



World Food Programme

## Yemen

Responding to Yemen's Humanitarian Crisis



Yemen

## In numbers

**25.9 million** population (OCHA)

**7.6 million people severely food insecure** (Yemen Humanitarian Needs Overview)

**2.9 million children and women in need of nutrition support**

**2.5 million internally displaced persons** (HCT Task Force on Population Movement)

**106,766 arrivals from Yemen in Djibouti, Ethiopia, Oman, Saudi Arabia, Somalia and Sudan** (UNHCR)

## Net Funding Shortfall for Emergency Response:

**EMOP 200890 (December 2015 - May 2016):** USD 340.5 million

## Funding Requirements:

**SO 200841 (Logistics and ETC) (April - December 2016):** USD 43 million

**SO 200845 (UNHAS) (May - December 2016):** USD 19.4 million

*(The Budget Revision for SO 200845 has been approved.)*

## Highlights

- The Country Office is working on a Budget Revision for its emergency operation, EMOP 200890, which is expected to extend the EMOP until the end of December 2016 and aim, subject to resource, security and access constraints, to scale up assistance to reach 5 million beneficiaries in 20 of Yemen's 22 governorates. It also aims to provide nutritional support to 1.8 million malnourished children and women.
- As of 30 November, WFP has distributed High Energy Biscuits (HEBs) to over 24,900 people in Shabwah and Hadramaut governorates under the Cyclones Chapala and Megh response. WFP had pre-positioned 30 mt of HEBs in Mukalla, Hadramaut, in advance of the cyclone, and plans to reach 25,000 affected people with HEB assistance.
- As part of the humanitarian push to reach the conflict-ravaged governorate of Taiz, on 08 December a total of 31 WFP trucks carrying 562 mt of food (enough for 53,000 people for one month) arrived in Taiz City. These trucks add to the four WFP trucks carrying 77 mt of food that reached Taiz City on 26 November. More trucks are being planned for Taiz, although convoys have been stuck at checkpoints and only very limited assistance has been allowed in.
- Due to a shortage of wheat and pulses in stock, and in order to ensure the coverage of 3 million people in December, WFP will need to reduce individual beneficiary entitlements to 75 percent of the full 2,100 kcal entitlement for the month of December. This reduction will only affect wheat and pulses entitlements, and other commodities in the food basket will remain unchanged. WFP urgently needs funds totalling USD 78 million to cover its immediate shortfalls in January and February.

## Situation Update

- Fighting has intensified in Taiz governorate, a Phase 4 (pre-famine)-classified governorate, since Saudi-led coalition forces renewed their offensive on 16 November to take control of Taiz from Houthi forces. Coalition forces have taken control of much of northern Taiz, and airstrikes targeted Taiz's airport on 17 November. The WFP-led Logistics Cluster are reporting that Taiz is accessible by road from Aden, although checkpoints and insecurity are significantly impeding ongoing attempts to deliver life-saving humanitarian assistance. The need for

immediate access to Taiz City was highlighted by the Under-Secretary General for Humanitarian Affairs, Stephen O'Brien, in a statement on 24 November. O'Brien said that it was "unacceptable" that aid destined for Taiz was reportedly being diverted elsewhere.

- UN-led peace talks between the Yemeni Government and Houthi groups are expected to take place in Geneva on 15 December.

## WFP Response

- WFP operates from its Country Office in Sana'a, supported by hubs in Amman and Djibouti and a secondary logistics hub in Berbera. WFP has re-established a continuous presence in Hodeidah and is working to re-open its Aden office.

### Food Assistance

- In December so far, 130,500 people have received food assistance in Al Dhale'e, Hajjah, Abyan, Amran, Lahj and Al Mahwit (4 percent achieved against the December target of 3 million beneficiaries).
- In November, 1,898,600 people received food assistance in 19 governorates (95 percent of the November target of 2 million beneficiaries).
- Under the refugees operation, PRRO 200305, 16,530 refugees at the Kharaz refugee camp received food rations for November and December (97 percent achieved against the November and December target of 17,000).

### Logistics

- The vessel *MV Al-Faraj* discharged 4,232 mt of food commodities in Hodeidah in November, and is currently in Djibouti to load 4,700 mt of food before returning to Hodeidah.
- As of 08 December, WFP's in-country food stocks in Sana'a, Aden, Hodeidah and Al Saleef amounted to 29,950 mt. WFP's fuel stocks on 20 November amounted to 110,700 litres of petrol and 620,500 litres of diesel.
- **UNHAS:** Since mid-April, UNHAS has transported more than 1,700 passengers and transported over 8 mt of light cargo between Djibouti and Sana'a.

## Clusters

### Logistics Cluster

- As of 24 November, Logistics Cluster trucks reached Shabwan, Maamraut and Mahara governorates on behalf of UNHCR, IOM, UNHCR and WHO as part of the cyclones response.

### Food Security Cluster

- Under the Cluster's coordination, FAO, UNICEF and WFP are working together on the implementation of the Emergency Food Security and Nutrition Assessment (EFSNA) for Yemen. Preliminary findings are expected to be released at the end of December.

### Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC)

- ETC and its donor *Emergency.lu* have completed the installation of the marine VSAT in Djibouti which will serve all UN agencies travelling by boat to Aden or staying overnight on the ship.

## Partnerships

- Under the EMOP, WFP will work with 14 partners to cover 3 million people in December.

## Resourcing Update

- WFP is finalising Budget Revisions for the EMOP and PRRO 200305 that would extend both operations beyond their respective end dates. Under the EMOP Budget Revision, there will be a net finding shortfall for the EMOP for the next 6 months (December 2015–May 2016) amounting to USD 340.5 million, or 67 percent of requirements. If approved, the Budget Revision for PRRO 200305 would extend it to March 2016, with net funding requirements for the next four months (December 2015–March 2016) amounting to USD 0.5 million.
- In November, the EMOP received a total of USD 26.9 million, thanks to the support of the UK and Canada.

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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 per month by WFP	
						Targeted	Reached
EMOP 200890	Oct 2015–March 16	5,000,000	320,444,885	153,306,179	52.2	November: 2,000,000	November: 1,898,600
						December: 3,000,000	December: 130,500*
PRRO 200305	Jan 13–Dec 15	153,800	14,208,665	12,086,923	14.9	Sept/Oct: 20,000	Sept/Oct: 17,480
						Nov/Dec: 17,000	Nov/Dec: 16,530
SO 200841	Apr 15–Dec 15	—	20 482 060	21,908,982	0	—	—
SO 200845	May 15–Dec 15	—	7 287 530	7,530,403	0	—	—

\* Ongoing.

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