Highlights

- In March, WFP Yemen launches an onsite school feeding that will provide 225,323 children in primary and secondary schools with fortified date bars on a daily basis until the end of the current school year.
- Funds are urgently required for safety nets as the first pipeline break starts to affect cash transfers as early as May.

Situation Update

- Despite the challenging operational environment, WFP’s programmes in Yemen proceed unaffected. While continuing to provide emergency assistance, WFP Yemen also implements recovery and resilience-oriented activities aiming to reach almost 6 million people across the country under its new two-year PRRO 200636.
- So far, the volatile and unpredictable situation has not led to any programmatic shifts, although an ever-evolving political and security context has resulted in delays incurred in the implementation of some of the activities, notably school feeding, and has increased the costs of operating.
- The February Market Watch showed that food was available in all markets except in some conflict-affected areas. Retail prices of wheat grain and wheat flour slightly rose by 1 percent while the purchasing power of households dropped by 2 percent between January and February 2015. Given this, the food security situation of poor households is believed to have deteriorated in February 2015.

WFP Response

- In March, WFP aims to reach conflict-affected populations, such as internally displaced persons (IDPs) and returnees, malnourished children and pregnant and lactating women, refugees, poorest households, stranded migrants and school children. Some 970,000 people are planned to be reached during this month under both PRROs.
- The current assistance through cash transfers to the poorest households is part of the 2014 safety net cycle. However, due to the delay in contracting a financial service provider and security constraints,

In numbers

- 25.9 million population
- 41% food insecure
- 19% severely food insecure
- 12.7% children under five wasted
- 41% children under five stunted

Funding (received contributions):

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Requirements for March-December 2015:

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this support rolled into 2015. Due to the insecurity in Lahj, cash transfers under productive safety net were briefly postponed and then resumed. On March 11, cash distributions under protective safety net started for more than 58,000 households in Taiz and Ibb governorates.

- In response to the continued influx of refugees from the Horn of Africa, WFP is providing assistance to 41,000 beneficiaries, including 3,000 stranded migrants, on a monthly basis under PRRO 200305.

### Food Assistance

- The last food distributions for the IDPs and returnees in Abyan, Sana’a, Amran and Hajjah (except for Al Mazraq camps I and III) are proceeding smoothly. The beneficiaries receive a two-month returnee package.

- Due to operational delays, distributions under education activities (take home rations for girls and onsite school feeding) are starting in March. While WFP has implemented take home rations under various programmes in the past years, it is the first time that WFP launches onsite school feeding. Until the end of the current school year 186,000 children will receive fortified date bars on a daily basis.

- In response to the conflict in Al Bayda, WFP dispatched a one-off food ration to 535 displaced households through the Yemeni Red Crescent.

- The next cycle of distributions under safety nets will be in May, as this activity is implemented during the lean season (May – October period).

### Logistics

About 4,353 mt of various food items were delivered during 1-15 March 2015.

### Clusters

#### Logistics Cluster

- Two special flights and one regular flight to Aden were organised to transport 35 passengers.

- Two flights to Sa’ada were cancelled as no security clearance was received from the Government.

#### Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC)

- In preparation for a possible activation of the ETC, ICT is making preliminary assessments of the services that the UN community might require.

### Resourcing Update

- **Donor alert:** funds are urgently required for safety nets as the first pipeline break starts to affect cash transfers as early as May. USD 39 million needs to be yet mobilized to cover the shortfall for cash distributions during May-October.

- The immediate priority is to secure resources for safety nets. Safety nets are implemented during the lean season when the populations are the most vulnerable. Therefore, it is critical to ensure the required funding for the implementation of this assistance.

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