

## WFP Yemen Country Brief

### WFP Assistance

Immediate Integrated and Sustained Response to Avert Famine in Yemen 201068 (April 17 – Mar 18)	Total Requirements (in USD)	Total Received (in USD)	6 Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)*
	1.2 b	232m (20%)	410 m* (69%)

\*June- November 2017

In April 2017, WFP Yemen launched a 12-month emergency operation (EMOP 201068) that aims to prevent famine by scaling up to assist 9.1 million food insecure and conflict-affected Yemenis through a combination of general food assistance (GFA), commodity vouchers under its 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 general food assistance to refugees and vulnerable economic migrants from the Horn of Africa.

EMOP 201068 is predicated on an integrated approach that works with other agencies to maximise impact of food and nutrition assistance, WASH, and livelihood interventions. Through the operation, WFP implements GFA in 19 of Yemen's 22 governorates, in some of Yemen's most hard-to-reach. Moreover, the programme's targeting strategy assists the districts with the highest levels of food insecurity and global acute malnutrition (GAM) rates.

In 2016, WFP contracted Yemen-based third party monitoring companies to conduct onsite distribution monitoring and post distribution monitoring (PDM), doubling the monthly target for distribution monitoring from 60 visits in early 2016 to up to 131 visits per month.

- In May 2017, WFP reached approximately 4.5 million people in 17 governorates through in-kind and commodity voucher based emergency assistance under the prioritisation plan: 2.3 million people received full entitlements and 2.2 million received a 60 percent entitlement. This represents 66 percent achievement against the 6.8 million target and represents an increase of 82 percent in comparison to April 2017.
- Since the outbreak of cholera in April, which is responsible for one death per hour and further compounding food insecure populations, WFP has transported 147 mt of medical supplies, at the request of WHO, for cholera patients and transported 10 mt of medical supplies to Djibouti for further use in Aden.
- The UNHAS Steering Committee has agreed in May 2017 to augment UNHAS capacity in country by adding an additional aircraft, subject to funding. This will enable UNHAS to increase the flights to Amman and Aden, subject to clearance of authorities in Aden.

An Amman-based call centre conducted remote PDM through mobile phone surveys in 2016, calling between 2,000 and 2,400 beneficiaries each month. WFP established a beneficiary hotline, in October 2016, a critical tool for receiving beneficiary feedback. Since its launch, it has received a total of 3,522 calls. The majority of the calls concerned CV-TN and GFA (in-kind). In May, there were a total of 1637 calls and 0.04 percent were related to protection cases, 25 percent were related to corruption cases and the remainder were related to complaints of inclusion and delays of assistance.

In May 2017, UNHAS operated 23 flights transporting a total of 876 passengers on behalf of 59 agencies (15 UN Agencies and 44 INGOs.) Additionally, UNHAS uplifted 445 kg of light cargo.

In May, the WFP-operated vessel transported 112 passengers from 18 humanitarian organizations between Djibouti and Aden.

### In Numbers

**17 million** people in need of food assistance

**6.8 million** People severely food insecure

**2 million** internally displaced people

**4.48 million**

**People Assisted**

May 2017



## Operational Updates

- WFP delivered food assistance to newly-displaced people in Taizz (2,000 families) and Al Hudaydah (1,207 families) governorates. WFP dispatched food for an additional 730 families in Hudaydah governorate. In Hudaydah, WFP implements the response in cooperation with Islamic Relief Yemen and Ministry of Education.
- **Food distribution:** In May 2017, 3,663,100 people are confirmed to have received emergency food assistance in Aden, Abyan, Al Bayda, Al Dhale'e, Al Hudaydah, Al Asima, Amanat, Amran, Dhamar, Hajjah, Ibb, Lahj, Shawbah, Sana'a, Sa'ada, Rayman and Taizz (60 percent achieved against the target of 6.06 million this month). Therefore, WFP was able to reach 5 more governorates and more than 600,000 people as compared to April 2017.
- **Commodity Vouchers through Traders Network (CV-TN):** For the May cycle, 854,160 people received assistance through vouchers in the governorates of, Amanat Al Asimah, Hodeidah, Sana'a and Taizz (94 percent against the planned 870,468 people in March).
- **Nutrition:** In May 2017, WFP implemented its Targeted Supplementary Feeding Programme (TSFP) activities to treat moderate acute malnutrition for 19,450 children 6 to 59 months (27 percent of planned) and 15,917 pregnant and lactating women (35 percent of planned) in 464 health facilities and 96 mobile clinics in 12 governorates. In the same month, 258 children 6-23 months were newly admitted into the WFP Blanket Supplementary Feeding Programme for a total of 65,595 children who receive this assistance each month to prevent acute and chronic malnutrition.

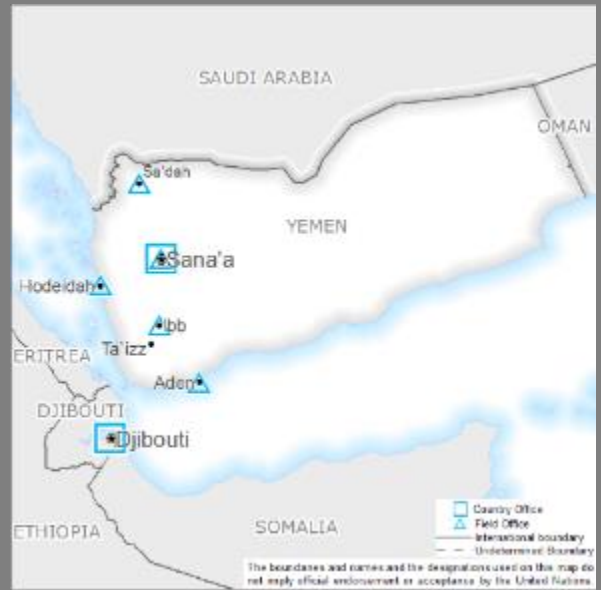
## Challenges

- The potential for increased 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 and commercial food supplies.
- The limited funding does not allow for the minimum one month stock requirements in country. Food is dispatched from vessels to distribution points. In such situations, any delay in vessel clearance by coalition authorities impacts on food distributions.

## Impact of Limited Funding

- Even though WFP aims to distribute a full basket of 2,100 kcal per person per day, EMOP 201068 is only 26 percent funded, which has forced WFP to implement mitigating measures such as suspending the purchase and distribution of non-main commodities (sugar) and revise the monthly prioritisation distribution plan to provide full entitlements to 3.3 million people and 60 percent entitlements to 3.8 million people.
- Based on the funding levels as of 09 June, the requirements for in-kind assistance are covered for July and August at 70 percent only, with a full pipeline break in all commodities starting in September. Commodity vouchers will have a complete pipeline break mid-June if 100 percent entitlement is provided, as per the EMOP plan, and will have a pipeline breakdown mid-July if the prioritization plan is implemented.

## Country Background & Strategy



Yemen is a low-income, food-deficit country listed 160<sup>th</sup> out of 188 least developed country in the world according to the 2016 Human Development Report. Accordingly, 50.1 percent of the population is estimated to be living in poverty as a direct result of volatile food- 90 percent of food needs in Yemen are imported-conflict, fuel and financial markets.

Limited access to food is compounded by a number of factors, including the effects of low incomes, large family sizes, high unemployment, non-payment of salaries of civil servants, gender disparities, inefficient and poorly integrated food markets, limited water and sanitation, khat consumption and geographic isolation. Yemen's population of 28.2 million has an annual growth rate of 2.6 percent. For several years, Yemen has consecutively ranked highest in the world on the Global Gender Gap Index.

Present in Yemen since 1967, WFP currently 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).

Population: **28.2 million**

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

Income Level: **Low**

Chronic malnutrition: **47% of children between 6-59 months**

## Donors

### EMOP 201068:

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