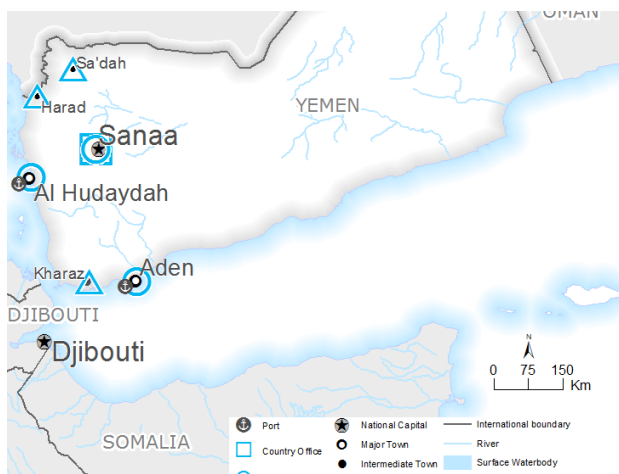




World Food Programme

YEMEN:

Responding to the Humanitarian Crisis in Yemen



Yemen

In numbers

25.9 million population

6.1 million people severely food insecure

2 million people planned to be reached with food assistance in October 2015

1.43 million newly internally displaced persons (OCHA)

15,800 Yemeni refugees in Djibouti and Somalia (IOM)

Funding Requirements for Emergency Response:

EMOP 200890 (October 2015 - March 2016):
USD 320 million

PRRO 200305 (January 2013 - December 2015):
USD 14.2 million

SO 200841 (Logistics and ETC) (April - December 2015):
USD 20.5 million

SO 200845 (UNHAS) (May - December 2015):
USD 7.3 million

Highlights

- Effective 01 October, WFP has begun implementing the new Emergency Operation, EMOP 200890. The EMOP will aim to assist 2 million people per month through in-kind food assistance, while envisaging the introduction of market-based interventions through cash and voucher (C&V) transfers starting in November. The EMOP will also provide nutritional support to treat and prevent moderate acute malnutrition among 235,000 children under 5 and 106,200 malnourished pregnant and nursing women, as well as provide emergency school feeding to 500,000 school-age children. There are plans to eventually reach a total of 4 million beneficiaries per month by March 2016.
- In September, 2,008,900 people received 23,120 mt of emergency food assistance in 13 governorates. In October so far, and under the new EMOP, WFP has reached 242,700 people in five governorates with 2,000 mt of emergency food assistance.
- The nutrition situation in Yemen continues to deteriorate. According to WFP's market analysis for September, prices of all food commodities spiked in September as a result of the escalation of the conflict in recent weeks. The national average price of wheat flour in September was 45 percent (over 100 percent in Taiz) higher compared to the pre-crisis period, while the national monthly average cost of a partial food basket is 30 percent higher than the average pre-April level.

Situation Update

- High levels of insecurity persist with heavy fighting in Taiz and Marib governorates, while roads across southern Yemen remain blocked with major implications for WFP food deliveries. Coalition airstrikes in Sana'a have intensified in recent weeks as coalition forces have been preparing to take the capital from Houthi forces.
- The security threat to the humanitarian community remains high. Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) claimed responsibility for bomb attacks on mosques in Sana'a, on 23 September and 3 September, that killed a total of 50 people.

WFP Response

- WFP continues to operate from its Country Office in Sana'a, supported by a Yemen programme operations hub in Amman and a logistics hub in Djibouti. As of 05 October, around 47 international staff were working across all three locations, with additional arrivals expected.

- Although ships are able to access both Hodeidah and Aden, road routes in southern Yemen as well in central part of the country linking Sana'a and Marib remained blocked due to heavy insecurity, affecting distributions to populations in need.

Food Assistance

- In October so far, under the new EMOP, 242,700 people have received 2,000 mt of emergency food assistance in Aden, Ad-Dhalee, Hadramaut, Raymah and Hajjah (12 percent achieved against the October target of 2 million beneficiaries). Of these, 103,580 were women/girls and 29,820 children under the age of five.
- In September, 2,008,900 people received 23,120 mt of emergency food assistance in Sana'a, Sana'a City, Taiz, Hodeidah, Dhamar, Lahj, Raymah, Aden, Shabwa, Amran, Ad-Dhalee, Hajjah and Hadramaut, representing 100 percent achieved against the September target of 2 million beneficiaries. Of these, 987,500 were women/girls and 385,100 children under the age of five.
- In September, nutrition commodities were provided for almost 100,000 malnourished children and pregnant and nursing women.
- Since 15 April, WFP has distributed almost 71,500 mt of food assistance, which corresponds to 6.3 million rations in 17 governorates (Abyan, Aden, Ad-Dhalee, Al Mahwit, Amran, Dhamar, Hajjah, Hodeidah, Lahj, Sana'a, Sa'ada, Shabwa, Taiz and Ibb) through communities and schools.

Logistics

- WFP currently has 90,267 mt of mixed food commodities in stock, including 69,000 mt of wheat.
- WFP requires a minimum of 350,000 litres of fuel each month for its operations in Yemen. To date, WFP-chartered ships have transported 4 million litres of fuel to Yemen.
- UNHAS:** Since mid-April, UNHAS has issued 1,100 passenger tickets from 36 organisations and transported over 6.5 mt of light cargo between Djibouti and Sana'a.

Clusters

Logistics Cluster

- The dedicated Logistics Cluster vessel, the MV Drive Mahone, arrived in Hodeidah on 22 September carrying 180,000 litres of fuel for WFP. Discharging was completed on 29 September.

Food Security and Agriculture Cluster (FSAC)

- Under the coordination of the FSAC, FAO, UNICEF and WFP will work together on the implementation of the Emergency Food Security and Nutrition Assessment (EFSNA) for Yemen. The objective of the EFSNA is to establish to current food security and nutrition status of the Yemeni population, and it is expected to be released at the end of October.

Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC)

- ETC is participating in an inter-agency assessment mission to Aden to deploy the inter-agency radio room there, and will also join the inter-agency mission to Hodeidah to carry out a telecommunications assessment and install inter-agency services in the UN joint office.
- Obtaining clearance to import telecommunications equipment remains the greatest challenge to the implementation of ETC activities in Yemen.

Partnerships

- Under the new EMOP, WFP will work with 14 partners to scale up assistance to reach 4 million severely food insecure people each month by March 2016.

Resourcing Update

- As of 05 October, USD 65.8 million of the EMOP's total cost of USD 320 million has been funded, meaning that the EMOP is 20.6 percent funded.

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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 07 October	
						Targeted	Reached
EMOP 200890*	Oct 15 - March 16	4,000,000	320,444,885	65,819,091	79.4	01 October - 31 March 4,000,000	01 October - 31 March 242,700
PRRO 200305	Jan 13- Dec 15	153,800	14,208,665	11,551,651	19	190,090	84,600
SO 200841**	Apr 15- Dec 15	—	20 482 060	4 330 700	79	—	—
SO 200845	May 15- Dec 15	—	7 287 530	4 015 200	45	—	—