

Integral Launches a Joint Disaster Response for the Yemen Crisis



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Integral Alliance has launched a Disaster Response for the growing crisis in Yemen. Four Integral Members either have work in the country or work through partners, with a further seven Members ready to support work already going in the sectors of health, food security and WASH.

Integral has facilitated one teleconference to-date. This call brought together programme and communication staff from ten of Integral's 23 Members. The need for both short-term strengthening and support of work already happening, as well as working together on a long-term coordinated strategy, was established.

The situation in Yemen continues to worsen and a staggering 80% of the population are thought to require humanitarian assistance. Recent reports estimate 1.5m children are suffering from life-threatening malnutrition, and due to the civil war, population displacement stands at 3.1m people. On top on of the suffering inflicted by war, a country-wide famine is now a very real possibility [[source here](#)]. The BBC News channel broadcast a programme on 24th September 2016 called [Starving Yemen](#).

Jan Eyre, Integral's Disaster Management and Programme Coordinator, says, "It is encouraging to see news reports starting to appear in the UK about the suffering of the people of Yemen. This can only help to heighten awareness about a truly terrible situation that many have not yet heard about. My hope for this Integral response in the short-term is that we can come alongside our Members operating in the region and strengthen their work with extra funding and staffing. This is one of only three Level 3* emergencies in the world currently, and yet has not received the media attention that it merits."

Integral Members will continue to use the Integral online platform to share information, plans, needs and resources with each other.

* A Level 3 emergency is the global humanitarian system's classification for the response to the most severe, large-scale humanitarian crises. Yemen was declared a Level 3 emergency in July 2015, along with Syria and Iraq.

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On Integral Collaboration:

- Integral's goal is for all its Members to become more effective and efficient in their work and to see greater impact and reach as a result of working collaboratively.

Integral Members have a collaborative strategy for responding to disasters, with the **Integral Disaster Response Process** co-ordinating the emergency activities of its Members. The aim of the Integral DR process is to combine resources to ensure that as many people as possible are reached with the assistance they need. The Integral Secretariat plays a co-ordinating role to facilitate better communication between all Members in disaster situations with the aim of increasing support and avoiding duplication.

Integral has 23 Members with headquarters in 14 countries.

Integral Members work in over 80 countries, with more than 650 local partners, in over 40 sectors and have a combined income of over \$700m USDs.

All Members sign up to the [Red Cross Code of Conduct](#) and [Sphere Standards](#), and have an agreed [Quality Standards Statement](#).

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