YEMEN:
Responding to the Humanitarian Crisis in Yemen

Highlights

- EMOP 200890 aims to assist 2 million people in November, and subject to security and access constraints there are plans to scale-up to assist 4 million people with emergency food assistance by March 2016.
- In October, 2,803,000 people received 30,700 mt of emergency food assistance in 15 governorates, exceeding WFP’s target of 2 million beneficiaries in October. For the first time since March 2015, WFP’s life-saving assistance reached Al Baydah governorate, a Phase 4 (pre-famine) governorate, as well as Marib.
- As part of WFP’s response to Cyclone Chapala, which made landfall in Mukalla, Hadramaut governorate, on 03 November, WFP’s partners have begun distributing 30 mt of High Energy Biscuits (HEBs) in Mukalla that been prepositioned there. As of 16 November, 14,600 people have received HEB assistance in Hadramaut and Shabwah. WFP has also sent 10 trucks carrying inter-agency cargo to Hadramaut and Shabwah, and the WFP-led Logistics Cluster has developed a Concept of Operations outlining a coordinated logistics response to the cyclone among UN agencies. WFP and partner agencies are assessing the situation in affected areas and will respond accordingly.

Situation Update

- High levels of insecurity persist with heavy fighting reported in Taiz, Ibb, Al Dhale’e and Al Bayda governorates. The situation is particularly urgent in Taiz, where intense fighting between Houthi and pro-government forces resulted in the deaths of over 30 people in 03 November. WFP released a statement on 29 October highlighting the lack of humanitarian access to Taiz, that has prevented WFP from reaching Taiz for over a month, and calling for the immediate restoration of humanitarian access.
- Insecurity in Aden persists. On 22 October, nine Sudanese soldiers of the Saudi-led coalition were killed during bomb attacks near Aden International Airport. Separate bombings targeted a pro-government checkpoint in the Al Mansoura area (26 October) and the University of Aden (28 October).

WFP Response

- WFP continues to operate from its Country Office in Sana’a, supported by a Yemen hub in Amman and a logistics hub in Djibouti. WFP has re-established its field office in Hodeidah and is working to re-open its office in Aden which was severely damaged during the conflict. WFP took part in an inter-agency mission to Sa’ada on 20-26 October.

In numbers

- 25.9 million population (OCHA)
- 7.6 million people severely food insecure (Yemen Humanitarian Needs Overview)
- 2.9 million children and women in need of nutrition support
- 1.43 million newly internally displaced persons (HCT Task Force on Population Movement)
- 106,766 arrivals from Yemen in Djibouti, Ethiopia, Oman, Saudi Arabia, Somalia and Sudan (UNHCR)

Funding Requirements for Emergency Response:

- EMOP 200890 (November 2015 - April 2016):
  USD 320 million
- SO 200841 (Logistics and ETC) (November 2015 - April 2016):
  USD 20.5 million
- SO 200845 (UNHAS) (May - December 2015):
  USD 7.3 million
**Food Assistance**

- In November so far, 1,212,000 people have received over 20,900 mt of food assistance in Aden, Al Dhale’e, Shabwah, Hadramaut, Raymah, Al Jawf, Hodeidah, Amran, Sana’a City, Hajjah, Lahij, Taiz, Al Bayda, Al Mahwit, Abyan, Sana’a, Ibb, Sa’ada and Marib (41 percent achieved against the November target of 2 million beneficiaries).

- In October, 2,803,000 people received almost 30,700 mt of emergency food assistance in Sana’a, Sana’a City, Taiz, Hodeidah, Dhamar, Aden, Al Dhale’e, Hadramaut, Raymah, Sana’a City, Ibb, Al Jawf, Abyan, Hodeidah, Al Mahwit, Sa’ada, Al Bayda, Amran, Shabwah and Hajjah, representing 140 percent achieved against the September target of 2 million beneficiaries. Of these, 1,336,600 were women/girls and 505,050 children under the age of five.

- Under WFP’s operation for refugees in Yemen (PRRO 200305), 17,480 refugees at the Kharaz refugee camp received food rations for September (87 percent achieved against the September target of 20,000). Distributions for September were completed on 09 October. WFP is working on a Budget Revision to the PRRO that would extend the operation beyond the end date of 31 December 2015.

**Logistics**

- The vessel MV Great Star completed discharge of its 1.8 million litres of fuel at Ras Issa port near Hodeidah. This total fuel consignment provides 0.7 million litres to WFP and 1.1 million litres to humanitarian partners. WFP requires a minimum of 250,000 litres of fuel per month for its operations in Yemen and to date, WFP-chartered vessels have transported over 4 million litres of fuel to Yemen.

- As of 16 November, WFP’s in-country food stocks in Aden, Hodeidah, Al Saleef and Sana’a amounted to 48,919 mt.

- Approximately 14,500 mt of wheat flour for WFP Yemen has arrived in Aden aboard the vessel MV Captain George K. The arrival of this wheat flour will allow WFP to replenish its cereals stocks in Aden.

- **UNHAS:** Since April, UNHAS has transported almost 1,700 passengers and over 8,000 kg of light cargo between Djibouti and Sana’a.

**Clusters**

- **Logistics Cluster**
  - In response to Cyclones Chapala and Megh, the Logistics Cluster is working on facilitating inter-agency land convoys from Sana’a and Aden to Mukalla, Hadramaut, and Shabwah. WFP has made available up to 20 trucks transporting humanitarian assistance to cyclone-affected areas.

- **Food Security and Agriculture Cluster (FSAC)**
  - FAO, UNICEF and WFP are working together on the Emergency Food Security and Nutrition Assessment (EFSNA) for Yemen. The objective of the EFSNA is to establish to current food security and nutrition status of the Yemeni population.

- **Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC)**
  - ETC is assessing needs and installing services at the WFP Field Office and common UN building in Hodeidah, having established a UNDSS communications centre in Aden.

- **Partnerships**
  - Under the new EMOP, WFP will work with 14 partners to cover 2 million people in November.

**Resourcing Update**

- WFP is working on a Budget Revision for EMOP 200890 that would extend the operation beyond its end date (31 March 2016) for another year. WFP is also working on a Budget Revision for its refugees PRRO that would extend it beyond its original end date of December 2015.

- In October, the EMOP received a total of USD 85 million, thanks to the support of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, UK, Japan, Finland and Russia.

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**WFP Operations in Yemen**

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<th>Project</th>
<th>Duration</th>
<th>Planned number of people</th>
<th>Total requirements (in USD)</th>
<th>Total received (in USD)</th>
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<th>People Assisted per month by WFP</th>
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<td>EMOP 200890</td>
<td>Oct 2015 -March 16</td>
<td>5,000,000</td>
<td>320,444,885</td>
<td>153,306,179</td>
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* Ongoing.
**PRRO 200305 distributions for the month of October will take place in November. Figures will be updated as data becomes available.