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Yemen

Situation Report #24

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In Numbers

21.2 million (82 percent of population) in need of humanitarian assistance (*2016 Yemen Humanitarian Needs Overview*)

14.1 million food insecure of which

7 million severely food insecure (*June 2016 Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) analysis*)

2.18 million internally displaced and returnees (*HCT Task Force on Population Movement, 11th Report, October 2016*)

87,520 refugee and migrant arrivals in Yemen from the Horn of Africa in Jan–September 2016 (*Regional Mixed Migration Secretariat/ UNHCR*)

Highlights

- Against critical resourcing challenges, WFP continues to deliver urgent food assistance to hard-to-reach and conflict-affected areas. In October, WFP reached Marib governorate for the fourth consecutive month, assisting more people than ever before (36,800 people in six districts, including Marib City). WFP also reached 1,600 people from the heavily conflicted district of Nihm in Sana'a governorate despite formidable security challenges. Taking advantage of local supply networks, WFP is assisting Taizz city through its commodity voucher (Commodity Vouchers through Traders' Network—CVTN) programme.
- In October, WFP reached 3.8 million people (2.9 million through GFD and 813,216 through CVTN) in 18 governorates. WFP reached 3.2 million people (2.4 million through GFD and 791,992 through CVTN) in 18 governorates in September.

People assisted (GFD) - October



Funding Requirements

EMOP 200890 USD 484.4 million*

(Net requirement for Nov 2016—Apr 2017)

SO 200845 (UNHAS) USD 15.5 million (funding requirements/overall project duration) (May 2015—Dec 2016)

SO 200841 (Logistics and ETC) USD 55 million* (funding requirements/overall project duration) (Apr 2015—Dec 2017)

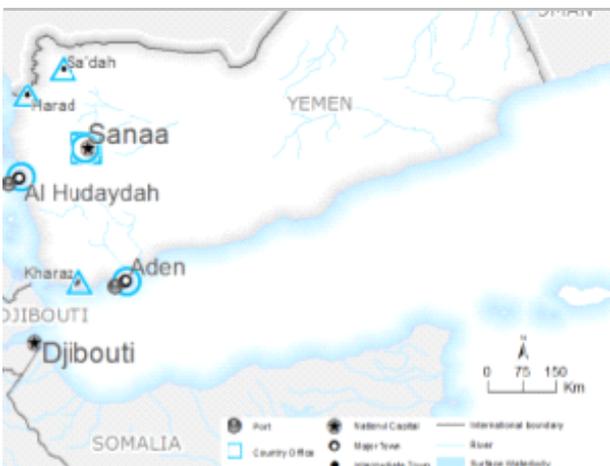
*Projected needs for time period for the next six months, anticipated extension of the project into 2017.

Situation Update

- Following an indefinite suspension of intra-Yemeni peace talks and a three-day United Nations-brokered humanitarian ceasefire (20-24 October), fighting has resumed in parts of Yemen. Government forces backed by Coalition airstrikes have escalated their military offensive against Houthi-held areas, with fighting being the heaviest in the central governorates of Taizz and Lahj, and the northern governorates of Marib, Hajjah and Sa'ada. Airstrikes continue to target Houthi-held governorates, with civilian casualties being reported. The UN Secretary General, Ban Ki-moon, and other senior UN humanitarian officials, condemned airstrikes on a community hall in Sana'a on 08 October which killed at least 140 civilians. The Secretary General also condemned airstrikes that caused civilian deaths in Hudaydah on 21 September and in Sa'ada on 13 August.

WFP Response

- Despite high levels of insecurity, in October, WFP and partners reached people in need of assistance key conflict-affected governorates: Al Jawf (47,327), Hajjah (280,252) and Marib (36,786) in the north, and Taizz (375,438), Lahj (84,414), Shabwah (82,896) and Al Dhale'e (62,160) in the central and southern parts of the country. In October, WFP continued to reach Sana'a, Aden, Taizz, Al Dhale'e and Lahj governorates through CVTN, with 350,304 people benefiting from food assistance.
- However, in order to meet huge needs against significant resourcing challenges, WFP is targeting its food assistance to reach 6 million people every two months (3 million each month) with a 75 percent entitlement, on the basis of alternating districts.



Yemen Emergency Response

Photo: Children at a WFP distribution site, Sana'a/Gheed Jarrar



Food Assistance

- **General food distribution (GFD):** In September, WFP reached 2.4 million people in 18 governorates through GFD (of its target of 3 million). Of this number, 48 percent of those reached were women and girls. In October, WFP provided food assistance to 2.9 million people in 18 governorates.
- **Commodity Vouchers through Traders Network (CV-TN):** In the September cycle, WFP reached 791,992 people (95 percent of those planned to receive assistance) in Sana'a city, Aden, Taizz, Lahj and Al Dhale'e. In the October cycle so far, 813,216 people have been assisted in Sana'a city, Aden, Taizz, Al Dhale'e and Lahj (88 percent of those planned to receive assistance).
- **Nutrition:** An average of 18,127 children per month (out of the monthly target of 30,315) were admitted into WFP's treatment programme for malnourished children under 5 between January and August 2016. During this period, 58,430 children (63.5 percent) were reported cured. For WFP's treatment programme for malnourished pregnant and nursing women (PLW), an average of 18,498 PLW (out of the monthly target of 24,045) were admitted between January-August 2016. During this period, 55,949 PLW were reported cured. For the prevention of malnutrition programme for all children under 2, 33,467 children received Plumpy'Doz nutrition commodities in July, and 20,964 received commodities in August.



Logistics

- During the September dispatch cycle (01-30 September), 31,316 mt of commodities were dispatched, of which 95 percent was delivered to cooperating partners for final distribution. So far during the October cycle (as of 29 October), 17,429 mt of commodities have been dispatched to final distribution points.
- **UNHAS:** In October, UNHAS transported 743 passengers from 56 organisations (16 UN and 40 international NGOs) and 37 kg of light cargo between Sana'a, Djibouti and Amman. In addition, UNHAS was also used to facilitate the medical evacuation of 4 UN staff members in October.



Food Security Cluster

Following the approval by Yemeni authorities for the implementation of the heavily delayed Emergency Food Security and Nutrition Assessment (EFSNA), a timeline for implementation has been set by WFP, FAO and UNICEF, with preliminary results expected to be released in December.



Logistics Cluster

In August, a total of 89,709 litres of fuel was distributed by the Logistics Cluster to 18 organisations in Aden, Sana'a and Hudaydah on a cost recovery basis. The Cluster also transported 1,065 m³ of cargo on behalf of three organisations during that month. Since May, the Cluster continues to facilitate a weekly passenger transport shuttle between Aden and Djibouti aboard the vessel VOS Apollo.



Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC)

The ETC recently conducted a mission to Sa'ada to expand the Very High Frequency (VHF) radio coverage for the UN Department of Safety and Security.

Resourcing Update

- WFP Yemen needs USD 484.4 million to sustain its emergency operation covering the period November 2016–April 2017.
- WFP thanks United Nations Central Emergency Response Funds for its allocation of USD 1.4 million for nutrition activities. WFP Yemen has released a [story](#) on the European Union/ECHO's support to its programmes.
- WFP Yemen has signed an agreement with the United Arab Emirates for a USD 6 million contribution, sufficient to feed more than 100,000 people per month for four months.

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Clusters

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 200890	Oct 15–Dec 16	3,000,000 per month	743 m	460 m	GFD : September (3 million) CV-TN : Sept (834,754) GFD : October (3 million) CV-TN: October (928,464)	GFD: Sept (2,403,322) CV-TN: Sept (792,226) Sept ass.: 3.2 million assisted GFD: Oct (2,987,780) CV-TN: Oct (813,216)* Oct ass.: 3.8 million assisted *Pending cycle completion.
SO 200841	Apr 15–Dec 16	—	43.1 m	32.7 m	—	—
SO 200845	May 15–Dec 16	—	19.4 m	12.8 m	—	—