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Since 1996 our diocese has provided
compassionate care for the people of war-torn
Yemen through the work of
Ras Morbat in the compound of
Christ Church Aden.

Please—join us to help those in need of
specialist healthcare in one of the poorest
countries in the world

*The Right Reverend Sean Semple
Bishop of the Anglican Diocese
of Cyprus and the Gulf*



The Anglican Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf, established in 1976, covers Cyprus, Iraq and the Arabian Peninsula and is part of the Province of the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East





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Despite a fragile truce in a long-running civil war, the people of Yemen are in the midst of a humanitarian catastrophe. Over half the population—16 million out of 29 million—suffer from acute hunger; over 2 million children under the age of 5 will experience acute malnutrition this year alone.

More than 160,000 have been killed, according to ACLED, many in direct attacks on civilians. Thousands have died of preventable diseases such as cholera; many thousands more, especially children, have sustained life-changing injuries.

*Yemen's complex
civil war is
fuelled by historic
political, tribal,
religious
and regional rivalries*

The Anglican Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf has a long-standing presence in Yemen, particularly the Ras Morbat Clinic in Aden—a remarkable example of Christian witness and service: rooted in the community, indifferent to creed, and a moving testament to courage in adversity.

Ras Morbat Clinic was established in 1996 within the compound of Christ Church (consecrated in 1864), as a partnership between the Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf and the Ministry of Health of the government of Yemen to provide primary health



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care for mothers and babies. Over the years, the Diocese expanded its work to include eye care, and Ras Morbat is now a specialist eye clinic. The clinic is entirely staffed by Yemenis, mostly women, and many are trained at the clinic by visiting specialists from abroad.

The clinic treats some 450 patients a month for more serious conditions, as well as providing a range of care from general vision exams and surgery for cataracts.

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Costs are kept as low as possible: cataract surgery is \$75, covering consumables and cornea implants. For those who cannot pay, financial aid is found.

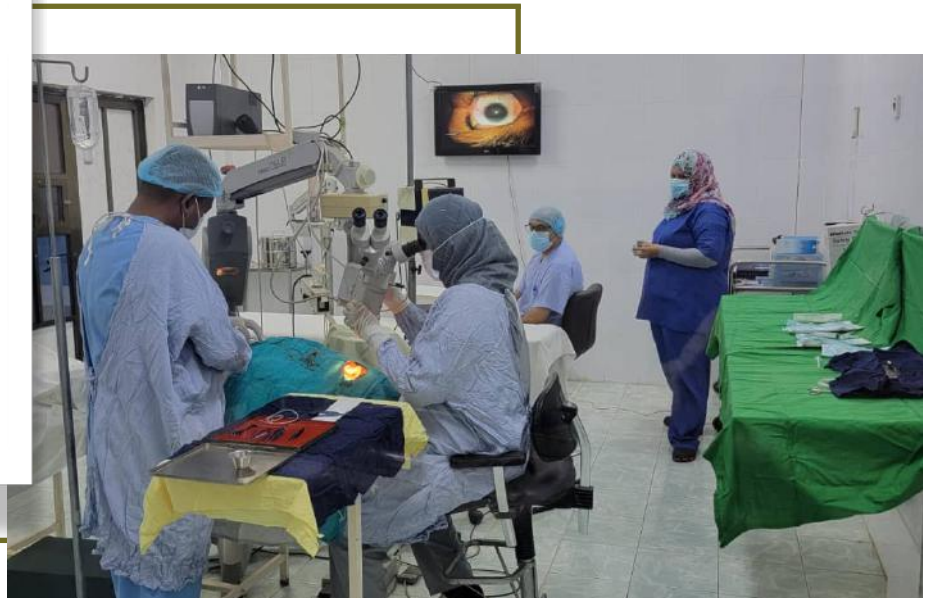
Over 4 million Yemenis have been displaced by conflict—80 percent of them women and children. Many patients are IDPs (internally displaced people) from far-away villages, who do not have the documentation required to access treatment in government clinics in the area.



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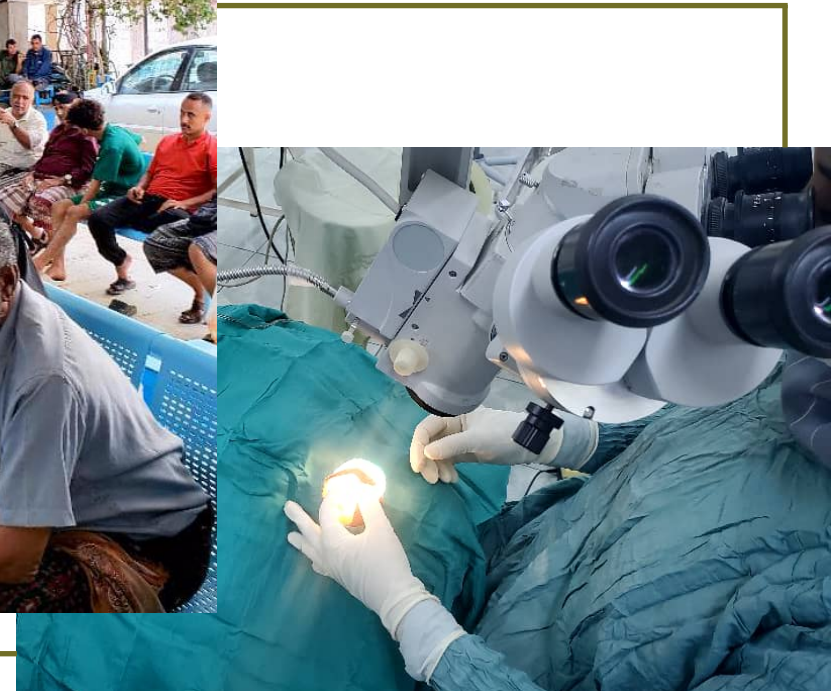


A tentative truce between warring factions has enabled Ras Morbat staff to resume school visits, and space has also been found in the clinic itself for a Ministry of Health child vaccination programme.

However, mobile clinics to patients further afield have not resumed. Instead, a long-standing system of weekly visits to Ras Morbat for IDPs and Somali refugees in need of treatment continues, bringing patients from a camp 200km from Aden.

Clinic staff are dedicated, and proud of their heritage of service. The financial support of Christians around the world enables them to serve their fellow Muslims, and the fact that the clinic is within the church compound gives them a sense of God's blessing on their work.

The local community, too, holds the clinic in exceptionally high regard: in the absence of civil authority in Aden at the height of the war, gangs roamed the streets—some interested only in looting; others, more radicalised, vandalised





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Aden's three Roman Catholic churches. It was the people living near Christ Church who protected the clinic and church from repeated efforts to attack the compound.

Although Aden is now mostly calm, basic infrastructure remains under serious strain: water supply is unreliable and electricity is available only at certain times of day for limited hours. The clinic is fortunate to have a backup generator in case power is lost, particularly during surgery. However shipping remains disrupted affecting deliveries of pharmaceuticals and surgical

equipment, requiring visits to neighbouring countries to secure supplies.

Despite the formidable security challenges, Ras Morbat Clinic has continued to function. However, financial challenges always loom large: annual staff costs of \$75k and operating expenses of \$35k are only partially covered by designated contributions of \$50k and local income of \$10k.

Please support us in this vital work, by helping us meet our annual fundraising target of \$50k.

A message to the world from the Church One

Supporting the Ras Morbat Eye Clinic is a major priority for the Diocese. The ongoing suffering of those it serves mirrors that of so many in the wider region and yet its work provides hope for peace, tolerance and reconciliation.

A recent update from Ras Morbat included "*A message to the world*" from long-serving clinic director Mansour Yousuf, signed, as he is known to his fellow Muslims, *Shahbib Kanesa—the Church One*

"It is crucial for the world to understand that Yemen is not defined by terrorism. Yemenis are peace-loving, resilient people who seek stability, progress and prosperity for their nation. The resilience and determination of Aden's people continue to serve as a beacon of hope for a brighter future. With ongoing cooperation and international support, we believe Aden will rise above these hardships and thrive once again. Thank you for your attention, compassion and concern for Aden and Yemen."