



Yemen

Situation Report #36

16-31 August 2017

Highlights

- Based on the latest distribution reports, and despite ongoing access constraints, during the month of August WFP reached a record 7 million targeted beneficiaries using in-kind and commodity vouchers: 3.38 million received a full entitlement and 3.65 received a reduced entitlement (60 percent) in 16 governorates through emergency food assistance. This represents the highest number of monthly distributions to date, doubling the number of beneficiaries reached and tripling the tonnage distributed since January 2017.
- WFP Yemen has a 6-month shortfall (Oct '17-March '18) of USD 350 million required to provide full entitlements to 6.8 million beneficiaries, as per the EMOP plan. Affected by long delivery lead-times, funds are needed at least two-to-three months prior to starting the procurement process and deliver the commodities in country in time for distribution.
- WFP, in partnership with WHO, supports the cholera response through the national and governorate-level Emergency Operations Centers, providing supply chain management and IT upgrades, in addition to increasing storage capacities for relief items and construction/rehabilitation of Diarrheal Treatment Centers (DTCs).

Situation Update

- On 17 August, UN Humanitarian Coordinator for Yemen, Jamie McGoldrick, released a [press statement](#) expressing his concern for the shrinking humanitarian space in Yemen and on 18 August the UN Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs called on member states to put pressure on all parties to the conflict to respect International Humanitarian Law at the 8027th Security Council meeting. Despite these high-level statements, the security situation deteriorated during this period: 58 civilians were killed the week of the 20-27 August following attacks conducted by both parties to the conflict and tensions increased between the GPC and Houthis forces, leading to violence in Sana'a the 26 August. Despite the increased security and access constraints, WFP succeeded in providing emergency GFA to slightly over 100 percent of its target in August 2017.
- WFP is extremely grateful for all confirmed donor support this year. In particular, the recent USD 56 million confirmation from USAID and the advance received against forecasted contributions from other donors will cover the pipeline for both in-kind and commodity voucher assistance (while using the targeting approach) until the third week of November 2017. However, WFP would highlight that an additional USD 277 million is urgently needed for the six-month period of Sept 2017-Feb 2018 to establish full entitlements for all beneficiaries in order to avert pipeline breaks beyond this period.
- According to Save the Children, 1 million malnourished children are living in cholera-infected areas. To facilitate a CMAM scale-up for preventing and treating moderate malnutrition, WFP is in the process of gradually scaling up specialized nutritious food provisions to 1.83 million people. This includes 990,000 moderately acutely malnourished children between six months and five years along with 840,000 nursing and pregnant mothers.

In Numbers

20.7 million (76 percent of population) in need of humanitarian assistance *OCHA Periodic Monitoring Review January-April 2017*

17 million food insecure, including **6.8 million** severely food insecure *Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) March 2017*

2.2 million acutely malnourished children and **1.1 million** acutely malnourished pregnant and lactating women

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

185,958 refugee and migrant arrivals in Yemen from the Horn of Africa (31 March 2017) *Yemen Regional Refugee and Migrant Response Plan/UNHCR*

People assisted - August 2017

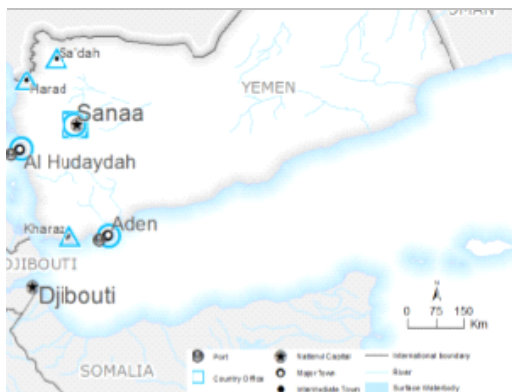


Funding Requirements

EMOP 201068 **USD 350 million** (Net requirement for Oct 2017— March 2018)

SO 200845 (UNHAS) **Fully Funded** (funding requirements—Sep -Dec 2017)

SO 200841 (Logistics and ETC) **Fully Funded** (funding requirements Sep —Dec 2017)



Yemen Emergency Response

Photo: A child receives nutrition support.

General food assistance (GFA): In August 2017, WFP reached a record **6,215,586** of the most food insecure Yemenis, representing 101 percent of the 6,143,728 target for August 2017. WFP has gradually increased its beneficiary reach since the inception of the EMOP in April— doubling its beneficiary reach since this time and increasing the number of beneficiaries reached by 1 million people since July 2017.

Commodity Vouchers through Traders Network (CV-TN): In August 2017, **820,524** people (136,754 households) are confirmed to have redeemed their commodity voucher in Al Hudaydah, Amanat Al Asimah, Sana'a and Taizz (94 percent against the target of 870,468 people).

Nutrition: WFP and UNICEF are jointly implementing a CMAM scale-up plan. New field level agreements (FLAs) are being signed with cooperating partners for this new scale-up while negotiations are ongoing with the Ministry of Public Health and Populations (MOPHP) to extend FLAs until December 2017. In addition, a detailed implementation plan is being developed for all nutrition activities at the sub-office level to ensure that realistic estimates of the beneficiaries and food needs at the health facility level are met. WFP and UNICEF will also use the National Polio Vaccine to screen all children under 5 for malnutrition.

Evaluations: WFP, UNICEF and WHO have agreed to use the National Polio Vaccine Campaign – which will cover all children under 5 years of age in 333 districts - to collect data on key household food security indicators and nutrition information through a Rapid Monitoring Survey (RMS). Results from the RMS will be used to revisit WFP's targeting and prioritisation strategy.

Monitoring: Post distribution monitoring results from Q2 2017: May-July surveys conducted on WFP beneficiaries that received food the month before showed that 50 percent had acceptable food consumption; this is a significant increase when compared to the baseline collected in June 2015 (before assistance began) when only 9 percent of beneficiaries had acceptable food consumption.

Clusters

Food Security Cluster: According to the August 2017 [Yemen Market Watch Report](#), supply and availability of food commodities further improved in governorates in August 2017. Better food availability during the past few months is attributed to the good level of imports during the first half of the year. However, availability of fuel remained unchanged or deteriorated from previous months.

Logistics Cluster: The Logistics Cluster facilitated the transport of 139 mt of relief cargo on behalf of nine organizations through an airbridge between Djibouti and Sana'a. The dedicated aircraft, chartered by WFP, carried out 12 rotations between the two cities. To respond to the future organization's needs of air deliveries, the Logistics Cluster will schedule airlifts every two weeks from Djibouti to Sana'a following the standard practice for airlifts already in place prior to the airbridge. In addition, the Logistics Cluster facilitate the transport of 122 passengers on behalf of 19 organisations between Djibouti and Aden on board the WFP- chartered VOS Apollo.

ETC Cluster: The ETC continues to provide Internet connectivity and security telecommunications services in five common operational areas across Yemen: Sana'a, Aden, Al Hudaydah, Sa'ada and Ibb.

Resourcing Update WFP thanks all 21 government donors, two UN funds and eight private sector donors in addition to the following donors for their contributions to EMOP 201068.



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WFP Operations in Yemen						
	Project Duration	Planned number of people	Total requirements (in USD)	Total re-ceived (in USD)	People Assisted per month by WFP	
					Targeted	Reached
EMOP 201068	Apr 17-Mar 18	9,100,000 per month	350(net 6-month requirement, Oct '17-March '18)	525m (for entire project duration)	July GFD : 6.1 million July CVTN: 870,468 August GFD : 6.1 million August CVTN: 870,468	July GFD: 5,170,786 July CVTN : 863,205 August GFD: 6,215,586 August CVTN: 820,524
SO 200841 (Logistics & ETC)	Apr 15-Dec 17	—	0 m (July-Dec 2017)	39.54m	—	—
SO 200845 (UNHAS)	May 15-Dec 17	—	0 (June-Dec 2017)	16.75 m	—	—