



# Yemen



## Introduction to YEMEN

THE REPUBLIC OF YEMEN, formed by the union of North and South Yemen in 1990, lies on the southern edge of the Arabian Peninsula. Though its culture showcases a variety of Arabian and North African influences, the nation has remained relatively closed to the outside world. Yemen is one of the poorest of Arab countries.

## The YEMENI people

<b>Total population:</b>	23,822,783
<b>Children under 15:</b>	11,000,693
<b>Average Life Expectancy:</b>	63.27 years
<b>Per capita annual income:</b>	\$2,500
<b>% children in primary school:</b>	72.7%
<b>Average years of education:</b>	9 years
<b>Literacy rate:</b>	50.2%
<b>Internet users:</b>	370,000
<b>Cell phones in use:</b>	3.7 million
<b>Major/official language(s):</b>	Arabic

### Risk issues impacting children:

- Some 46% children under five are moderately to severely underweight, and one-fifth of infants suffer from low birth weight.
- Surveys conducted in parts of the country have shown prevalence of vitamin A deficiency and anaemia.

## More about YEMEN

<b>Capital city:</b>	Sanaa
<b>Type of government:</b>	Republic
<b>Square kilometers:</b>	527,968
<b>General terrain:</b>	Narrow coastal plain backed by hills and mountains; upland desert plains in center slope into desert interior of Arabian peninsula
<b>Major industries/jobs:</b>	Agriculture and herding, crude oil and petroleum, textiles, food processing
<b>National motto:</b>	N/A*
<b>Major airport(s):</b>	Sana'a Aden

## Reaching YEMEN

*Currently classified as World A: Unreached*

### Major religions:

Predominately Muslim  
Some Jewish, Christian and Hindu

### Christian groups:

Roman Catholic - 60%  
Orthodox - 40%

<b>Unreached People Groups:</b>	17 (99.1% of pop)
<b>Average annual Christian growth:</b>	0.02
<b>Average annual baptisms:</b>	1,246
<b>Foreign missionaries:</b>	160
<b>Per million:</b>	7.59
<b>National Christian workers/pastors:</b>	80
<b>Per million:</b>	3.79
<b>Number of churches/congregations:</b>	12

## Children's ministry in YEMEN

*Specific children's ministry information has not been provided for Yemen. The following information regards general children's ministry in the Middle East, and may not all be applicable to this nation.*

- Overview:**
- In more open countries, children's ministry can be vital, and churches, parents and para-church organizations see its importance.
  - In some countries, leaders have been mobilized and trained by organizations to conduct Bible clubs in homes and churches, and resources are available. There tends to be far fewer workers than there are children to be reached.
  - Most nations in the Middle East are predominantly Muslim, and conversion to Christianity is discouraged. In some countries, converts may be rejected by their families and communities, or face arrest or execution.
  - Nations closed to missionary activity may only have covert children's ministry opportunities, including significant radio and media exposure to the gospel.

## Focus for Prayer

Training children's leaders for outreach in  
**12** congregations

Strategies for reaching and discipling  
**11,000,693** children for Christ