

# CSR Risk Check



## YEMEN

### 12 country risk(s) have been identified

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- **LABOUR RIGHTS (5)**  
**DISCRIMINATION & GENDER (2 RISKS)**

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Women and girls in Yemen face severe discrimination in law and practice. Read more about this in the report of [Amnesty International](#).

Women face discrimination in employment, credit applications, salary, entrepreneurship, education and housing. 55% of women in Yemen are illiterate.

**Sources:** [Amnesty International, Report 2017/2018 - The state of the World's Human Rights, 2018](#), [US Department of State, Country Reports on Human Rights Practices for 2018, 2019](#)

This country is one of the 15 lowest scoring countries (out of in total 153) in the field of economic participation and opportunity for women in the Global Gender Gap Index 2019. Apart from indicators in the field of economic participation and opportunity for women, the Global Gender Gap Index also includes indicators comparing women's health to men's health, access to education and political empowerment.

**Sources:** [World Economic Forum, Global Gender Gap Report, 2020](#)

#### **FREEDOM OF ASSOCIATION (1 RISK)**

Yemen scores a 5+ on the ITUC Global Rights Index (scale 1-5) for freedom of association and workers' rights, which stands for no guarantee of rights. Countries with the rating of 5 are the worst countries in the world to work in. While the legislation may spell out certain rights workers have effectively no access to these rights and are therefore exposed to autocratic regimes and unfair labour practices. In countries with the rating 5+ this is linked to dysfunctional institutions as a result of internal conflict and/or military occupation.

**Sources:** [ITUC-CSI, ITUC Global Rights Index, 2019](#)

#### **FORCED LABOUR & HUMAN TRAFFICKING (1 RISK)**

Human trafficking in Yemen is a big problem. Human traffickers hold African migrants in prison camps on their way to Saudi Arabia and torture them to force payment from families. Women are systematically raped. This often happens with the complicity of local officials. The camps are still in use and hold large numbers of refugees from African countries.

**Sources:** [Aljazeera, For migrants, stopover in Yemen often means rape and torture, 2019](#)

### **CHILD LABOUR (1 RISK)**

The Yemeni government and international NGOs estimate there are approximately 1.7 million child labourers under the age of 14 in Yemen, some of whom are subjected to forced labour.

**Sources:** [US Department of State, Trafficking in Persons Report, 2019](#)

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## **• HUMAN RIGHTS & ETHICS (5)**

### **GOVERNMENT INFLUENCE (3 RISKS)**

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Yemen is considered to be "not free" according to the Freedom House Country List. This means that there is an oppressive regime, with regard to political rights and civil liberties.

**Sources:** [Freedom House, Freedom in the World, 2020](#)

Yemen is ranked 167 out of 180 countries in the World Press Freedom Index with a score of 58.25 on a scale from 0 (best possible score) and 100 (worst possible score). This means that press freedom is severely limited.

**Sources:** [Reporters Without Borders, 2020 World Press Freedom Index, 2020](#)

This country is marked as a "very high risk" country with regards to political risks on the Aon Political Risk Map (level 6 on a 1 to 6 scale). Please visit the [website](#) for more detailed information.

**Sources:** [Aon, Political Risk Map, 2020](#)

### **CONFLICTS & SECURITY (2 RISKS)**

This country is marked as a "very high" risk country for terrorism attacks on the Aon terrorism risk map. This is level 5 on a 1 to 5 scale.

**Sources:** [Aon, Terrorism risk map, 2020](#)

The armed conflict in Yemen has killed and injured thousands of Yemeni civilians since it began, mainly by illegal Saudi-Arabian airstrikes against Houthi forces in Yemen. Read more about this in the reports of [Amnesty International](#) and [Human Rights Watch](#).

**Sources:** [Amnesty International, Report 2017/2018 - The state of the World's Human Rights, 2018](#), [Human Rights Watch, World Report 2020 - Events of 2019, 2020](#)

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- **FAIR BUSINESS PRACTICES (1)**  
**CORRUPTION (1 RISK)**

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According to the Corruption Perceptions Index, the corruption score of Yemen is 15, on a scale of 0 (highly corrupt) to 100 (very clean). This means that the risk of corruption in Yemen is very high.

**Sources:** [Transparency International, Corruption Perceptions Index 2019, 2020](#)

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- **ENVIRONMENT (1)**  
**WATER USE & WATER AVAILABILITY (1 RISK)**

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In Yemen, the entire population lives under severe freshwater scarcity throughout the year, which puts the country in an extremely vulnerable situation.

According to the World Resources Institute, Yemen suffers from a very high water stress, mainly on the west coast. The water stress score is 4.0 on a scale of 0 (low risk) to 5 (extremely high risk). This means that more than 80% of the total renewable water supply is consumed. Especially the agricultural (score 4.0) and to a lesser extent the industrial (score 4.2) sector are contributors in this matter.

**Sources:** [Science Advances, Four billion people facing severe water scarcity, 2016](#), [World Resources Institute, Aqueduct Country Rankings, 2019](#)

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