US$682,497,349 of the US$2,162,563,336 it requires, a coverage of 31.6% (OCHA FTS, 20 November 2026).

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Insecurity, Access and Displacement

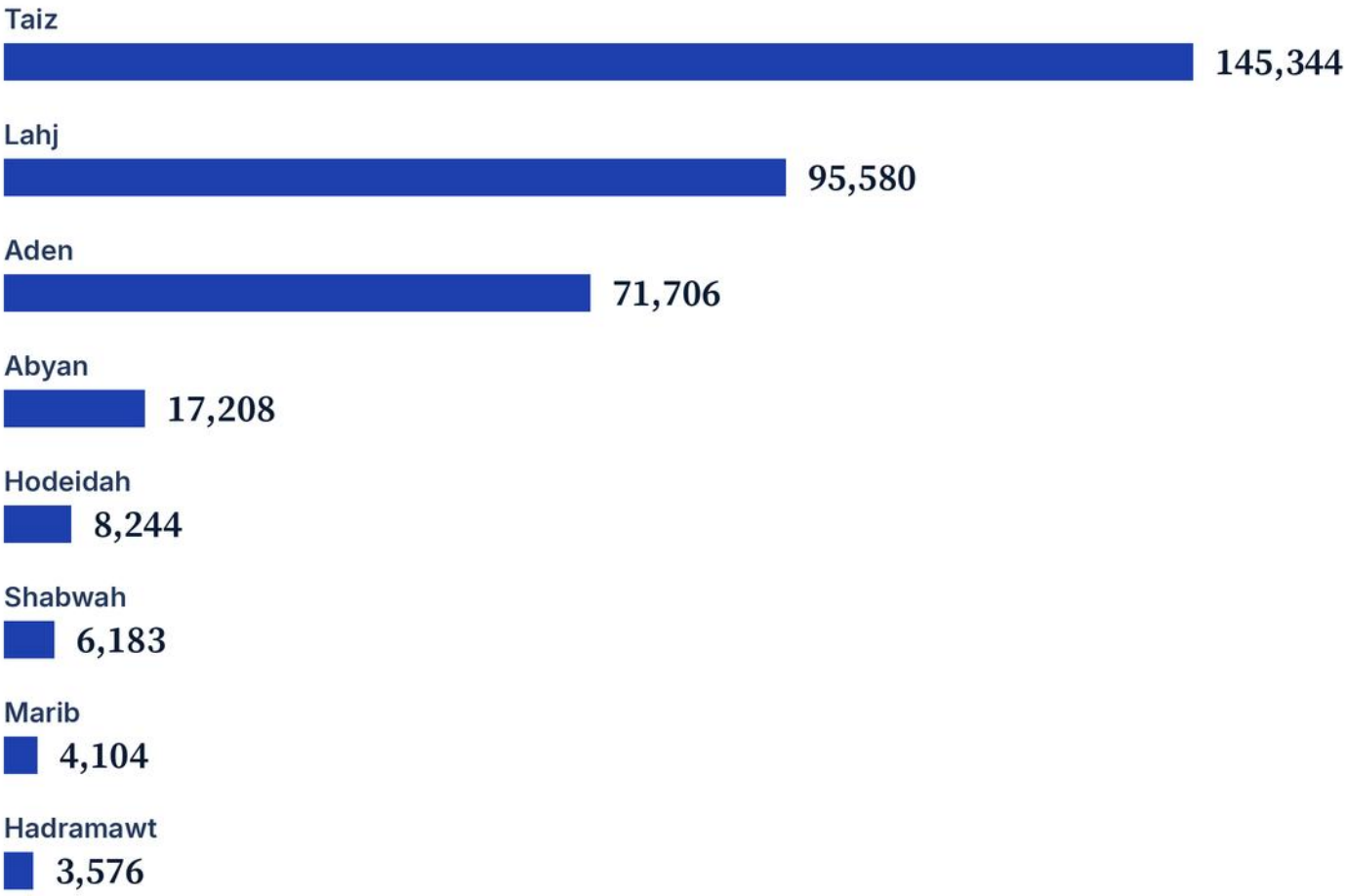
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- **Taiz.** A strike on al-Hadara market in Al Waziiyah, Taiz, killed at least 30 people on 6 November 2026; a Yemeni military spokesperson blamed a Houthi missile, and Al Jazeera reported the Houthis blamed Saudi-led coalition strikes (Arab News).
- **Lahj.** 15,930 people in Yemen were displaced at least once between 1 and 7 November 2026, and 1,313 of their 2,655 households moved into or within Lahj (IOM DTM, Rapid Displacement Tracking, 1 to 7 November 2026).
- **Taiz City.** More than 800,000 people in Taiz City had reportedly been cut off from humanitarian assistance as of late October 2026, with the main road from Aden closed (UNICEF, 18 November 2026).
- **Eastern Route.** A boat capsized near Obock in Djibouti on the crossing to Yemen on 11 October 2026, and 139 people died and 84 went missing (IOM Missing Migrants Project).

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Displaced People by Host Governorate

People displaced in Yemen from 1 August to 17 November 2026, by governorate hosting them



Source: IOM DTM, Displacement Caused by Escalation in Western Yemen, Update #19, 18 November 2026

Protection and International Law

R01 ABDUCTION AND ARBITRARY DETENTION · R02 ATTACKS ON CIVILIANS · R15 FORCED DISPLACEMENT AND RESTRICTED MOVEMENT

- **Detained UN staff.** On 31 October 2026, Volker Türk called for an independent investigation into the death of OHCHR staff member Mohammad el Shami, whom the Houthis had detained in Yemen since 6 June 2024 (UN News, 31 October 2026).
- **Humanitarian personnel.** The Global Protection Cluster said the Houthis hold 73 humanitarian personnel in Yemen in arbitrary detention, some of them incommunicado, and that 1 had died in detention (Global Protection Cluster, October 2026, p. 16).
- **Children.** UNICEF said at least 64 children were killed and 64 injured in Yemen since 3 September 2026, and called on all parties to comply with their obligations under international law (UNICEF, 18 November 2026).
- **Register.** From 4 October to 17 November 2026, PRISM's register recorded 55 Yemen entries, most often attacks on civilians (27), siege and forced displacement (13) and denial of access (6) (PRISM protection register, 17 November 2026).

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