YEMEN: Humanitarian Snapshot - Two years into the escalation of violence (Mar 2015 - Mar 2017)

The conflict is having a devastating impact on the lives of Yemenis, affecting the economy, security and basic survival. Overall the food security situation has deteriorated drastically and acute malnutrition rates have peaked in the last years. Millions of Yemenis do not know where their next meal will come from. A severe protection crisis is underway in which civilians face serious risks to their safety, well-being and basic rights.

**Key Facts & Figures**

**Impact on the population**
- 18.8M people in need
- 10.3M people in acute need
- 3.0M people are currently internally displaced (2.0M) or returnees (1.0M)
- 50,237 total casualties
- 42,553 people injured
- 7,684 people killed

**Impact on imports & essential commodities**
- Only 30% of the medicine that used to enter Yemen is entering the country.
- Food imports reached their lowest level in 2016. In January 2017, food prices are 26% higher than the average cost before violence escalated in March 2015.
- Only 16% of the monthly fuel needs were met in January 2017.

**Impact on the economy**
- 86% decline of Central Bank of Yemen reserves (from an estimated US$5BN to around $700M as of August 2016).
- 1 in 4 Yemenis has lost purchasing power for food and other essential goods and services.
- Over 70% of small and medium enterprises have laid off half of their work force.

**Most Vulnerable Groups**

**Children**
- 9.6M children (<18) in need
- 51% of total people in need are children
- 2.0M children out of school
- 1.6M children displaced since the escalation of violence in 2015
- 1,275 cases of recruitment and use of children by parties of the conflict
- 462,000 children under 5 are suffering from severe acute malnutrition

“Every ten minutes, a child under five dies in Yemen from preventable diseases such as diarrhoea, pneumonia or measles, because the health system is on the verge of collapse.”

(UNICEF)

**Displaced population**
- 4.5M people in need of emergency shelter / non-food items
- 11% of the total pop. remain displaced or have returned

**Women**
- 1.1M pregnant women are malnourished
- 10,806 GBV related incidents reported in 2016 alone

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