YEMEN: Responding to the Humanitarian Crisis in Yemen

Highlights

- On 19 June, for the first time since the scale-up of WFP’s emergency response, WFP managed to reach Al Dhale governorate overcoming persistent access and security constraints.
- In June so far, WFP has reached over 100,000 food insecure and conflict-affected Yemenis in seven governorates through the distribution of 1,300 mt of food assistance.
- Since 15 April, and the scale-up of WFP’s emergency operations, WFP has provided food assistance to 1.7 million food insecure and conflict-affected Yemenis in 12 governorates.
- WFP continues to attempt access to the Port of Aden; WFP is also investigating the feasibility and potential use of other smaller ports in the South of Yemen, such as Moka.

Situation Update

- The social, political, and economic situation in Yemen continues to deteriorate; insecurity remains a key challenge to the effective delivery and distribution of food commodities.
- A car bomb, reportedly planted by the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant, targeted a mosque in Sana’a on 20 June, killing two and wounding six. This was the fifth car bomb detonated over the last week in Sana’a.
- The revised Yemen Humanitarian Response Plan (YHRP) of USD 1.6 billion was successfully launched on 19 June. The YHRP aims to streamline the strategies of the humanitarian community to meet the needs of those who are most vulnerable in Yemen.

WFP Response

- WFP will endeavour to cover an increasing number of food insecure populations as a result of the ongoing conflict; however, in order to do this effectively, WFP will require additional resources, partners and support to access all relevant locations in Yemen as possible.
- WFP continues to attempt to access the Port of Aden. In response to continued security constraints, WFP is also investigating the feasibility and potential use of other smaller ports in the South of Yemen, such as Moka.
- The congestion at Hudaydah Port continues to impede the speed at which vessels may berth and discharge. Due to the increasing number of vessels arriving, WFP is augmenting its current storage capacity.

In numbers

- 25.9 million population
- 6.1 million people severely food insecure
- 1.8 million people reached with WFP’s emergency food assistance
- 1,019,762 newly internally displaced persons (OCHA)
- 4,369 Yemeni refugees in Djibouti and Somalia (IOM)

Funding Requirements for Emergency Response:

- PRRO 200636 (June-August): USD 103 million
- SO 200841 (Logistics and ETC): USD 20.5 million
- SO 200845 (UNHAS): USD 6.5 million

*Kindly note, the previous Situation Reports were not numbered. However this is #12 since the conflict escalated.*
In June so far, WFP has supported over 128,000 food insecure and conflict-affected Yemenis in Ad Dhale, Aden, Abyan, Hajja, Lahj, Shabwa and Sa’ada governorates through the distribution of 1,850mt of food assistance.

Since 15 April and the scale-up of WFP’s emergency operations, WFP has assisted 1.8 million food insecure and conflict-affected Yemenis, through distributions of over 24,000 mt of food in 12 governorates. Of these 1.8 million people, over 875,000 were women/girls and 340,000 were children under the age of five.

In June so far, WFP has dispatched over 2,800 mt of food from warehouses in Aden, Hudaydah and Sana’a.

Since 15 April, WFP has dispatched over 27,000 mt of food for delivery in nine governorates (Shabwa, Al Dhale’e, Abyan, Lahj, Sa’ada, Hajja, Hudaydah, Aden and Amran).

The MV Amsterdam is anchored in Djibouti. Plans are that its third voyage will depart for Hudaydah and/or Aden (security permitting) between 20 and 22 June, transporting almost 6,000 mt of mixed food commodities.

All fuel made available to the humanitarian community through the Logistics Cluster continues to be provided free-of-charge on a priority needs basis. In June so far, 25,000 litres has been dispatched on behalf of partners.

UNHAS: UNHAS continues to facilitate the transportation of humanitarian passengers from Djibouti to Sana’a. Since 27 April, UNHAS has transported 283 passengers and from 26 organisations.

WFP continues to participate actively in Food Security Cluster fora. In light of the recent IPC results, response strategies continue to be streamlined with relevant agencies.

Food Security and Agriculture Cluster

Food Assistance

Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC)

In light of the imminent return of all international staff to Yemen, ETC is making provisions to ensure that humanitarians are able to have reliable Internet connection. On 21 June, the ETC successfully installed a Solar Panel in the UNDSS radio room in Sana’a.

ETC continues to liaise with partners at both the local and global level to discuss the way forward and assess the priorities and technical solutions.

For the next phase and scale-up in WFP’s emergency response from August, WFP will work with 14 cooperating partners to cover a minimum of 5 million severely food-insecure people each month until December 2015.

On 16 June, a signing ceremony of Field Level Agreements with ten of WFP’s new partners took place in Amman.

Of the Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) allocation of USD 25 million, the Logistics Cluster submitted an application for USD 6 million and the Nutrition Cluster applied for USD 750,000.

For July, WFP requires an additional USD 103 million for emergency food distributions to reach 2.5 million beneficiaries. From August, WFP requires USD 80 million each month to reach the monthly target of 5 million severely food insecure people until the end of the year. Sufficient funds need to be secured now to ensure the timely arrival of relief commodities in Yemen in the coming months.

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*Among them, at least 875,000 women/girls and 340,000 children under 5.
**SO 200798 will be discontinued with the rollout of SO 200841 and resources under it transferred to SO 200841.