

UN in record aid appeal for Yemen

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The United Nations has launched an appeal to raise a whopping \$4.2 billion in aid to help alleviate the humanitarian crisis in Yemen. It is the largest ever appeal made by the UN. It comes after the

country has been ravaged by years of war and is on the brink of famine. The UN said it needs the money to help over 19 million people in the war-torn nation. It estimates that nearly a quarter of a million Yemenis are suffering from malnutrition and are close to dying from starvation. The UN said that around 80 per cent of the population needed urgent humanitarian assistance and protection. A UN spokesperson said the suffering of the people in Yemen has reached a scale not seen in living memory.

The UN announced it had finally gained access to food stored at warehouses in the Red Sea port city of Hudaydah. There is enough food stored there to feed around 3.7 million people for a month. The port has been inaccessible for the past six months because of heavy fighting in the area. The UN was worried because the food was at risk of rotting. The UN said government forces and Houthi rebels could start to withdraw from around the city soon. It added: "It has really been a horrific year for millions and millions of people in Yemen, who are literally balancing on the edge of famine and starvation. They need massive amounts of aid, water, sanitation, and education for their children."

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Writing

World governments should hang their heads in shame over Yemen. Discuss.

Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

appeal / humanitarian / crisis / war / malnutrition / starvation / suffering / memory / access / warehouses / food / heavy fighting / rotting / horrific / millions / education

True / False

- a) The UN wants over \$4 billion in aid for Yemen. T / F
- b) The UN appeal for aid for Yemen is the UN's biggest ever appeal. T / F
- c) The UN wants to help over 19 million people in Yemen. T / F
- d) A UN spokesperson said the suffering is the worst in human history. T / F
- e) A food warehouse in the city of Hudaydah is still closed. T / F
- f) Most of the food in the warehouse has rotted. T / F
- g) Houthi rebels are refusing to leave the city of Hudaydah. T / F
- h) The UN wants to spend part of the aid on sanitation. T / F

Synonym Match

(The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

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|------------------------|---------------|
| 1. appeal | a. pull out |
| 2. whopping | b. poor diet |
| 3. ravaged | c. decaying |
| 4. malnutrition | d. ruined |
| 5. suffering | e. sufficient |
| 6. stored | f. plea |
| 7. enough | g. actually |
| 8. rotting | h. hardship |
| 9. withdraw | i. huge |
| 10. literally | j. kept |

Discussion – Student A

- a) What do you know about Yemen?
- b) Why can't the world's richest people give the \$4.2 billion?
- c) Should world governments hang their heads in shame over Yemen?
- d) Who is fighting whom in Yemen?
- e) What would it be like to live in a war-torn country?
- f) Who is responsible for people starving in Yemen?
- g) What can you do to help people in Yemen?
- h) How big a story is Yemen?

Phrase Match

1. an appeal to raise a
 2. alleviate the humanitarian
 3. the country has been ravaged
 4. on the brink
 5. reached a scale not seen
 6. it had finally gained access to
 7. The port has been
 8. the food was at risk
 9. It has really been a horrific year
 10. literally balancing on the edge
- a. of famine
 - b. of famine
 - c. food stored at warehouses
 - d. by years of war
 - e. for millions
 - f. crisis in Yemen
 - g. of rotting
 - h. in living memory
 - i. inaccessible
 - j. whopping \$4.2 billion

Discussion – Student B

- a) What do you think about what you read?
- b) How can we help Yemen?
- c) How did Yemen get into the mess it is in today?
- d) How much will the money help?
- e) How horrific do you think life is in Yemen?
- f) What would you do if your country was in famine?
- g) What will Yemen be like in 20 years' time?
- h) What questions would you like to ask the head of the UN?

Spelling

1. launched an eappal
2. rgvaaed by years of war
3. on the brink of emniaf
4. close to dying from vasnoatrti
5. urgent raaumhtnaiin assistance
6. a scale not seen in living reomym
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9. rebels could start to wadtirhw
10. It has really been a fichirro year
11. altryleli balancing on the edge
12. They need ivsamse amounts

Answers – Synonym Match

1. f	2. i	3. d	4. b	5. h
6. j	7. e	8. c	9. a	10. g

Role Play

Role A – Sponsored Walks

You think sponsored walks are the best way to raise money. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their ways. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): lotteries, concerts or web pages.

Role B – Lotteries

You think lotteries are the best way to raise money. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their ways. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): sponsored walks, concerts or web pages.

Role C – Concerts

You think concerts are the best way to raise money. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their ways. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): lotteries, sponsored walks or web pages.

Role D – Web Pages

You think web pages are the best way to raise money. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their ways. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): lotteries, concerts or sponsored walks.

Speaking – Raising money

Rank these with your partner. Put the best ways of raising money at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- lotteries
- car boot sales
- concerts
- web pages
- petitions to governments
- bake sales
- sponsored walks
- street collections

Answers – True False

a	T	b	T	c	T	d	F	e	F	f	F	g	T	h	F
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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.