

WFP Yemen Situation Report #04

April 2020



In Numbers

24.1 million people in need of humanitarian assistance*

3.65 million people internally displaced

20.1 million people are food insecure

*According to the 2019 Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP)

Highlights

- WFP provided general food assistance to 8.6 million Yemeni people under the April distributions.
- The first confirmed case of COVID-19 in Yemen was diagnosed in April in Hadramout governorate.
- WFP requires USD 634 million to continue operations unimpeded over the next six months (June 2020 – November 2020).

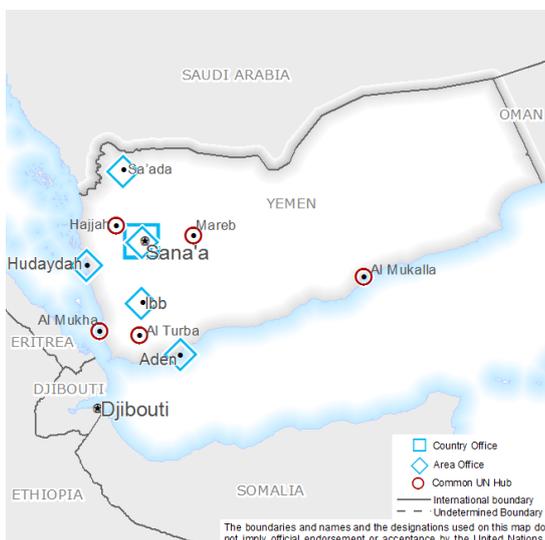
8.6 million people assisted
April 2020



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| Yemen Humanitarian Response Plan Needs | Overall: USD 4.2 billion |
| | WFP: USD 2.3 billion |
| WFP Net Funding Requirements (June 2020 – November 2020) | |
| Interim Country Strategic Plan (ICSP) | USD 634 million |

Situation Update (including security)

- On 10 April, the first confirmed case of COVID-19 in Yemen was diagnosed in Ash Shihr district in Hadramout governorate.
- In April, WFP continued to operate on an alternate remote work arrangement in all WFP offices in Yemen as a precautionary measure against COVID-19 with exceptions necessary for operational continuity. WFP operations remained mostly unaffected in April, except for school feeding due to the early closure of schools, and food assistance for training (FFT). Activities are ongoing with precautionary measures set in place to prevent crowding, with distributions staggered over several days.
- During the April distribution cycle in light of anticipated funding shortages and in a bid to stretch available resources, WFP implemented a reduction in the levels of assistance provided in the northern areas. The reduction came as a result of eroded confidence in the operation, following the delays in implementation of some elements required for full assurances. WFP continues to work with the authorities to resolve these issues to allow for a conducive operating environment for both WFP and donors to reinstate full assistance as soon as possible.
- WFP supported the quarantine centres established in Yemen with immediate response rations (IRR) to cover the quarantine period. As of 2 May, WFP and its rapid response mechanism (RRM) partners have assisted 9,080 individuals with 3,061 RRM kits in 38 quarantine centres in nine governorates.
- Heavy rain in mid-April affected thousands of households in Sana'a and Mareb. On 21 April, floods in Aden resulted in eight fatalities, and more than 14,700 people are reported displaced across 21 sites for internally displaced people. WFP provided 18.7 mt of food as one-month ration to 207 households in Sanhan district and 73 mt of mixed



commodities to 811 families in Sana'a city. In Aden, WFP assisted 2,000 families with hot meals for three days, followed by 1,500 IRR kits and 2,000 high-energy biscuits.

WFP Response

- Under the April cycle, WFP delivered food assistance to 8.6 million people in 22 governorates, out of the 8.9-million target. Of these, 6.4 million people received in-kind food assistance, 1.6 million people received commodity vouchers and 655,958 people received cash-based transfers.
- In response to the increased fighting and large-scale population displacement in Hudaydah governorate in 2018, the UN established a Rapid Response Mechanism (RRM) in June 2018 to assist newly displaced persons and ensure their most immediate needs are met. Displaced families are provided with WFP Immediate Response Rations (IRR) sufficient for five days. In April, WFP dispatched 10,000 RRM kits to UNFPA and its cooperating partners.
- Preparations in the northern governorates are ongoing to register 1.3 million households. In the southern governorates, over 1.2 million people have been biometrically registered against a target of 4 million.



Livelihood and Resilience Projects

- In April, WFP reached 169,876 beneficiaries with cash transfers for their participation in food assistance for assets (FFA). Participants worked on over 310 assets, including rural road rehabilitation, water harvesting schemes and agricultural projects. Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, food assistance for training (FFT) activities in Sana'a continued to be suspended in April. WFP took precautionary measures to limit the risk of contagion among FFA participants by reducing the number of participants working at the same time in the same location and spreading awareness information.



School Feeding Programme

- Following the early closure of schools in March, WFP has been implementing the take-home distributions to provide the students with their school feeding entitlements. These were already delivered to the schools before the spread of COVID-19 and the closure of the schools. The distributions are spread over several days to reduce crowding, and hygiene and proper distancing practices are strictly followed. In March and April, WFP reached 958,121 students with the take-home rations' distributions.



Nutrition Assistance

- In April, WFP reached 150,951 children aged 6 to 59 months and 188,040 pregnant and lactating women and girls (PLWG) with its Targeted Supplementary Feeding Programme (TSFP) to treat moderate acute malnutrition (MAM). For MAM prevention, WFP reached 279,875 children aged 6 to 23 months and 369,680 PLW with its Blanket Supplementary Feeding Programme (BSFP).



Supply Chain

- Under the April distribution plan, WFP dispatched 82,203 mt of food under the general food assistance programme.
- During April, supply chain has locally procured a total of 1,800 mt of sugar to fill the May pipeline break.
- Shipping operations have managed to bring 71,341 mt of cereals into the country in March. Shipping also received 254 containers holding 4,143 mt of mixed commodities.

Clusters and Common Services



Food Security and Agriculture Cluster (FSAC)

- FSAC, WFP and FAO (the cluster lead agencies) have completed the Food Security and Livelihoods (FSLA) Assessment data collection in the Ansar Allah controlled areas.
- FSAC held an online minimum food basket technical working group (MFB TWiG) meeting on 20 April. The meeting focused on revisions of the cash value and composition of the current MFB in the context of COVID-19, and enhancement of its nutritional value.
- FSAC has developed a preparedness and response plan in the context of the COVID-19 outbreak. The document builds on the Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC), WFP, FAO, and the Global Food Security Cluster guidelines with necessary adjustments made to fit into the Yemeni context and role of FSAC.



Logistics Cluster

- The Logistics Cluster supported 39 partners in April. It facilitated the inland road transport of 146 mt (491 m³) of relief items to five locations across five districts and four governorates.
- 499 litres of fuel (petrol and diesel) were distributed from WFP-managed distribution points around Sana'a, Aden and Bajil. The Logistics Cluster received into storage 777 m³ (124 mt) of cargo.
- 21 mt (150 m³) of cargo were transported by sea between Djibouti, Aden and Hudaydah.

Resourcing Update

- Based on the Interim Country Strategic Plan, WFP urgently needs an additional USD 634 million to ensure operations can continue unimpeded over the next six months as per the following:

| Activity | Funding requirement in USD |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| General food assistance | 500 million |
| Nutrition | 64 million |
| Livelihoods | 62 million |
| UNHAS | 5 million |
| Logistics Cluster | 1 million |
| Emergency Telecommunications Cluster | 2 million |

