

THE ENVIRONMENTAL CRISIS IN YEMEN: THE FORGOTTEN REPERCUSSIONS OF THE PERPETUAL CONFLICT AND ITS IMPACT ON THE FUTURE OF CHILDREN

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Relevance: Yemen has been embroiled in a perpetual conflict for years, with devastating consequences for its people. While the humanitarian crisis and the loss of lives are widely recognized, the environmental crisis in Yemen often goes unnoticed. The ongoing conflict has led to severe environmental degradation, posing long-term risks to the country's ecosystem and, particularly, its children.

Goal of the work: to foster a sense of responsibility and urgency in addressing the environmental crisis, advocating for sustainable solutions, and promoting peace and stability in Yemen.

Result analysis – The destruction of infrastructure, including water treatment plants, has resulted in contaminated water sources. As a result, children are exposed to waterborne diseases, malnutrition, and stunted growth. The lack of clean water and proper sanitation facilities also increases the risk of epidemics, endangering the health and well-being of Yemeni children. However, the conflict has led to the destruction of agricultural land, irrigation systems, and livestock, disrupting food production and exacerbating food insecurity. Children are particularly vulnerable to malnutrition and starvation, which can have lifelong consequences on their physical and cognitive development. Yemen's unique ecosystems, including its forests and coastal areas, are being irreversibly damaged, robbing future generations of their natural heritage. The conflict has caused significant damage to infrastructure, including power plants, factories, and oil facilities. This has led to the release of hazardous materials and pollutants into the environment, further exacerbating health risks for children. Air pollution, toxic waste, and uncontrolled dumping pose immediate and long-term health hazards, including respiratory diseases and increased cancer risks. It is crucial to recognize that the environmental crisis in Yemen is intimately linked to the ongoing conflict. Resolving the conflict and establishing peace will be instrumental in addressing the environmental challenges and safeguarding the future of Yemen's children.

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