



WFP Yemen Country Brief

Highlights

- Findings from the [March 2017 Integrated Food Security Phase Classification](#) (IPC) analysis for Yemen show an increase of people in Emergency (IPC Phase 4) and Crisis (IPC Phase 3) category. This is a 20 percent increase across both categories when compared to the June 2016 IPC analysis.
- In February 2017, WFP reached its highest operation distribution figure; 5.2 million people received food assistance through general food assistance (GFA), food and/or vouchers.
- From April 2017, WFP will launch a new 12 month emergency operation which aims to scale-up food assistance to reach 9.1 million people on a monthly basis, pending available resources.

WFP Assistance

Emergency Food Assistance to the Food Insecure and Conflict-Affected People in Yemen 200890 (Oct 15 – Mar 17)	Total Requirements (in USD)	Total Received (in USD)	6 Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)*
	949 m	676 m (71%)	499.6 m (85%)

*April 2017 – September 2017
**Budget revision for project extension

In October 2015, WFP Yemen launched an emergency operation, EMOP 200890, aiming to assist more than 3 million food insecure and conflict-affected Yemenis per month through the use of General Food Assistance (GFA), which includes in-kind food, commodity vouchers under Commodity Vouchers through Traders Network (CV-TN) programme, nutrition interventions to treat and prevent moderate acute malnutrition (MAM) in children and pregnant and nursing women, and GFA to refugees and vulnerable economic migrants from the Horn of Africa. In 2017, WFP Yemen begun targeting 7 million individuals on a monthly basis.

As of February 2017, WFP implemented GFA in 19 of Yemen's 22 governorates, in some of Yemen's most hard to reach governorates in Taizz and Al Hudaydah. From April 2017, WFP will assist its beneficiaries through a new 12 month emergency operation. EMOP 201068, a famine prevention strategy, is currently being drafted in consultation with partners and is an integrated approach with other agencies to maximise impact of food and nutrition assistance, WASH, and livelihood interventions.

In line with WFP Strategic Results Framework 2017-21, Yemen Humanitarian Response Plan and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 2 Zero Hunger, the overriding objective of this programme is to address emergency levels of food insecurity and to prevent a famine in Yemen. WFP will increase assistance figures to target 9 million people per month through GFA, nutrition activities, and refugee and IDP assistance, focusing first on the districts with the highest levels of food insecurity and global acute malnutrition (GAM) rates.

Due to the security and access constraints, third party monitoring companies (TPM) are contracted to conduct onsite distribution monitoring and post distribution monitoring (PDM). WFP will continue to conduct monitoring activities, in parallel with TPMs, to ensure distribution sites are visited as often as resources and the security situation allows.

Finally, WFP has established a beneficiary hotline, the frequency of calls shows a constant increase in the number of calls per month; in December 2016, there were a total of 260 calls received whilst in January 2017, there were a total of 676 calls received.

In its role as lead agency of the Logistics Cluster and Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC), WFP Facilitates the delivery of vital services to the humanitarian community in Yemen. In February 2017, UNHAS operated 20 flights transporting a total of 651 passengers.

In Numbers

17 million people in need of food assistance

6.8 million people severely food insecure

2.2 million internally displaced people

5.2 million

People Assisted
February 2017



Main Photo

Credit: WFP/Marco Frattini
Caption: Children in Sana'a, Yemen, receiving WFP food assistance.



March 2017

Additionally, UNHAS uplifted 75 kg of light cargo. In February, Vos Apollo transported 154 passengers from 23 organizations between Djibouti and Aden. In comparison to January, the number of transported passengers increased by 12 percent.

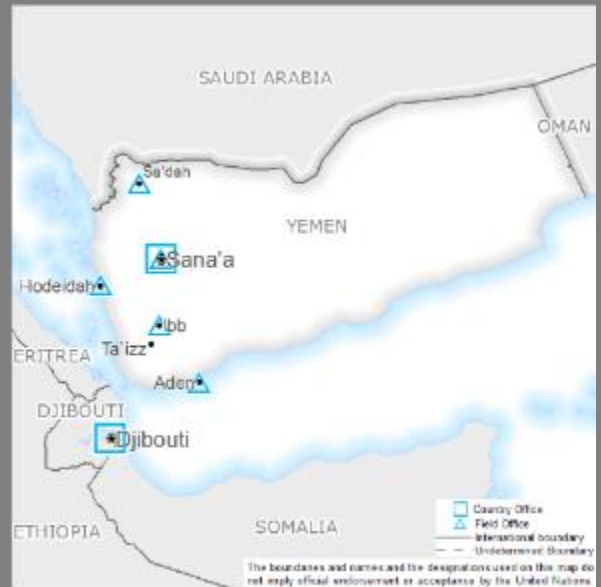
Operational Updates

- WFP delivered food assistance to newly displaced people in Taizz (2,000 families) and Al Hudaydah (1,207 families) governorates at food distribution points, WFP has dispatched food for additional 730 families in Hudaydah Governorate. In Hudaydah, WFP implements its response in cooperation with Islamic Relief Yemen and Ministry of Education.
- Food distribution:** As of 30 March, 3,139,662 people are confirmed to have received emergency food assistance in Aden, Abyan, Al Bayda, Al Dhale'e, Al Jawf, Al Hudaydah, Al Mahwit, Amanat Al Asimah, Amran, Dhamar, Raymah, Lahj, Sana'a, Sa'ada, Shabwah, Ibb, Taizz, and Hajjah (52 percent achieved against the target of 6 million this month).
- Commodity Vouchers through Traders Network (CV-TN):** In March cycle, 147,912 people have received assistance through vouchers in Amanat Al Asimah and Taizz (23 percent against the planned 633,138 people in March).
- Nutrition:** In February, WFP provided curative Targeted Supplementary Feeding Programme and preventative Blanket Supplementary Feeding Programme activities and reached 37,160 children under 5 years, and pregnant and nursing women in 14 governorates. A total of 111.5 mt of specialized nutritious foods were dispatched to WFP's 14 cooperating partners.

Challenges

- Recent insecurity around Al Hudaydah Port highlights operational concerns surrounding restricted access. This can potentially result in commercial shipping lines to halt their deliveries, which would negatively impact the delivery of humanitarian supplies. WFP is currently drafting two contingency plans to address access constraints.
- The United Nations Humanitarian Air Service route from Sana'a to Amman could be suspended as early as the end of this month if the fuel stocks, currently held in Aden, are unable to reach Sana'a in time.
- Vessel Moku Pahu carrying US in-kind shipment of 30,000 mt of wheat is to arrive in Djibouti instead of originally planned Hudaydah on 30 March. From Djibouti the cargo will be transshipped to Hudaydah. As a result, there will be a delay in the arrival of this wheat which is likely to affect the availability of cereals for the distributions in April.

Country Background & Strategy



Present in Yemen since 1967, WFP aims to save lives and protect livelihoods in emergencies, and specifically increase food consumption through the scale up of life saving emergency food assistance (particularly in IPC Phase 4 areas), as well as expand coverage of nutrition interventions to prevent and treat moderate acute malnutrition (MAM).

Yemen is a low income, food deficit least developed country, ranked as the 10th most food insecure country in the world. It is listed at 160 out of 188 countries in the 2015 Human Development Report. As a direct result of volatile food, fuel and financial markets, currently 44 percent of the population is estimated to be living in poverty.

Limited access to food is compounded by a number of factors, including the effects of low incomes, large family sizes, high unemployment, limited education, gender disparities, inefficient and poorly integrated food markets, limited water and sanitation, khat consumption and geographic isolation. Yemen's population of 26 million has an annual growth rate of three percent. For several years, Yemen has consecutively ranked lowest in the world on the Global Gender Gap Index.

Population: **28.2 million**

2015 Human Development Index: **160 out of 187**

Income Level: **Low**

Chronic malnutrition: **30% of children between 6-59 months**

Donors

EMOP 200890:

Canada, Denmark, European Commission, Finland, Germany, Japan, Rep. of Korea, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Norway, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Switzerland, UK, UN CERF, USA, UN Common Funds and Agencies

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