



20.8.2015 - An average of eight children are killed or maimed every day in Yemen as a direct result of the conflict that has gripped the country since April, according to [a new report](#)

released today by the United Nations Children’s Fund ([UNICEF](#))

). So far, nearly 400 children have been killed and over 600 others injured. “This conflict is a particular tragedy for Yemeni children,” said UNICEF Representative in Yemen, Julien Harneis. “They are being killed by bombs or bullets, and those that survive face the growing threat of disease and malnutrition. This cannot be allowed to continue.”

According to the top United Nations humanitarian official, Stephen O’Brien, who briefed the UN Security Council on the situation yesterday, the scale of human suffering is nearly incomprehensible.

A shocking four out of five Yemenis require humanitarian assistance and nearly 1.5 million people are internally displaced. Yet despite the tremendous needs, the aid operation in Yemen is one of the most under-funded of the different emergency operations around the world. To date, only 18 per cent, some €253 million, of the €1.43 billion requested through the Yemen Humanitarian Response Plan has been received, and UN agencies have still not received the funding from Saudi Arabia of €245.6 million pledged in April.

