

## UN aid chief in Yemen warns of cholera rise without more aid

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In this Monday, May 15, 2017 file photo, people are treated for suspected cholera infection at a hospital in Sanaa, Yemen. Jamie McGoldrick, the U.N. humanitarian chief in Yemen, told The Associated Press on Tuesday, May 30, 2017, that treatable diseases like cholera could ravage Yemen this year without an increase in aid and an end to the two-year-old civil war. (AP Photo/Hani Mohammed, File)

Two senior U.N. officials on Tuesday warned of the spread of cholera

and malnutrition in Yemen, where millions of civilians have been caught in a two-year-old civil war.

Jamie McGoldrick, the U.N. humanitarian chief in Yemen, told The Associated Press on Tuesday that poverty and disease are visibly spreading amid the havoc of war.

People in Yemen are "dying unnecessary, preventable deaths in quiet corners of villages," he said in an interview in the Jordanian capital of Amman, after a recent trip to Yemen.

"It's going to be a very sad year for Yemen," he said, noting that the U.N.'s \$2 billion aid program for Yemen for this year is less than 20 percent funded.

He said worse is yet to come unless more aid is delivered and the fighting stops.

In a separate statement, the regional director of the U.N. children's agency UNICEF said 55,200 cases of cholera were reported in Yemen in the past four weeks.

"More and more children die every day in Yemen from preventable causes like malnutrition and cholera," said Geert Cappelaere. "Time is running out."

"Anyone with a heart for children cannot let the situation in Yemen continue," he said.

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