



World Food Programme

WFP Yemen Situation Report #8

August 2021



12 million people targeted

August 2021 (*general food assistance*)



WFP Yemen Interim Country Strategic Plan (ICSP)

2021 Yemen Humanitarian Response Plan	Overall requirement: US\$ 3.85 billion
	WFP requirement: US\$ 1.91 billion
WFP 6-Month Net Funding Requirement <i>(September 2021 – February 2021)</i>	US\$ 589.7 m <i>As of 17 August 2021</i>
WFP Yemen 2019-2021 Interim Country Strategic Plan <i>(November 2018)</i>	

In Numbers

20.7 million people in need of humanitarian assistance

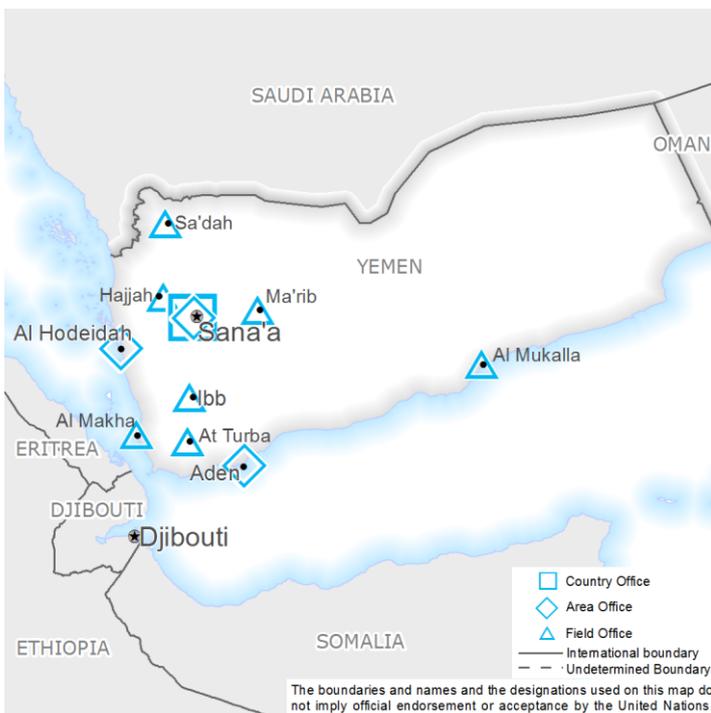
16.2 million people food insecure

47,000 people in famine-like conditions

4 million people internally displaced

Highlights

- WFP targeted 12 million people in Yemen with General Food Assistance in August.
- The economic situation continued to deteriorate in August, as the Yemeni riyal (YER) continued its depreciation in the areas under the Internationally Recognized Government of Yemen (IRG).
- Hostilities continued in Ma'rib governorate, displacing 24,800 people by the end of August.
- The UN Resident Coordinator's office warns that Yemen is entering a third wave of COVID-19 infections, with a notable increase in new daily cases seen in August.
- Heavy rainfall and floods continued across multiple areas of Al Hodeidah, Al Mahwit, Raymah and Hajjah governorates in August.



Situation Update

Food Security Situation

- On 05 August, the Famine Early Warning System Network (FEWS NET) released a [key message update](#) for Yemen, noting how rising food prices are driving declining purchasing power in an environment of significantly below-average access to income.
- WFP Vulnerability Analysis and Mapping (VAM) [data](#) released in August show a continuation of high rates of inadequate food consumption across Yemen.

Economic Situation

- The Yemeni riyal continued to depreciate in August, reaching 1,015 YER/USD 1 in areas under the Internationally Recognized Government of Yemen (IRG). By the end of the month, the YER had lost some 79 percent of its value in areas under IRG compared to pre-crisis levels. Meanwhile, the YER remains stable in the areas under Sana'a-based authorities and averaged YER 599/USD 1 in August 2021, approximately the same as in January 2020. Compared to pre-crisis levels, the YER has lost 64 percent of its value in areas under the Sana'a-based authorities.
- In August, no vessels were permitted to discharge at Al Hodeidah port, while a total of four vessels carrying

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77,012 mt of fuel continue to be held in the Saudi-led Coalition (SLC) holding area. In the areas under the Sana'a-based authorities, all Yemen Petroleum Company (YPC) fuel stations were closed since 07 August and vehicles now refuel from commercial fuel stations at a price rate of USD 0.9 per litre for both gas oil and gasoline.

- While there was no major interruption to WFP's operation due to the fuel crisis, a one-two day delay is still reported at district level where fuel was not always available. In the areas under the IRG, YPC fuel stations were open and a new price rate was announced in the second week of August for gasoline of USD 0.610 per litre compared to the previous official rate of USD 0.31 per litre.

Security Situation

- The military escalation in Ma'rib governorate that started in February continued in August and had led to the displacement of more than 24,800 people so far this year by the end of the month.
- In August 2021, WFP targeted some 469,500 people in Ma'rib governorate with food assistance, while preparing to verify the needs and status of around 133,500 internally displaced persons (IDPs) reported to be in need of food assistance in the governorate.

Floods

- Heavy rainfall and floods continued across multiple areas of Al Hodeidah, Al Mahwit, Raymah and Hajjah governorates during August, affecting around 165,000 people. As of the end of August, the inter-agency RRM had assisted approximately 7,300 people in flood-affected governorates, including some 3,900 people set to receive WFP food assistance.

COVID-19

- On 22 August, the UN Resident Coordinator's Office warned that Yemen is entering a third wave of COVID-19 infections. In August, new daily cases saw a notable increase, with some 7,829 cases and 1,469 deaths recorded by WHO as of the end of the month.

WFP Operations

- Under the August cycle, WFP targeted 12 million people with general food assistance. Of these, 8.5 million people were targeted with in-kind food assistance, over 2.3 million people with commodity vouchers and more than 1.2 million people with cash-based transfers.
- Targeting and biometric registration activities in Yemen continued in August. By the end of August, nearly two million beneficiaries in IRG areas have been biometrically registered. In areas under the Sana'a-based authorities, following the start of biometric registration activities in Sana'a city in November 2020, the pilot phase targeting has been completed, with over 141,000 people retargeted. Around 118,600 people have had their biodata digitized into SCOPE, and nearly 52,000 people have been biometrically registered and were either enrolled or ready to be enrolled for cash assistance.



Livelihood and Resilience Projects

- In August, WFP reached 100,000 beneficiaries with cash transfers for their participation in food assistance for

assets (FFA). The participants worked in rehabilitating and constructing 177 assets during the month, including rural road rehabilitation, water harvesting schemes and agricultural projects.

- The emergency food assistance for assets (FFA) project to respond to the recent flooding in Tarim district, Hadramawt governorate that started in June continued in August. Additionally, field implementation started in two districts of Al Hodeidah governorate, targeting 1,500 new participants with FFA projects.



School Feeding Programme

- No distributions were conducted during August as the academic year (2021-2022) started early this year. Distributions are scheduled to resume in mid-September.



Nutrition Assistance

- In August, WFP reached over 341,600 beneficiaries, 95,600 children aged 6 to 59 months and 246,000 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 698,900 children aged 6 to 23 months and 554,900 PLWG with its Blanket Supplementary Feeding Programme (BSFP).



Supply Chain

- Under the August distribution cycle, WFP dispatched around 99,500 mt of mixed food commodities under the in-kind general food assistance activity, and around 4,600 mt of the monthly requirements were dispatched under the nutrition activity. Under the August cycle of commodity vouchers, around 22,600 mt of food commodities have been dispatched and delivered by WFP-contracted wholesalers.
- Shipping operations brought 56,000 mt of break bulk cereals and wheat flour into the country in August. Shipping also received 722 containers holding over 14,300 mt of mixed commodities.

Clusters and Common Services



Food Security and Agriculture Cluster (FSAC)

- In August, FSAC partners responded to needs of flood-affected households across various governorates. The response involved the provision of immediate lifesaving emergency food assistance and support to activities that contribute to improving communities' flood resilience over the medium and long-term.



Logistics Cluster

- In August, the Logistics Cluster has received around 1,269 m³ of cargo in common storage on behalf of eight partners, transported by road over 20 mt of cargo on behalf of two partners, and transported by sea around 433 mt of relief commodities on behalf of four partners.
- Through its different activities, the Logistics Cluster supported 27 partners in August.

Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC)

- The ETC upgraded the VSAT satellite bandwidth at the WFP-hosted UN site in response to humanitarian operations scale-up in Al Makha district, Ta'iz governorate. Additionally, the ETC provided technical support to stabilize the Internet service in the Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) in Socotra governorate.

Bilateral Service Provision (BSP)

- In August, BSP delivered around five million litres of fuel to WHO and UNICEF to support the uninterrupted services of hospitals and local water and sanitation services. Additionally, BSP continued to extend its support to partners by shipping over 3,600 m³ of medical supplies by sea on behalf of UN agencies. Around 175,600 litres of fuel were delivered to INGOs and UN facilities.

Resourcing Update

- WFP urgently needs an additional USD 589.7 million to ensure operations can continue unimpeded over the next six months:

Activity	Funding requirement
General Food Assistance	456.5 million
Nutrition	77.2 million
School Feeding	25.8 million
Livelihoods	17.1 million
UNHAS	11.5 million
Logistics Cluster	1.5 million
Emergency Telecommunications Cluster	0.03 million

WFP Yemen 2019-2021 Interim Country Strategic Plan (ICSP)

	Total Requirements (in US\$)	Total Received	6-Month Net Funding Requirements (Sep 2021 – Feb 2022)	People Assisted (August 2021)	Female	Male
ICSP TOTAL¹ (2019 –2021)	6.73 b	4.24 b	589.7 m	9,327,089	4,581,466	4,745,623
General Food Assistance²				8,887,165 ²	4,365,375	4,521,790
School Meals				-	-	-
Livelihoods				100,000	49,120	50,880
Nutrition (Prevention)³				1,253,820	897,361	356,459
Nutrition (Treatment)³				344,610	295,849	48,761

¹ The total number of people assisted per month implies an almost complete overlap between all activities. ² Note that August distributions are still ongoing at the time of writing – figures as of 15 September. ³ Nutrition Prevention and Treatment figures are based on dispatches.

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