



YEMEN - COMPLEX EMERGENCY

FACT SHEET #5, FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2013

MARCH 8, 2013

NUMBERS AT A GLANCE

349,844

Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) in Yemen

Office of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) – February 2013

175,686

IDP Returnees in Yemen

UNHCR – February 2013

238,454

Refugees in Yemen

UNHCR – February 2013

10.5 million

Food-Insecure People in Yemen

2013 Yemen Humanitarian Response Plan (YHRP), UNHCR – February 2013

998,000

Acutely Malnourished Children

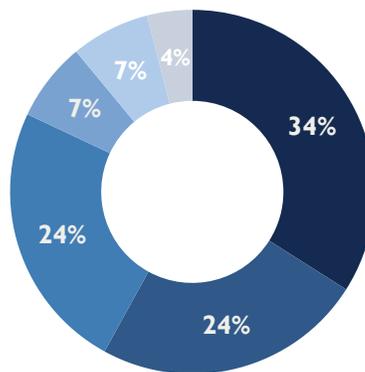
YHRP, UNHCR – February 2013

13.1 million

People without Access to Safe Drinking Water and Basic Sanitation

YHRP, UNHCR – February 2013

USAID/OFDA¹ FUNDING BY SECTOR IN FY 2013



- Nutrition
- Water, Sanitation, & Hygiene (WASH)
- Health
- Humanitarian Coordination & Information Management
- Protection
- Agriculture & Food Security

HIGHLIGHTS

- March 7 Friends of Yemen highlights need for continued assistance
- USAID/OFDA provides an additional \$4 million for health, nutrition, and WASH activities
- Yemen's food security outlook deteriorates for 2013

HUMANITARIAN FUNDING TO YEMEN IN FY 2012 AND FY 2013

USAID/OFDA	\$43,549,602
USAID/FFP ²	\$70,316,101
State/PRM ³	\$27,878,237

\$141,743,940
TOTAL USAID AND STATE ASSISTANCE TO YEMEN

KEY DEVELOPMENTS

- On March 7, the fifth Ministerial Friends of Yemen meeting was held in London. Foreign ministers and delegations from approximately 30 countries attended the meeting, including U.S. Department of State Deputy Secretary William Burns. Meeting participants discussed a number of topics, including the need for continued humanitarian support for IDP and refugee populations. The 2013 YHRP requests \$716 million and aims to provide assistance to 7.7 million vulnerable people in Yemen.
- USAID/OFDA recently provided nearly \$4 million to support health, nutrition, and WASH interventions through partner Save the Children/U.S. (SC/US). These activities will reach more than 81,000 beneficiaries in both northern and southern Yemen, including Al Hudaydah, Sa'dah, and Ta'izz governorates.
- In 2013, Yemen has received nearly 18,000 new refugees, most of whom are of Somali or Ethiopian origin, according to UNHCR. State/PRM recently provided \$2.6 million in additional funding to an implementing partner to provide health care, WASH support, and capacity building assistance for Yemeni conflict victims.

¹ USAID's Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance (USAID/OFDA)

² USAID's Office of Food for Peace (USAID/FFP)

³ U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (State/PRM)

POPULATION DISPLACEMENT AND HUMANITARIAN ACCESS

- Since July 2012, improved security conditions in southern Yemen have enabled nearly 140,000 IDPs to return to Abyan Governorate, reducing the total number of remaining IDPs registered in the south to approximately 30,000 people. Although returnees have received basic shelter support, household items, and food assistance, UNHCR reports an urgent need for assistance to restore damaged infrastructure and key services to ensure sustainable returns. With \$2.6 million from USAID/OFDA, Mercy Corps has distributed more than 7,000 relief commodity and hygiene kits to approximately 35,000 IDPs and host community members in Abyan and Lahij governorates since mid-December.
 - Despite improved overall stability in southern Yemen, new outbreaks of fighting in parts of the region have resulted in small-scale displacement, according to the U.N. In February, clashes between Republic of Yemen Government (RoYG) forces and armed groups temporarily displaced more than 5,000 individuals from Al-Khubr district, Abyan Governorate, while fighting from late January to early February displaced thousands of other individuals in Al Bayda' Governorate—many of whom remain displaced. The International Organization for Migration (IOM), several non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and State/PRM-supported UNHCR have provided food, basic household supplies, shelter materials, and hygiene kits to both displaced and host families.
 - Security concerns, damage to homes and infrastructure, and lack of basic services continue to hinder IDP returns in northern Yemen. UNHCR reports fewer than 40,000 IDP returns as of February 1, with nearly 320,000 people still displaced in the northern governorates of Al Jawf, Amran, Dhamar, Sa'dah, and Sana'a. Approximately 95 percent of IDPs in the north reside outside of established camps, primarily with host communities or in informal settlements.
 - State/PRM recently contributed more than \$5.5 million to UNHCR for programs targeting refugee and IDP populations in Yemen. UNHCR will provide shelter, health care, education, and protection assistance to support refugee populations, as well as camp coordination and management, shelter, protection, and early recovery assistance to support IDPs and returnees.
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FOOD SECURITY

- Although food security in Yemen improved in 2012, 10.5 million people remained food insecure as of February. According to the U.N. World Food Program (WFP), the country's food security is anticipated to deteriorate in the first half of 2013 due to poor agricultural production, continued internal conflict, limited or fragile livelihoods, and increased international food prices.
 - On February 8, WFP publicly released the Protracted Relief and Recovery Operation (PRRO) for 2013/2014, which aims to provide 10,000 metric tons (MT) of emergency food assistance to benefit nearly 131,000 people, including new refugee arrivals, refugees hosted in the Kharaz refugee camp in southern Yemen, and existing urban refugees. UNHCR forecasts 45,000 new arrivals to Yemen's coastal areas in the coming year, adding to the current caseload of more than 238,000 refugees. WFP will provide emergency food assistance to the majority of new arrivals at three reception centers established along the coast.
 - Mercy Corps is currently implementing a \$4.7 million USAID/WFP emergency food program that will benefit vulnerable households in Dhubab and Mawza districts, Ta'izz Governorate. The project provides vouchers that beneficiaries can use to purchase food commodities available in local markets and will benefit more than 75,000 individuals.
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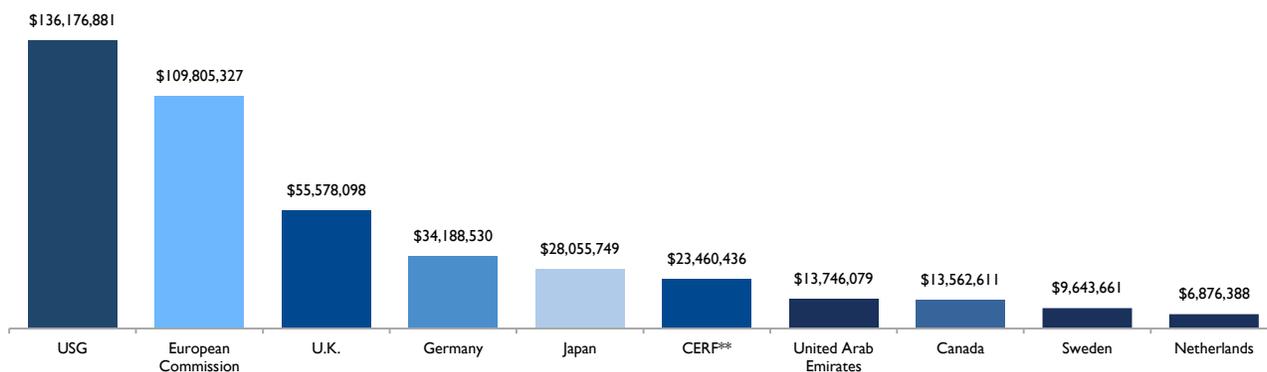
HEALTH, NUTRITION, AND WASH

- Unrest across much of Yemen continues to hinder access to essential public services for more than 13 million Yemenis, according to the U.N. To increase access to essential WASH services and improve health care provision, USAID/OFDA partner Mercy Corps recently completed water rehabilitation projects at two health clinics in Al Kood village, Abyan Governorate. These clinics, including a mother and child health center, serve an estimated 5,000 households throughout the area.

- In response to elevated humanitarian needs in southern Yemen, USAID/OFDA partner Global Communities recently began implementing WASH trainings for community hygiene promoters in Khanfar, Lawdar, and Zinjibar districts in Abyan Governorate. In February, Global Communities also selected recipients for cash assistance to support the purchase of commodities in local markets in Aden and Lahij governorates.
- Approximately 1 million individuals in Yemen face global acute malnutrition (GAM) rates above the U.N. World Health Organization (WHO) emergency threshold of 15 percent countrywide, according to UNICEF. With support from USAID/OFDA, International Medical Corps (IMC) is currently conducting large-scale community-based management of acute malnutrition campaigns in three districts of Sana'a Governorate. Community health workers and district-level health officers are providing screening and referral services in 115 villages for malnourished children and pregnant or lactating women. IMC plans to reach 3,500 households through district hospitals, stabilization centers, and other health facilities.
- In February, WFP released the findings of a recent set of nutrition surveys, which found that levels of malnutrition have deteriorated in most of Yemen's governorates since the U.N.'s 2012 Comprehensive Food Security Survey. Humanitarian agencies and the RoYG conducted the surveys in governorates with historically high malnutrition rates, including Aden, Al Hudaydah, Hajjah, Ibb, Lahij, Raymah, and Ta'izz. With more than \$1.1 million in support from USAID/OFDA, SC/US will implement nutrition activities in Al Hudaydah, Sa'dah, and Ta'izz governorates targeting approximately 46,000 individuals, primarily children under five years of age and pregnant or lactating women.

2012 AND 2013 TOTAL HUMANITARIAN FUNDING FOR YEMEN*

PER DONOR



*Funding figures are as of March 8, 2013. All international figures are according to OCHA's Financial Tracking Service and based on international commitments during the calendar year, while U.S. Government (USG) figures are according to the USG and reflect USG commitments based on the fiscal year. FY 2012 began on October 1, 2011 and ended on September 30, 2012.

**U.N. Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF)

CONTEXT

- Since 2004, conflict between the RoYG and al-Houthi opposition forces has affected more than 1 million people and repeatedly displaced populations in northern Yemen, resulting in the need for humanitarian assistance. In addition, increased fighting between RoYG military forces and tribal and militant groups in the wake of the Arab Spring limited the capacity of the RoYG to provide basic services, exacerbated deteriorating humanitarian conditions among impoverished populations, and resulted in displacement in northern, central, and southern Yemen.
- Recent political instability and economic crisis, rising fuel and food prices, high levels of unemployment, conflict, and conflict-related displacement have left nearly half of Yemen's 24 million people food insecure. According to WFP, child malnutrition levels in the country are among the highest in the world, with 1 million children nationwide suffering from acute malnutrition.
- The overall security situation has improved in southern Yemen since renewed conflict broke out in 2009, facilitating the return of 140,000 IDPs to areas of origin since July 2012. Despite increased security, sporadic outbreaks of violence continue to result in small-scale displacement.
- Yemen hosts an increasing number of migrants and refugees—the majority from the Horn of Africa—who are also in need of humanitarian assistance. Yemen currently hosts nearly 240,000 refugees, a significant increase from the 150,000 refugees hosted in 2009.
- On September 29, 2012, U.S. Ambassador Gerald M. Feierstein reissued a disaster declaration for Yemen for FY 2013 due to continued humanitarian needs resulting from conflict and the impact of the country's political and economic crises on vulnerable populations.

USAID AND STATE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO YEMEN PROVIDED IN FY 2013¹

IMPLEMENTING PARTNER	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	AMOUNT
USAID/OFDA²			
U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)	Agriculture and Food Security	Countrywide	\$500,000
IMC	Health, Nutrition, WASH	Sana'a Governorate	\$1,943,498
U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)	Humanitarian Coordination and Information Management	Countrywide	\$1,000,000
SC/US	Health, Nutrition, WASH	Al Hudaydah, Sa'dah, and Ta'izz Governorates	\$3,999,975
UNICEF	Nutrition, Protection, WASH	Countrywide	\$6,000,000
WHO	Health	Countrywide	\$500,000
	Program Support	Countrywide	\$31,662
TOTAL USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE			\$13,975,135
STATE/PRM			
UNHCR	Health, Protection, Shelter, WASH	Countrywide	\$5,540,059
Other Partners	Health, Livelihoods, WASH	Countrywide	\$2,600,000
TOTAL STATE/PRM ASSISTANCE			\$8,140,059
TOTAL USAID AND STATE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO YEMEN IN FY 2013			\$22,115,189

¹ Year of funding indicates the date of commitment or obligation, not appropriation, of funds.

² USAID/OFDA funding represents actual or obligated amounts as of March 8, 2013.

USAID AND STATE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO YEMEN PROVIDED IN FY 2012³

IMPLEMENTING PARTNER	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	AMOUNT
USAID/OFDA⁴			
Agency for Technical Cooperation and Development (ACTED)	Agriculture and Food Security, ERMS, WASH	Ad Dali', Ibb, and Raymah Governorates	\$1,594,812
Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA)	Logistics and Relief Commodities, WASH	Abyan, Aden, Al Jawf, and Sana'a Governorates	\$1,984,677
Global Communities	Agriculture and Food Security, ERMS, Logistics and Relief Commodities, WASH	Abyan, Aden, Lahij, and Ta'izz Governorates	\$1,985,069
IMC	Health, Nutrition, WASH	Sana'a and Ta'izz Governorates	\$3,099,909
iMMAP	Humanitarian Coordination and Information Management	Countrywide	\$489,205
IOM	Health, Nutrition, Shelter and Settlements, WASH	Abyan, Al Jawf, and Sa'dah Governorates	\$2,282,910
International Rescue Committee (IRC)	Health, Nutrition, WASH	Aden and Abyan Governorates	\$1,611,351
International Relief and Development (IRD)	Logistics and Relief Commodities, WASH	Al Hudaydah Governorate	\$997,465
Mercy Corps	Logistics and Relief Commodities, WASH	Lahij Governorate	\$2,667,002
OCHA	Humanitarian Coordination and Information Management	Countrywide	\$1,250,000
SC/US	Health, Nutrition, WASH	Amran, Aden, Al Hudaydah, Lahij, Sa'dah, and Ta'izz Governorates	\$3,850,919
UNICEF	Health, Nutrition, Protection, WASH	Countrywide	\$7,250,000
WHO	Health	Abyan and Aden Governorates	\$500,000
	Program Support	Countrywide	\$11,148
TOTAL USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE			\$29,574,467

USAID/FFP⁵			
ADRA	Food Vouchers, Health and Nutrition Training	Abyan and Lahij Governorates	\$6,379,917
Mercy Corps	Food Vouchers	Ta'izz Governorate	\$4,787,890
SC/US	Food Vouchers, Nutrition Training	Al Hudaydah, Amran, and Hajjah Governorates	\$4,345,094
WFP	PRRO 1,250 MT of Title II Emergency Food Assistance	Aden Governorate	\$1,490,400
WFP	PRRO Emergency Safety Net 16,000 metric tons (MT) of Title II Emergency Food Assistance	13 Governorates	\$17,459,900
WFP	Emergency Operation (EMOP) 35,710 MT of Title II Emergency Food Assistance	Abyan, Aden, Amran, Hajjah, Lahij, Sana'a, and Shabwah Governorates	\$35,852,900
TOTAL USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE			\$70,316,101

STATE/PRM			
IOM	Health, Protection	Hajjah Governorate	\$338,406
ADRA	Livelihoods, Education for Somali Refugees	Sana'a Governorate	\$499,772
UNHCR	Health, Protection, Shelter, WASH	Countrywide	\$10,600,000
Other Partners	Health, Livelihoods, WASH	Countrywide	\$8,300,000
TOTAL STATE/PRM ASSISTANCE			\$19,738,178
TOTAL USAID AND STATE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO YEMEN IN FY 2012			\$119,628,746
TOTAL USAID AND STATE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO YEMEN IN FY 2012 AND FY 2013			\$141,743,935

³ Year of funding indicates the date of commitment or obligation, not appropriation, of funds.

⁴ USAID/OFDA funding represents anticipated or actual obligated amounts as of March 8, 2013.

⁵ Estimated value of food assistance.

PUBLIC DONATION INFORMATION

- The most effective way people can assist relief efforts is by making cash contributions to humanitarian organizations that are conducting relief operations. A list of humanitarian organizations that are accepting cash donations for response efforts in Yemen can be found at www.interaction.org.
- USAID encourages cash donations because they allow aid professionals to procure the exact items needed (often in the affected region); reduce the burden on scarce resources (such as transportation routes, staff time, and warehouse space); can be transferred very quickly and without transportation costs; support the economy of the disaster-stricken region; and ensure culturally, dietary, and environmentally appropriate assistance.
- More information can be found at:
 - The Center for International Disaster Information: www.cidi.org or +1.202.821.1999.
 - Information on relief activities of the humanitarian community can be found at www.reliefweb.int.

USAID/OFDA bulletins appear on the USAID website at <http://www.usaid.gov/what-we-do/working-crises-and-conflict/responding-times-crisis/where-we-work>