YEMEN:
Emergency response to the escalated conflict

Highlights

- In response to the ongoing crisis, WFP has reached 1.3 million people with emergency food assistance since 15 April 2015.
- The Humanitarian Country Team (HCT) has devised an operational plan to be implemented during the five-day humanitarian pause (12 May—17 May).
- This pause is expected to allow urgently needed food, fuel, and humanitarian supplies to be delivered to the conflict-affected populations, and transported to places of greatest need. WFP will capitalise on this opportunity to provide urgent food assistance to beneficiaries by implementing an emergency food distribution plan to serve 738,000 food insecure and conflict affected people in Aden, Al-Dhale, Shabwah, Lahj, Abyan, Sa’ada, and Hajja. A nutrition-related intervention, specifically targeting women and children at health centres (24,800 beneficiaries with 321mt) is planned for Sada’a, Lahj, Abyan, Aden and Al Dhale Governorates.
- In light of the urgent need for fuel for humanitarian operations in Yemen, the WFP-chartered MV Amsterdam berthed at Hudaydah Port carrying a total of 300,000 litres of fuel on 10 May, and a second ship, MV Sis Star carrying 120,000 litres of fuel arrived at Hudaydah Port on 12 May. This fuel will be allocated to partners through the inter-agency coordination mechanism of the Logistics Cluster and is currently being transported to WFP warehouses in Sana’a and Hudaydah for further distribution.

Situation Update

- Throughout the reporting period, intensive airstrikes and clashes continued in Sa’ada, Aden and Hajja governorates.
- The airstrikes have damaged the airports in both Sana’a and Hudaydah including the runways. The Civil Aviation Authority have accelerated the reconstruction works to repair the runway of Sana’a International airport.
- It is currently estimated that 3,000 families (21,000 people) have fled to Amran; these estimates are expected to rise. Displaced people are also reportedly moving elsewhere within Sa’ada and towards Hajjah, Sana’a, Al Jawf, and Al Hudaydah governorates.

WFP Response

- Persistent armed conflict has interrupted distribution efforts with new airstrikes being reported on a daily

In numbers

25.9 million population
12 million people food insecure
1.3 million people reached with emergency food assistance
545,719 newly internally displaced people
1,039 Yemeni refugees in Djibouti and Somalia (UNHCR)

Funding

(received contributions):
PRRO 200636: USD 225 million
PRRO 200305: USD 11.5 million

Requirements for Emergency Response:
PRRO 200636 (May-July): USD 128 million
SO 200841 (Logistic and ETC cluster): USD 20.5 million
SO 200845 (UNHAS) : USD 7.2 million
basis in the most heavily affected governorates. Given only five days of humanitarian pause, WFP is planning to replenish the fuel and food stocks in Sana’a, Hudaydah and Aden for 738,000 people.

**Food Assistance**
- WFP has provided emergency food assistance to 1.3 million people since 15 April, including 602,682 women/girls and 237,627 children under 5. This assistance has been distributed in eight of the 19 conflict-affected governorates.
- Date bars have been provided to schools to support 225,000 children until the end of the school year.

**Logistics**
- During 15 April 30 April, WFP dispatched 12,000 mt of assorted food commodities. In May, WFP dispatched 3,596mt.
- WFP plans to dispatch 12,000 mt of food commodities for the five days humanitarian pause.

**Clusters**

- **Logistics Cluster**
  - The Logistics Cluster continues to coordinate with partners to assess their fuel needs. The fuel allocation plan for the total quantity of 420,000 litres, which recently arrived in Hudaydah Port, has been sent to the partners as the fuel is now ready for collection.
  - UNHAS: On 12 May, 14 people from UNCT including three WFP members flew to Sana’a international airport to carry out a security assessment and coordination of distribution during five days of Humanitarian pause on the ground.

- **Food Security and Agriculture Cluster**
  - FSAC has prepared the emergency food distribution plan for 738,000 food insecure and conflict-affected in Aden, Al-Dhale, Shabwah, Lahj, Abyan, Sa’ada, and Hajja during the five days humanitarian pause starting from 12 May.

- **Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC)**
  - The ETC assessment mission continues in Yemen:
    - to analyze gaps which need to be filled to ensure reliable communication infrastructure for partners.
    - Coordination Meetings have been scheduled with partners in Sana’a and Amman.
  - Local Internet service providers in Sana’a are increasingly suffering outages. It has been announced that Internet will only be provided for six hours per day in the capital; this schedule has not yet been put in place.

**Partnerships**
- In response to the escalating humanitarian crisis, WFP is working with partners to scale up operations, from May to July, to provide emergency food assistance to 2.5 million conflict-affected people throughout the country.
- WFP has identified priority governorates and districts requiring immediate food assistance, which will help WFP in the mapping process of implementing partners.

**Resourcing Update**
- Sustainable funding is essential to the immediate implementation of the necessary emergency response scale-up, and that this level of operation continues past the next three months.
- For May to July, WFP requires USD 42.5 million every month for the emergency distribution of full rations to 2.5 million beneficiaries. While these needs are set to be covered through the support received under the Flash Appeal, resources have to be secured to sustain and scale up this response.

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**WFP Operations in Yemen**

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**SO 200798 will be discontinued with the rollout of SO 200841 and resources under it transferred to SO 200841.