

Press Releases: United States Announces Additional Humanitarian Assistance for Yemen at High-Level Pledging Conference

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Today, the U.S. government announced nearly \$87 million in additional humanitarian assistance for the people of Yemen at the Yemen High-Level Pledging Conference held in Geneva, Switzerland.

With this new assistance, which includes funds from the Department of State and USAID, the United States is providing food assistance and continued support for safe drinking water, treatment for malnourished children, emergency shelter, protection, and other critical aid to millions of vulnerable Yemenis and refugees living in Yemen.

The United States continues to urge all parties to this conflict to allow unhindered access for all humanitarian and commercial goods through all points of entry into Yemen and throughout the country to reach the Yemenis in desperate need.

The United States is one of the largest donors in response to Yemen's humanitarian crisis. Since October 2016, the U.S. government has provided more than \$854 million to address the humanitarian situation in Yemen.

We commend those who have joined us in making generous pledges. In particular, we thank the governments of Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates for their recent combined \$930 million contribution to the UN's coordinated response. We call on other donors to increase their share of funding, and we welcome the announcements of additional pledges at the pledging conference today.

While these contributions will provide some immediate relief, no amount of humanitarian or development assistance will end this conflict and the suffering of millions. An enduring solution will only come through a comprehensive political agreement, which will require compromise from all sides.

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