



# Yemen

## Situation Report #26

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### In Numbers

**18.8 million** (72 percent of population) in need of humanitarian assistance (*2017 Yemen Humanitarian Response Plan*)

**17 million** food insecure of which,

**7.3 million** severely food insecure (*Emergency Food Security and Nutrition Assessment (EFSNA) January 2017 preliminary results*)

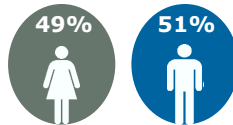
**2 million** internally displaced and 1 million returnees (*HCT Task Force on Population Movement, 12th Report, January 2017*)

**111,504** refugee and migrant arrivals in Yemen from the Horn of Africa in Jan-Dec 2016 (*Regional Mixed Migration Secretariat/UNHCR*)

### Highlights

- So far in February, WFP has reached 3.9 million people in 16 governorates with food assistance through general food distribution (GFD), its Commodity Vouchers through Trader's Network (CVTN) programme as well as through its food assistance to Horn of Africa refugees at the Kharaz refugee camp in Lahj governorate.
- From January 2017 WFP is scaling up its GFD to reach 6 million beneficiaries per month. However, critical resourcing challenges, delays in food shipments into Yemen and multiple access challenges country-wide has led to a shortage of key food commodities (such as cereals) and severely limited WFP's ability to reach its 6 million target in January while also causing challenges for February.
- According to newly released preliminary results from the joint WFP-FAO-UNICEF-implemented Emergency Food Security and Nutrition Assessment (EFSNA), 17 million Yemenis are food insecure (an increase from 14.4 million as assessed by the June 2016 Integrated Phase Classification (IPC) analysis), of which 7.3 million are severely food insecure (an increase from 7 million as assessed by the IPC).

**People assisted - February 2016**  
(as of 21 February, 2017)



### Funding Requirements

**EMOP 200890** USD 419 million

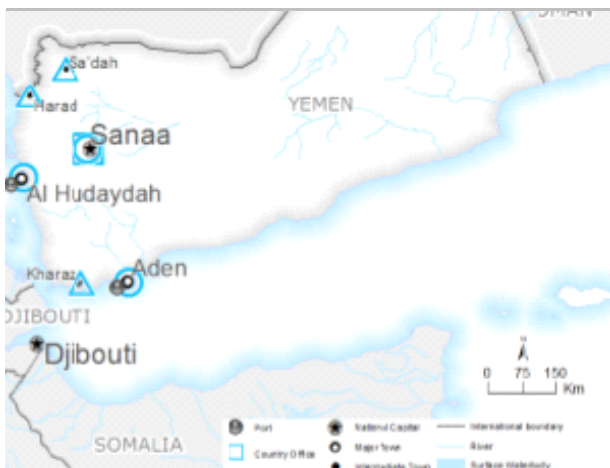
(Net requirement for Feb—July 2017)

**SO 200845 (UNHAS)** USD 25.7 million  
(funding requirements/overall project duration) (May 2015—Dec 2017)

**SO 200841 (Logistics and ETC)** USD 55.1 million  
(funding requirements/overall project duration) (Apr 2015—Dec 2017)

### Situation Update

- In February, WFP is continuing to respond to the deteriorating humanitarian and food security situation across the country. Escalated fighting in the Mokha and Dhubab districts of Taizz governorate has led to new civilian displacement, while WFP has experienced an unusually high number of incidents of food assistance-transporting trucks being delayed or detained at checkpoints en route to Taizz - resulting in a slower rate of deliveries and distributions. To respond to new displacements in Mokha and Dhubab, in January and February WFP distributed food to 12,000 people from Mokha and Mawza districts as well as 7,200 people in eight districts of Hudaydah that are hosting large numbers of displaced people.
- In addition to resourcing constraints, vessels carrying commercial and humanitarian supplies have been experiencing protracted delays in accessing Hudaydah port (the principal entry point for humanitarian aid for Yemen's northern governorates), which has discouraged several shipping lines from serving the port. Efforts to transport four WFP-procured mobile port cranes to Hudaydah to boost the port's capacity are ongoing and cranes are temporarily being stored at the United Nations Humanitarian Response Depot (UNHRD) in the United Arab Emirates pending Coalition clearance for transport to Hudaydah.



### Yemen Emergency Response

### WFP Response

- Despite high levels of insecurity in January, in the four governorates with the highest levels of displacement (12th TFPM report) - Hajjah, Taizz, Sana'a and Amanat Al Asimah -, WFP reached 486,918 (Hajjah), 242,910 (Taizz) and 75,252 (Sana'a) people through GFD, and 152,793 (Amanat Al Asimah) people through CVTN. In Sana'a, WFP reached 3,600 people from the highly insecure Nihm district, while in Taizz

WFP managed to reach 25,692 people from the conflicted Mokha district. Access challenges remain a significant obstacle to reaching local populations.



## Food Assistance

- **General food distribution (GFD):** In February so far, WFP has reached 3.6 million people in 15 governorates through GFD - 60 percent of its target of 6 million beneficiaries— of which 49 percent were women and girls.
- **Commodity Vouchers through Traders Network (CV-TN):** In the ongoing January cycle, 272,490 people have so far been assisted in Sana'a, Amanat Al Asimah and Hudaydah (31 percent of planned) through CVTN. The ongoing detention of WFP trucks carrying vouchers for 300,000 Taizz beneficiaries has delayed January cycle CVTN distributions in Taizz.
- **Nutrition:** In January 2017, 14,807 moderate acutely malnourished (MAM) children 6 to 59 months and 4,329 acutely malnourished pregnant and nursing women (PLW) were admitted into WFP's treatment programme for malnutrition through 1,705 health facilities and 149 mobile clinics in 14 governorates. WFP's programme for prevention of malnutrition admitted 1,666 children 6-23 months in the same governorates. 88 percent of MAM children admitted in January were discharged as cured, 11 percent defaulted and there were no deaths, while 69 percent of PLW admitted in January were discharged as cured, 31 percent defaulted and less than 1 percent died.



## Logistics

- During the January dispatch cycle, 23,913 mt of commodities were dispatched, of which 79 percent (18,820 mt) was delivered to final distribution points for final distribution. WFP is facing a cereals shortage due to delays in arrivals of purchases as well as lack of resources to purchase new stocks.

**UNHAS:** In 2016, a total of 6,670 passengers and 4,993 kg of light cargo were transported on 185 flights between Sana'a, Djibouti and Amman.

**Infrastructure update:** In January-February 2017, WFP conducted an engineering mission to assess the need for remedial works and improvements for damaged/destroyed roads and bridges on major WFP

supply routes in Sana'a and Sa'ada governorates. The mission visited at least 12 bridges which had been damaged or destroyed by flash floods and/or airstrikes, as well as extensive damage to critical retaining walls and asphalted areas. WFP is reviewing options for undertaking quick and low-cost emergency repairs.

## Clusters



### Food Security Cluster

- Preliminary results from the Emergency Food Security and Nutrition Assessment (EFSNA), jointly implemented by WFP, FAO and UNICEF, were released on 12 February. The EFSNA will inform the revised Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) analysis for Yemen, which is due to be released within the first quarter of 2017. The joint WFP-FAO-UNICEF press release on the EFSNA is available [here](#).



### Logistics Cluster

- In January, the Logistics Cluster-facilitated sea passenger shuttle transported 138 passengers on behalf of 17 organisations between Djibouti and Aden.



### Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC)

- The ETC urgently needs USD 3.2 million to continue providing critical telecommunications support to the humanitarian community in 2017.

## Resourcing Update

- WFP urgently needs resources to ensure the continued operation of its sea passenger service between Djibouti and Aden. WFP needs USD 2.1 million to cover six months of continued operations.

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WFP Operations in Yemen						
	Project Duration	Planned number of people	Total requirements (in USD)	Total received (in USD)	People Assisted per month by WFP	
					Targeted	Reached
EMOP 200890	Oct 15–Mar 17	6,000,000 per month (General food assistance)	419 m (net 6-month requirement, Feb–July 2017)	655 m (for entire project duration)	January GFD : 6 million Jan cycle CVTN : 868,668  February GFD : 6 million Feb cycle CVTN: Feb cycle due to start in late February	GFD: Jan (2,503,050) CVTN: Jan cycle (272,490)*  GFD: Feb (3,621,440) CVTN: Feb cycle due to start in late February <b>*ongoing as of 21 Feb, 2017</b>
SO 200841	Apr 15–Dec 17	—	55.1 m	33.8 m	—	—
SO 200845	May 15–Dec 17	—	25.7 m	13.1 m	—	—