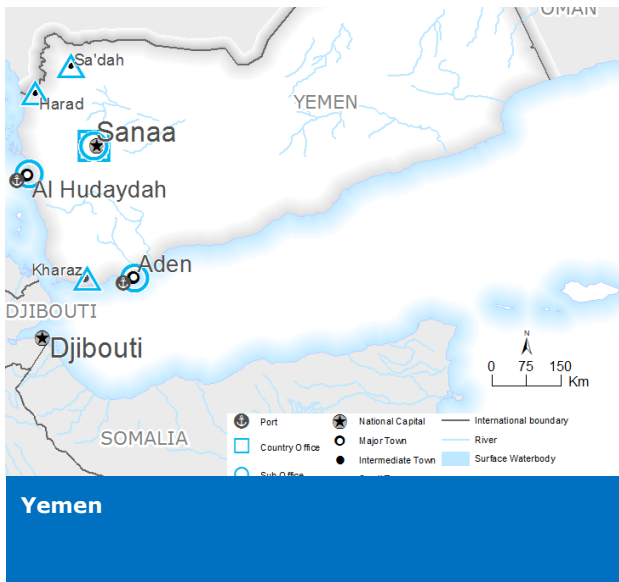




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# YEMEN: Emergency response to the escalated conflict



## Highlights

- In response to the escalating humanitarian crisis, WFP is planning, from May to July, to provide emergency food assistance to 2.5 million conflict-affected people throughout the country.
- WFP and its local partners are facing major challenges distributing food assistance given the intensity of fighting and ongoing airstrikes. The lack of fuel in country is also hampering the ability of WFP and its partners' to respond. Without urgent replenishment of fuel stocks, WFP will soon be unable to provide emergency food assistance.
- Across the country, an estimated 220,000 people are newly displaced (OCHA) and 12 million people food insecure, a 13 percent increase since the conflict escalated.
- WFP maintains operational capacity on the ground with 185 national staff across the country, while international staff are operating remotely from Amman.

## In numbers



- 25.9 million** population
- 12 million people** food insecure
- 220,000 newly internally displaced people** (OCHA)
- 587 Yemeni refugees** in Djibouti and Somalia (UNHCR)

### Funding (received contributions):

- PRRO 200636:** USD 225 million
- PRRO 200305:** USD 11.5 million
- SO 200798:** USD 1.3 million\*

\*WFP is launching two Special Operations with a budget of USD 20 million for Logistics and ETC Clusters and USD 7.3 million for United Nations Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS).

### Requirements for May-July 2015:

- PRRO 200636:** USD 128 million

## Situation Update

- On 21 April, the Saudi Arabia led-coalition announced the end of its aerial military campaign; however, within 24 hours airstrikes were reported in areas near Sana'a and Taiz.
- Armed fighting within Yemen continues unabated making humanitarian operations extremely difficult.
- A massive explosion on 20 April in Sana'a at a military site reportedly killed 30 people and injured 300 more. Although WFP's office was damaged during the attack, thankfully, no WFP staff were injured. This bombing prevented trucks at the WFP warehouse in Sana'a from being loaded with food parcels. Given the dangerous conditions, no food distributions were possible in Sana'a this day.

## WFP Response

- The current available in-country stocks are sufficient to cover 1.9 million beneficiaries with a one month distribution. Additional resources and commodities will be needed to complete the scale up to 2.5 million beneficiaries for three months.



### Food Assistance

- During the emergency response period, WFP provided emergency food assistance to **19,471** conflict-affected people since 15 April.

- All 1,500 schools in the WFP school feeding programme are currently functioning despite present levels of fighting. WFP continues to provide date bars to 225,000 school children attending schools and family take-home rations to 95,000 children.
- In Djibouti, WFP is preparing to provide emergency food support for up to 10,000 Yemeni refugees at the refugee camp in Obock-ville over the next three months. So far 431 refugees (half of whom are children) have arrived in Djibouti. Refugees will receive high energy biscuits upon arrival and full rations after being registered.



### Logistics

- Yemen's fuel crisis seriously hampers WFP's and partners' capacity to deliver assistance to those in need. With the current fuel stock, WFP would be able to transport only 4,803 mt, or just 13 percent, of the in-country stocks to beneficiaries.
- WFP chartered a vessel to deliver humanitarian cargo and fuel from the Djibouti cargo staging area to Yemen ports. The first humanitarian cargo to Yemen is expected in Yemen port(s) during the first week of May. This arrangement requires provision of fuel and clearance from all authorities.

## Clusters



### Logistics Cluster

- Logistics Cluster's current contingency fuel storage is 190,000 liters in four locations in Yemen; this quantity of fuel is only sufficient to cover two weeks' needs. It is being distributed to more than 30 partners on the ground for running critical and lifesaving projects.
- Djibouti Logistics hub is ready to receive the humanitarian cargo in transit for further delivery to Yemen.
- United Nations Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS) is preparing to setup operations in Djibouti should the security situation allow for humanitarian flights into Yemen.



### Food Security and Agriculture Cluster

- The Food Security and Agriculture Cluster is examining the use of remote sensing

assessments for a better understanding of needs.



### Emergency Telecommunications

#### Cluster (ETC)

- Telecommunications in the country continue to be difficult with the ongoing conflict and fuel shortage. The activation of the ETC is a top priority.

## Partnerships

- To ensure timely and appropriate response, WFP continues to engage current and potential partners in life-saving interventions. Food assistance is being distributed to those displaced in Aden through a local NGO, Society for Humanitarian Solidarity, and through NGO partner Islamic Relief Yemen in northern Yemen. A new agreement has been reached with the Ministry of Education's School Feeding unit to begin immediate emergency food distributions.
- New partnerships are also under discussion with the Charitable Society for Social Welfare, Danish Refugee Council, Norwegian Refugee Council, CARE, Islamic Help, International Medical Corps, Action Contre la Faim and Vision Hope.

## Resourcing Update

- Yemen Flash Appeal requests USD 273.7 million to reach 7.5 million people with life-saving assistance and protection over the next three months. Under the Food Security and Agriculture Cluster, USD 144.5 million is required to meet the needs of 2.6 million people. The Logistics Cluster is appealing for USD 17.4 million.
- Funds have to be mobilized for scaling up life-saving interventions. Current stocks are set to be depleted within a few weeks. Given protracted lead time, funding has to be secured now to replenish food stocks.

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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	
						March–April 2015	Emergency Food Assistance since 15 April 2015
PRRO 200636	Jul 14–June 16	6 000 000	510 853 748	224 670 011	56	975 892	19 471*
PRRO 200305	Jan 13–Dec 15	153 800	14 208 665	11 551 338	19	16 000	
SO 200798	Jan 15–Dec 15	0	2 267 379	1 330 939	41	—	—

\*Among them, at least 5,293 are women and girls, and at least 1,366 are children under 5.