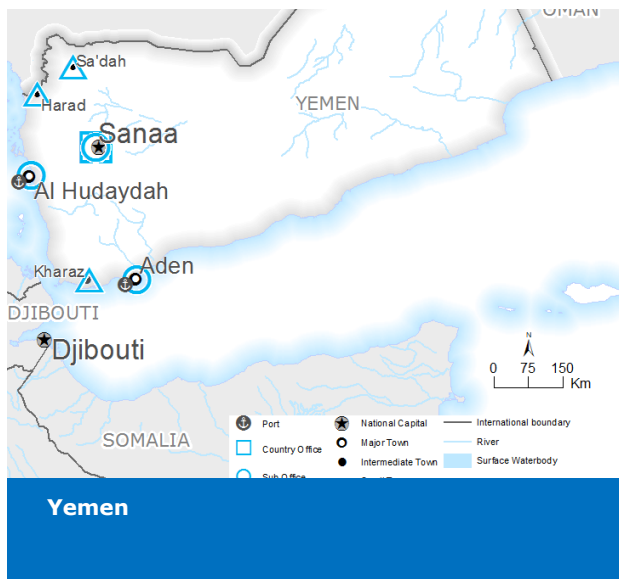




World Food Programme

YEMEN:

Emergency response to the escalated conflict



In numbers



25.9 million population

12 million people food insecure

763,000 people reached with emergency food assistance

300,000 newly internally displaced people (OCHA)

1,039 Yemeni refugees in Djibouti and Somalia (UNHCR)

Funding (received contributions):

PRRO 200636: USD 225 million

PRRO 200305: USD 11.5 million

Requirements for May-July 2015:

PRRO 200636: USD 128 million

SO 2000841*: USD 20.5 million

*WFP is launching another Special Operation with a budget of USD 7.3 million for United Nations Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS).

Highlights

- In response to the ongoing humanitarian crisis, WFP has provided emergency food assistance to 763,000 people since 15 April. Beginning in May, WFP will scale up its emergency response to reach 2.5 million conflict-affected people until July.
- However, without urgent receipt of fuel for humanitarian operations, WFP will not be able to provide any food assistance at scale. Already, WFP has been forced to stop food distributions due to lack of fuel in one location, which will continue to other areas if fuel is not received in the next few days.
- WFP and its local partners are facing major challenges distributing food assistance given the insecurity and ongoing airstrikes.
- WFP maintains operational capacity on the ground with 185 national staff across the country, while international staff are operating remotely from Amman.

Situation Update

- Across the country, an estimated 300,000 people are newly displaced from this conflict (OCHA) and 12 million people food insecure.
- On 28 April, airstrikes at both the Sana'a and Hudaydah airports damaged the runways. Given the damage, a United Nations assessment mission to Sana'a, comprised of OCHA, WFP, UNDSS, and FITTEST, could not return to Djibouti on 29 April as planned. If the runways are repaired soon, the mission will depart around 3 May. Moreover, WFP had planned to airlift critical fuel supplies into Hudaydah airport, but these are now impossible until the runways are repaired in the next weeks.
- Armed clashes are also occurring daily in Aden, Lahj, and Taizz. Humanitarian access to these locations is intermittent as the front lines shift and new access is available.
- Over the past days, intense shelling close to WFP's warehouse (500m) in Haradh, in Hajjah governorate, prevented any distributions because of the very dangerous conditions.

WFP Response

- Lack of fuel and insecurity has slowed down the initial response phase. If further fuel is received and security improves, WFP would be able to provide emergency food assistance to an additional 1.5 million beneficiaries with a one month distribution.

Food Assistance

- WFP has provided emergency food assistance to **763,117** conflict-affected people since 15 April, including 353,000 women/girls, and 139,000 children under 5. This assistance has gone to eight of the 19 conflict-affected governorates.
- Through its school-feeding programme, WFP will continue to provide date bars to schoolchildren until the end of the school year around May, reaching 225,000 children. All schools where WFP provides this assistance are open. Nutrition activities are also continuing in medical facilities that are still operating. Refugees in the Kharaz Camp in southern Yemen received their planned food assistance for the month of April.

Logistics

- An additional 125,000 litres of fuel is needed in Hudaydah for one week of operations. An additional 50,000 litres is needed in Sana'a to move the remaining food rations from the warehouse to people in need.

Clusters**Logistics Cluster**

- Logistics Cluster is facilitating the sea transport of urgent relief items for four organizations (CARE International, IOM/SOS, UNICEF, and UNHCR) on a vessel from Dubai. The vessel is planned to depart for Yemen on 30 April.
- The Djibouti Logistics Cluster Hub has been established with 1,100 m² of common storage space available for humanitarian partners at its warehouse in the Free Zone at Djibouti Port.

Food Security and Agriculture Cluster

- Co-leading the Food Security and Agriculture Cluster (FSAC) alongside FAO, WFP is helping to coordinate the food assistance response across the country.

Emergency Telecommunications**Cluster (ETC)**

- ETC was activated on 28 April. An advance ETC assessment mission is in Yemen to see what services need to be established to support humanitarian telecommunications.

Communications are likely to fail from next week due to fuel shortages, thus making communicating with staff and partners in Yemen very difficult.

Partnerships

- WFP is discussing with a variety of NGOs areas they could provide emergency food assistance across the country. So far, WFP has mobilized sufficient partners to deliver food to 2.5 million beneficiaries and partners are being identified for any potential scale up of distributions later in the year.

Resourcing Update

- Sustainable funding is required to ensure a scale-up of the emergency response and its continuity beyond the next three months.
- For May to July, additional resources of 123,000 mt of food commodities will be needed to complete the planned scale up to 2.5 million beneficiaries for three months with life-saving food assistance interventions.
- With the launch of two new Special Operations, an additional USD 10 million will need to be mobilized to cover these operational needs until the end of 2015.
- In 2015, WFP has received generous contributions from the governments of the USA, Canada, Japan, Finland and Switzerland.
- The USD 274 million contribution from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia was confirmed to OCHA on 23 April. This funding will be channelled through the Yemen Humanitarian Pooled Fund.

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WFP Operations in Yemen							
	Project Duration	Planned number of people	Total requirements (in USD)	Total received (in USD)	Shortfall (%)	People Assisted in April	
						Targeted	Reached
PRRO 200636	Jul 14–June 16	6 000 000	510 853 748	224 996 309	56	Emergency Response: 868 884	Emergency Response: 763 117*
						Non Emergency: 644 182	Non Emergency: 400 966
PRRO 200305	Jan 13–Dec 15	153 800	14 208 665	11 551 338	19	41 350	16 000
SO 200841**	Apr 15–Dec 15	—	20 482 060	0	100	—	—