

UN and INGOs Extend Ramadan Wishes to the People of Yemen, Urge Support for Yemen, Call for an End to Arbitrary Detention

01 March 2025 - United Nations agencies and international non-governmental organisations (INGOs) in Yemen extend their sincere wishes to the people of Yemen on the advent of the Holy Month of Ramadan, a sacred time of reflection, compassion, forgiveness.

As families across the world come together to observe this holy month, millions in Yemen continue to struggle to meet their basic needs amid worsening hardship. The humanitarian situation in Yemen continues to deteriorate, with millions facing hunger, disease, and economic distress. Women and children remain among the most affected, with preventable and treatable conditions posing an ongoing threat to the lives of children under five.

Despite growing challenges, the United Nations, INGOs and humanitarian partners, remain committed to delivering life-saving assistance and protection to vulnerable Yemenis. However, the ongoing arbitrary detention of dozens of UN and aid personnel in Northern Yemen continues to hinder operations and limit access to those in urgent need.

In the spirit of Ramadan, a time of peace and solidarity, the United Nations and INGOs in Yemen call on the authorities in Sana'a to end the arbitrary detention of our colleagues, so they observe this Holy Month with their families and loved ones.

They also call on the international community, especially Yemen's friends and neighbours, to support principled humanitarian assistance to the Yemeni people during this critical time.

May this Ramadan bring renewed hope, relief, and a strengthened global commitment to the people of Yemen.

Signed by:

- United Nations Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator of Yemen
- **OHCHR** – Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
- **OXFAM** – Oxfam International
- **Save The Children** – Save the Children International
- **UNDP** – United Nations Development Programme
- **UNESCO** – United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
- **UNFPA** – United Nations Population Fund
- **UNHCR** – United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
- **UNICEF** – United Nations Children's Fund
- **WFP** – World Food Programme
- **WHO** – World Health Organization