

Yemen WASH Needs Tracking System (WANTS)

Merkhah Al Olya District, Shabwah Governorate

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The Yemen WASH Cluster launched the WASH Needs Tracking System (WANTS) with the support of REACH to provide high quality WASH data and inform more effective WASH programming and planning. The WANTS comprises a set of harmonized monitoring tools which, through partner data collection, provide updated information and analysis on WASH access and needs throughout Yemen.

The common key informant (KI) interview tool is community-level WANTS tools used in common priority districts. The findings below are based on three (n=3) common key informant (KI) interviews conducted in Markhah Al Olya district, Shabwah governorate. Data was collected by Relief International (RI) in June 2021. These findings should be interpreted as indicative of the WASH needs in Markhah Al Olya district.



Demographics¹

Total population in district	44,362
Total internally displaced people (IDP) in district	3,059
Proportion of the population living with a disability	15%

Health

2020 Cholera Severity Score ²	2
Global Acute Malnutrition (GAM) prevalence rate ³	9%

Water

0/3 KIs reported that people in their community mainly relied on an **improved water source**⁴ for drinking water in the 30 days prior to data collection

0/3 KIs reported issues relating to taste, appearance or smell of water in the 30 days prior to data collection

Proportion of KIs reported water access problems in the 30 days prior to data collection:

Waterpoints are difficult to reach	1/3	<div></div>
Waterpoints are too far	1/3	<div></div>
Storage containers are too expensive	1/3	<div></div>

3/3 KIs reported that people in their community do not treat their drinking water. Of the 3/3 KIs the following reasons and proportions were reported:

Due to the lack of materials	2/3
Because it's not needed	1/3

Hygiene

Estimated proportion of people in the community with enough soap in the 30 days prior to data collection, as reported by KIs:

All	0/3
Most people	2/3
About half	1/3
Few	0/3
None	0/3



Sanitation

Proportion of KIs reported problems in access to sanitation for specific groups (minorities, IDPs, women, etc) in the 30 days prior to data collection⁵

Elderly people	3/3	<div></div>
People with disabilities	3/3	<div></div>
Men/boys	3/3	<div></div>

Main sanitation facility type used by people in the community in the 30 days prior to data collection, as reported by KIs:

Open defecation	2/3	<div></div>
Flush toilet	1/3	<div></div>

Estimated proportion of people in the community with access to functional latrines in the 30 days prior to data collection, as reported by KIs:

All	0/3
Most people	1/3
About half	0/3
Few	1/3
Refuse to answer	0/3
Don't know	1/3



1) All demographic information is based on [UNOCHA 2021 Yemen Population projections](#). 2) Cholera severity scores based on Suspected Cholera Incidence Rate per 10,000 people. Reported by [WHO for 2021 Humanitarian Needs Overview](#). Cholera Severity score is on a scale of 1 to 5 with 5 being the most severe. 3) Combined GAM prevalence, % children 6-59 months with MUAC 125mm or less and/or WFH Z-score -2 or less. Based on [SMART Surveys 2016-2019](#), [EFSNA 2016](#). 4) Improved drinking water source is defined by the WHO as a source that, by nature of its construction, adequately protects the water from outside contamination, in particular from faecal matter. 5) KIs could select more than one answer.