

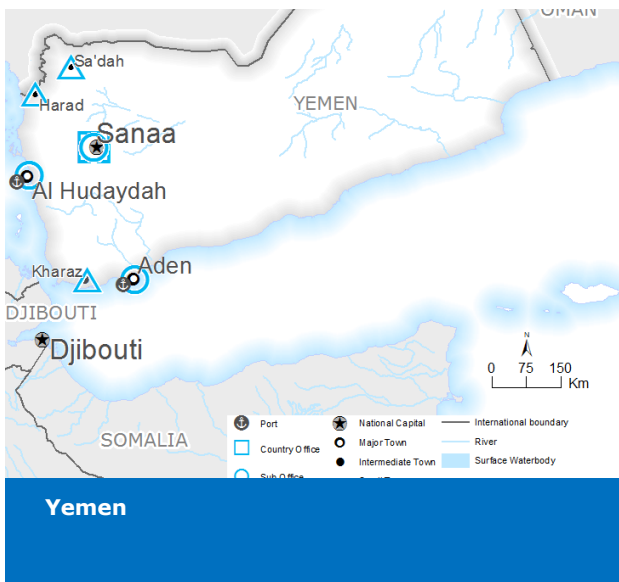


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YEMEN: Emergency response to the escalated conflict



Highlights

- In response to the ongoing humanitarian crisis, WFP has provided emergency food assistance to **1,103,000** people since 15 April. WFP aims to scale up its emergency response to reach 2.5 million conflict-affected people between May and July.
- However, without urgent receipt of fuel for humanitarian operations, WFP will no longer be able to provide any food assistance. Already, WFP has been forced to stop food distributions as fuel supply has been depleted in Hudaydah. Distributions may also be halted in Sana'a and Haradh if fuel is not received in the next few days.
- WFP and its local partners are facing major challenges distributing food assistance, given the constrained access due to ongoing insecurity, armed clashes and airstrikes.
- WFP continues to maintain operational capacity on the ground with 187 national staff across the country, while international staff are operating remotely from Amman.

In numbers



- 25.9 million** population
- 12 million people** food insecure
- 1,103,000 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 200841(Logistic and ETC cluster):** USD 20.5 million
- SO 200845 (UNHAS) :** USD 7.2 million

Situation Update

- Across the country, an estimated 300,000 people are newly displaced as a result of this conflict (OCHA) and 12 million people food insecure.
- Airstrikes have repeatedly damaged the airports in both Sana'a and Hudaydah, rendering the airports unusable for now. Given the damage, emergency relief from abroad are unable to fly in humanitarian cargo to scale-up the humanitarian response and address the needs of increasingly vulnerable Yemenis.
- WFP has been conducting weekly market assessments. Food prices have reportedly increased by up to 65 percent where food is available. Wheat flour is not available in almost all markets of the most affected governorates, including in Aden, Lahj, Ad Daleh, Sa'ada, Taiz, and Sana'a.

WFP Response

- A lack of fuel and continued insecurity has slowed down the initial emergency response phase. If fuel is received and security improves, WFP would be able to provide emergency food assistance to an additional 2.5 million beneficiaries with a one month distribution.

Food Assistance



- WFP has provided emergency food assistance to eight of the 19 conflict-affected governorates, reaching **1,103,000** people, including 523,000 women/girls,

and 208,000 children under five years of age.

- Through its school-feeding programme, WFP will continue to provide date bars to schoolchildren until the end of the school year in May, reaching 225,000 children.
- Nutrition activities are also continuing in medical facilities that are still operating covering 203,000 people.
- 17,500 refugees in the Kharaz Camp in southern Yemen also received food assistance for the month of May.

Logistics

- Available transport capacity is being utilized to transport food and fuel within Yemen. WFP is undertaking an assessing of access options to the different districts across Yemen.

Clusters

Logistics Cluster

- The Logistics Cluster is facilitating the sea transport of urgent relief items for WFP and four other organizations (CARE International, IOM/SOS, UNICEF, and UNHCR). The vessel is expected to arrive in Yemen on 11 May.
- The Djibouti Logistics hub has common warehousing capacity of 1,650 m² (bonded) and is ready to receive humanitarian cargo in transit for further delivery to Yemen.

Food Security and Agriculture Cluster

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

Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC)

- The ETC was activated on 28 April. The ETC is working closely with all partners to ensure that the humanitarian community can carry out safe operations and have access to communication systems.
- Communications infrastructure are likely to fail from mid May due to fuel shortages, thus making communication with staff and partners in Yemen very difficult.

Partnerships

- WFP is identifying new partnership options with NGOs to provide emergency food assistance to 2.5 million beneficiaries and 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 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 15 April to 5 May	
						Targeted	Reached
PRRO 200636	Jul 14– June 16	6 000 000	510 853 748	224 996 309	56	<i>Emergency Response:</i>	<i>Emergency Response:</i>
						1 272 000	1 103 000*
PRRO 200305	Jan 13– Dec 15	153 800	14 208 665	11 551 338	19	<i>Non Emergency:</i>	<i>Non Emergency:</i>
						746 000	676 000
SO 200841**	Apr 15– Dec 15	—	20 482 060	0	100	—	—
SO 200845	May 15– Dec 15	—	7 287 530	0	100	—	—

*Among them, at least 523,000 women/girls; 208,000 children under 5

**SO 200798 will be discontinued with the rollout of SO 200841 and resources under it transferred to SO 200841.