

## I. HIGHLIGHTS/KEY PRIORITIES

- WFP’s Executive Director and United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator conducted a joint mission to Yemen. Together, they visited field operations, met with key Government officials, donors and partners, and advocated for urgent funding for humanitarian operations.
- WFP remains fully operational amid the fragile and unpredictable security environment. WFP aims to reach 4.47 million beneficiaries in September.

WFP Yemen Operations					
	Total requirements (US\$) <sup>1</sup>	Total received (US\$) <sup>2</sup>	6 months shortfall (%) <sup>3</sup>	Beneficiaries	
				Planned (2013)	Planned (September)
<b>EMOP 200451</b>	249 607 288	170 516 057	22%	4 915 500	4 469 561
<b>PRRO 200305</b>	9 760 314	4 451 728	43%	72 780	38 750
<b>DEV 200432</b>	8 899 912	985 476	15%	35 000	N/A
<b>SO 200130</b>	4 910 807	3 210 407	27%	0	N/A

1. EMOP and PRRO operational requirements increased in accordance with approved budget revisions.
2. DEV total received includes a US\$941,408 resource transfer.
3. EMOP and SO shortfalls are 3 months as they end in December. An EMOP budget revision for a six-month extension is expected soon however.

## II. SITUATION UPDATE

- In a joint mission, WFP’s Executive Director Ertharin Cousin and United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator Valerie Amos visited Yemen from 11-14 September. The mission travelled to Hodeidah to oversee the unloading of 27,010 mt of wheat donated by the United States of America/Food for Peace, an Emergency Safety Net (ESN) operation and a nutrition centre. The delegation also flew to Haradh to visit distributions at the al-Mazraq International Organization for Migration reception centre. In Sana’a, the mission discussed operations and future collaboration opportunities with government officials including the President, Prime Minister and several key ministers, donors and partners. At a widely covered press conference, the delegation called upon the international donor community for essential funding for humanitarian operations.
- Yemen is in the midst of a political transition and a humanitarian crisis, with more than ten million people—almost half the country’s population—either hungry or on the edge of hunger. Child malnutrition rates are among the highest in the world with close to half of Yemen’s children under five years—two million children—stunted and one million acutely malnourished.
- In 2013, WFP has successfully scaled-up its humanitarian assistance to assist five million people: 600,000 IDPs, 325,000 children under two with preventative nutrition activities, 200,000 children under five with nutrition treatment activities, 157,000 pregnant and lactating women with nutrition support, and 3.8 million people under ESN activities.
- The operational context is characterised by heightened insecurity and the threat of abduction of international staff. Infighting and tribal conflicts continue throughout Yemen. The overall deteriorating context has not, however, affected WFP operations in the country.

### III. WFP RESPONSE

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#### ASSESSMENTS

- WFP's updated *Comprehensive Food Security Monitoring Survey* will be published in mid-September. Preliminary findings highlight a slight decrease in the level of severe food insecurity across Yemen. However, widespread food insecurity and malnutrition rates remain a major concern and further deterioration is foreseen in some governorates.
- WFP is preparing field visits for two additional critical assessments: a joint WFP/UNHCR Food Security and Nutrition Survey and a WFP baseline study for cash and food interventions in selected districts of Ibb and Taiz governorates.

#### FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAMMES

- Under the September ESN cycle, WFP will distribute 19,400 mt of commodities at 2,143 distribution points across eight governorates. Some 2.27 million beneficiaries will receive full wheat (50kg/household) and vegetable oil (4.5kg/household) rations and half rations of pulses (5kg/household).
- Another 400,000 beneficiaries previously receiving food distributed by the Government's School Feeding Unit will instead receive cash transfers starting in September. Preparations are underway in collaboration with WFP headquarters to complete the selection process for the service provider.
- WFP is in the final stages of developing its new protracted relief and recovery operation (PRRO) for implementation starting in mid-2014. The operation will focus on resilience and capacity development whilst continuing to provide relief and life-saving interventions for the most needy.

#### LOGISTICS ACTIVITIES (WFP & CLUSTER)

- Bulk carrier MV APJ JAI arrived in Hodeidah Port on 09 September with 27,010 mt of wheat. It was the second tranche of three in-kind donations from the United States of America/Food for Peace. The third tranche of 15,390 mt is estimated to arrive on 22 September.
- WFP currently has 14,170 mt of various commodities in its storage locations throughout Yemen.
- The Logistics Cluster continues to operate a successful air operation for humanitarian personnel and light cargo between Hodeidah, Sa'ada and Sana'a. The Cluster ran two flights during the reporting period and transported 32 passengers from several organisations. A total of 8,540 litres of petrol and diesel were also distributed to humanitarian partners.

### IV. RESOURCING UPDATE

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- Thanks to generous contributions from Australia, Canada, the European Union, Finland, France, Germany, India, Japan, Norway, Switzerland, the United States of America, and Australia, Denmark, Ireland, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and Sweden through multilateral support, EMOP 200451 has secured 68 percent of its total project requirements. An additional US\$80 million is required to meet food needs for the most vulnerable populations in Yemen.

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