In Numbers

11.3 m people assisted
in May 2019

116,239.5 mt of general food assistance
discharged

US 21.7 m cash-based and commodity transfers
made

US$ 640.6 m six months (June - November 2019)
et funding requirements

Operational Updates

- On 5 May, WFP led an inter-agency mission to the
Red Sea Mills in Hudaydah via the southern corridor
and inserted a technical team to conduct
rehabilitation works to the mills and fumigate the
wheat. The mills contained some 51,000 mt of WFP
wheat, enough to feed 3.7 million people for one
month. On 17 May, the technical team successfully
finalised initial rehabilitation works and
began the
fumigation process. Due to heavy infestation
as a
result of inaccessibility, and lack of maintenance it is
expected to take several weeks.

- On 14 May, the United Nations confirmed that the
unilateral redeployment of Ansar Allah (Houthi)
forces from the three key ports of Hudaydah has
been undertaken 'partly as agreed' by the parties to
the conflict.

- On 15 May, the UN Security Council discussed
the
situation in Yemen. The Under-Secretary-General
for Humanitarian Affairs stated that the number of
suspected cases of cholera in 2019 has increa
sed to
300,000, with numbers starting to decrease in
recent weeks.

- On 20 May, WFP Executive Director David Beasley
released a statement emphasizing the impediments
that WFP has been facing in Yemen, including lack
of access approvals, interference from the local
authorities, and
stalling of the independent
selection of beneficiaries via a biometric
registration system. Unless progress is made, WFP
has informed the authorities it would have no
choice but to implement a phased suspension of
aid until it can properly identify and target its
intended beneficiaries.

- On 25 May, WFP was able to access the besieged
area of Dhuraimi city in Hudaydah, which has seen
intense and prolonged bouts of conflict and
insecurity. A total of 150 families received a two-
month general food assistance (GFA) ration, 6,000 1
litre bottles of water, and 300 dignity and hygiene
kits from UNICEF and UNFPA.

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Photo Caption: A student is happy to receive the date bar provided
by WFP in Bilad Al-Ross, Sana'a governorate. WFP/Fares Khoailed
**WFP Country Strategy**

**Interim Country Strategic Plan (2019-2020)**

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* According to ICSP budget revision, which incorporates the needs to scale-up operations to reach up to 12 million people monthly.

**Strategic Result 1**: Everyone has access to food

**Strategic Outcome 1**: Food insecure people affected by crises across Yemen have access to life-saving, safe and nutritious food all year.

**Focus area**: Crisis response

**Activities**:
- Provide life-saving food assistance to severely food-insecure households (URT: Unconditional resource transfers to support access to food).

**Strategic Result 2**: No one suffers from malnutrition

**Strategic Outcome 2**: People at risk of malnutrition, especially pregnant and lactating women and girls and children under 5 years old, have reduced levels of malnutrition by 2020.

**Focus area**: Crisis response

**Activities**:
- Provide nutrition assistance to treat and prevent malnutrition.
- Provide conditional cash assistance to support access to nutrition and health services.

**Strategic Result 1**: Everyone has access to food.

**Strategic Outcome 3**: Vulnerable households across Yemen have access to equitable social safety nets and basic services during and in the aftermath of crises.

**Focus area**: Resilience Building

**Activities**:
- Provide school meals. WFP will provide school meals to increase the food intake and school attendance of primary school-age children.
- Support community infrastructure rehabilitation and livelihoods through food assistance for assets.

**Strategic Result 8**: Sharing of knowledge, expertise and technology, strengthen global partnership support to country efforts to achieve the SDGs

**Strategic Outcome 4**: International and national partners are supported in their efforts to assist people in Yemen and preserve critical services.

**Focus area**: Crisis Response

**Activities**:
- Provide humanitarian air services through UNHAS. UNHAS provides safe and reliable air transport services and standby capacity for the evacuation of humanitarian staff if required.
- Logistics Cluster.
- Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC).
- Bilateral service provision.

**Monitoring**

- In May 2019, WFP and third-party monitoring (TPM) companies conducted 117 monitoring visits in 17 governorates. The monitored activities included in-kind GFA, commodity vouchers, cash-based transfers (CBT), MAM prevention and treatment programmes, school meals and livelihood activities. WFP’s in-house call centres conducted 3,940 calls to beneficiaries to verify receipt of assistance.

**Funding and Pipeline update**

- WFP’s operational needs for 2019 stand at USD 2.4 billion. Based on the Interim Country Strategic Plan (ICSP), WFP urgently needs an additional USD 640.6 million to ensure operations can continue unimpeded over the next six months.
- Pipeline breaks are anticipated for nutrition interventions in July and in-kind food distributions in August due to the late arrival of commodities. In-kind will again be covered for the period September-October. WFP’s cash-based transfer modality pipeline will be breaking in July. Given the long lead-times to bring food into the country, WFP urgently needs funds to ensure that operations can continue uninterrupted until December 2019.

**Challenges**

- WFP is experiencing delays in deliveries, as WFP trucks are delayed at de-facto authorities’ custom and security checkpoints across several governorates. Whilst the detention of trucks is not unusual in Yemen, it has a significant impact on WFP’s operations and programme implementation, leading to additional costs. WFP is liaising with the authorities for the expedited release of all trucks. Throughout May, the situation of the 160 previously detained trucks at Ibb customs has seen some progress. As of end of May, six trucks remain detained.
- During the Security Council of 15 May, Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs Mark Lowcock stressed the ongoing access concerns, especially in Ansar Allah (Houthi) controlled areas, and highlighted the worrying funding situation – with the 2019 Humanitarian Response Plan only 20 percent funded as of 15 May, calling on donors to fully disburse the pledges they made in Geneva in February.

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