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Gender snapshot Yemen



10 FACTS ABOUT WOMEN AND GIRLS IN CONFLICT-TORN YEMEN

Since March 2015, the escalation of armed conflict in Yemen has created one of the biggest humanitarian crises worldwide. **68 percent of the population - 18.7 million people - are in need of humanitarian assistance.** These 10 facts reflect the realities of millions of women and girls caught up in the Yemen conflict.



1) Women and girls make up **62%** of the 4 million people with acute malnutrition in Yemen



2) When food is scarce, **women are the first to eat less** even though they continue to work hard



3) Since March 2015 reported cases of **violence against women** have increased by **63%**



4) **Nearly 300 health facilities** have been **damaged or destroyed.** Maternal health services are only available in **32%** of assessed areas where displaced people and host communities live



5) **Child marriage is rising as a means to receive income.** An increasing number of men are now married to more than one woman



6) Today, **30% of displaced women** are heading their families, with **92%** of interviewed women having no regular monthly income



7) Indigenous women's saving groups ('Hakbah') are no longer sufficient to meet the unexpected demands caused by the crisis including, **loss of income and increased cost of living**



8) It currently takes women and girls **more than one hour to collect water**, which they often have to do several times a day



9) Due to the prolonged crisis, **more husbands appreciate their wife's contribution to supporting their families**



10) It is now **more culturally acceptable for women to be employed**

Sources: From the Ground Up: Gender and Conflict Analysis in Yemen. Research Report. CARE, GenCap and Oxfam. (November 2016) Yemen 2017 Humanitarian Needs Overview. OCHA (November 2016)