



SPOTLIGHT:

YEMEN

THE MUHAMASHEEN

The Muhamasheen people of Yemen are regarded as 'untouchable' by mainstream society, and they face continuous discrimination due to caste and from often being of darker skin.

Commonly referred to as the Akhdam (servants), they often live without access to clean water or electricity. They receive limited access to healthcare and housing and the majority are illiterate.

As is often common in other countries, due to their caste, the Muhamasheen are often excluded from humanitarian aid.

Despite being the first to be displaced in the Yemen war that began in 2014, they have struggled to access IDP camps and support due to prejudice.

OVERVIEW

MARGINALISED GROUP:
THE MUHAMASHEEN

POPULATION SIZE:
ESTIMATES BETWEEN 150K TO 3.5 MILLION

AREA:
THROUGHOUT BUT DISCRIMINATION TENDS TO BE WORSE IN RURAL AREAS

MAIN RELIGION:
ISLAM

DISCRIMINATION:
ACCESS TO WATER, EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION, HEALTHCARE, AND HUMANITARIAN AID; VIOLENCE; EXPLOITATION

THE CHRISTIAN NETWORK AGAINST CASTE DISCRIMINATION

CNACD exists to challenge the entrenched, antiquated beliefs of caste systems and to help foster positive change.

