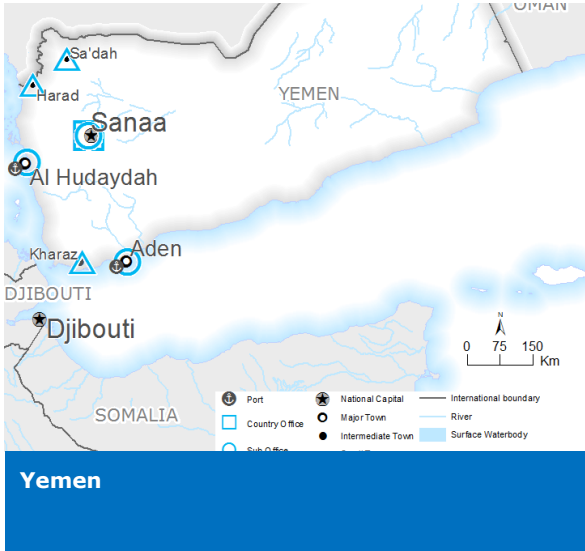




World Food Programme

Yemen



In numbers



- 25.9 million** population
- 41%** food insecure
- 19%** severely food insecure
- 12.7%** children under five wasted
- 41%** children under five stunted

Funding (received contributions):

- PRRO 200636:** USD 163 million
- PRRO 200305:** USD 11.5 million
- SO 200798:** USD 992,000

Requirements for March-December 2015:

- PRRO 200636:** USD 137 million
- PRRO 200305:** USD 1.2 million
- SO 200798:** USD 1.3 million

Highlights

- In March, WFP Yemen launches an onsite school feeding that will provide 225,323 children in primary and secondary schools with fortified date bars on a daily basis until the end of the current school year.
- Funds are urgently required for safety nets as the first pipeline break starts to affect cash transfers as early as May.

Situation Update

- Despite the challenging operational environment, WFP's programmes in Yemen proceed unaffected. While continuing to provide emergency assistance, WFP Yemen also implements recovery and resilience-oriented activities aiming to reach almost 6 million people across the country under its new two-year PRRO 200636.
- So far, the volatile and unpredictable situation has not led to any programmatic shifts, although an ever-evolving political and security context has resulted in delays incurred in the implementation of some of the activities, notably school feeding, and has increased the costs of operating.
- The February Market Watch showed that food was available in all markets except in some conflict affected areas. Retail prices of wheat grain and wheat flour slightly rose by 1 percent while the purchasing power of households dropped by 2 percent between January and February 2015. Given this, the food security situation of poor households is believed to have deteriorated in February 2015.

WFP Response

- In March, WFP aims to reach conflict-affected populations, such as internally displaced persons (IDPs) and returnees, malnourished children and pregnant and lactating women, refugees, poorest households, stranded migrants and school children. Some 970,000 people are planned to be reached during this month under both PRROs.
- The current assistance through cash transfers to the poorest households is part of the 2014 safety net cycle. However, due to the delay in contracting a financial service provider and security constraints,

this support rolled into 2015. Due to the insecurity in Lahj, cash transfers under productive safety net were briefly postponed and then resumed. On March 11, cash distributions under protective safety net started for more than 58,000 households in Taiz and Ibb governorates.

- In response to the continued influx of refugees from the Horn of Africa, WFP is providing assistance to 41,000 beneficiaries, including 3,000 stranded migrants, on a monthly basis under PRRO 200305.



Food Assistance

- The last food distributions for the IDPs and returnees in Abyan, Sana'a, Amran and Hajjah (except for Al Mazraq camps I and III) are proceeding smoothly. The beneficiaries receive a two-month returnee package.
- Due to operational delays, distributions under education activities (take home rations for girls and onsite school feeding) are starting in March. While WFP has implemented take home rations under various programmes in the past years, it is the first time that WFP launches onsite school feeding. Until the end of the current school year 186,000 children will receive fortified date bars on a daily basis.
- In response to the conflict in Al Bayda, WFP dispatched a one-off food ration to 535 displaced households through the Yemeni Red Crescent.
- The next cycle of distributions under safety nets will be in May, as this activity is implemented during the lean season (May - October period).



Logistics

About 4,353 mt of various food items were delivered during 1-15 March 2015.

Clusters



Logistics Cluster

- Two special flights and one regular flight to Aden were organised to transport 35 passengers.
- Two flights to Sa'ada were cancelled as no security clearance was received from the

Government.

- A user group meeting took place in Aden to discuss WFP's flight operation between Sana'a and Aden. As there is a risk of commercial flights suspending their services, WFP is working towards ensuring that the humanitarian community is not left without flights even in the critical situation.
- 15,525 litres of diesel was received in Sana'a from the supplier and the quantity was allocated to the humanitarian agencies upon their request.
- A total of 39,497 litres of fuel was distributed to 17 organizations: ACTED, ACF, GC, IRD, IRC, IRY, IOM, MSF-S, NRC, FAO, OCHA, OHCHR, UNDSS, UNFPA, UNICEF, WFP and UNHCR.
- Logistics Cluster has 224,052 litres available in stock. This quantity is enough to cover the fuel requirements for five months.



Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC)

- In preparation for a possible activation of the ETC, ICT is making preliminary assessments of the services that the UN community might require.

Resourcing Update



- **Donor alert:** funds are urgently required for safety nets as the first pipeline break starts to affect cash transfers as early as May. USD 39 million needs to be yet mobilized to cover the shortfall for cash distributions during May-October.
- The immediate priority is to secure resources for safety nets. Safety nets are implemented during the lean season when the populations are the most vulnerable. Therefore, it is critical to ensure the required funding for the implementation of this assistance.

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WFP operations							
	Project Duration	Planned number of people	Total requirements (in USD)	Total received (in USD)	Shortfall (%)	People Assisted	
						January 2015	February 2015
PRRO 200636	Jul 14– June 16	6 000 000	490 412 832	163,585,414	67	759 440	713 998
PRRO 200305	Jan 13– Dec 15	153 800	14 208 665	11,551,338	19	35 744	32 814
SO 200798	Jan 15– Dec 15	0	2 267 379	992,960	57	0	0