

Millions of Yemenis in Reportedly Desperate Health Situation



Paris, November 28 (RHC)-- The international medical charity Doctors Without Borders has warned that millions of Yemenis face a "desperate" health situation on top of the ravages of war as Saudi Arabia continues its military aggression against its impoverished neighbor.

Doctors Without Borders, known by the French acronym MSF (Medecins Sans Frontieres), has warned that more than two years of war have had a devastating effect on lives of civilians, including a large number of children. "Thirty months of war, high prices for consumer goods and unemployment have had a massive impact on people," MSF said, adding that a "great number of children" suffered from malnutrition.

Meanwhile, Ghassan Abou Chaar, head of the MSF mission in Yemen, said in a statement that "millions of Yemenis who cannot access primary health care (are in a) desperate situation." According to MSF, health workers have not been paid for the past 13 months across the conflict-ravaged country.

Mark Lowcock, head of the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), who visited the Middle East's poorest country last week said "it has been shocking to see the terrible impact of this man-made conflict."

The United Nations has already described the ongoing conflict in Yemen as the "largest humanitarian

crisis in the world." The war has left seven million people at risk of famine and an estimated 17 million, or about 60 percent of the overall population of the country, food insecure.

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