

**EMERGENCY RELIEF COORDINATOR'S  
KEY MESSAGES ON YEMEN  
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**I. Key Messages**

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1. I am deeply concerned about the steady deterioration of the humanitarian situation in Yemen. Displacement has increased, access remains limited, security is uncertain, basic social services are barely functioning, if at all, and the economic situation has worsened.
2. I am particularly worried that large numbers of civilians are put at risk, as fighting and clashes continue in parts of the country, in some cases allegedly involving heavy weaponry. All parties must take appropriate measures to ensure that civilians and humanitarian workers are protected and that humanitarian aid can be provided to affected communities.
3. Conflict is fueling a new crisis in the south, where more than 45,000 people have been recently displaced in Aden, Lahj, and surrounding areas. This number is increasing daily, in addition to the more than 300,000 displaced elsewhere in the country. In the south, particularly in Abyan, access is limited due to insecurity and fuel shortages, although some aid, including medical care, food and non-food items, is being provided. While improved access in the north has meant that aid is getting to thousands of people in need, an estimated 14,000 families remain out of reach.
4. The nationwide fuel crisis is deepening. Fuel shortages are disrupting medical care, including surgeries, vaccinations, medical referrals, mobile medical services, and clinic operations. Lack of fuel is also seriously affecting the water supply and the provision of humanitarian aid, such as hygiene and sanitation services, and transport.
5. Increased prices of essential items such as food, water, and fuel have affected the entire country. One-third of Yemen was food insecure even before the current crisis, and half of all children are stunted. At the same time, many government ministries have significantly reduced their activities and some public services, including health facilities and social welfare, have ceased operations altogether. This multiplies the need for humanitarian aid at a time when the number of UN international staff has been significantly reduced due to insecurity in the country.

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