Yemen has historically been dependent on commercial imports of food, fuel and medicines. All ports must remain open to meet Yemen’s import requirements. Hudaydah and Saleef are in geographic proximity to over 70 per cent of people in need of humanitarian assistance.

This tracker monitors commercial imports to Hudaydah and Saleef ports via the United Nations Verification and Inspection Mechanism (UNVIM) and prices of food and fuel. The map below illustrates the final stages vessels progress through before reaching the port of destination.

Includes grains, flour, sugar and other edible goods
Includes all types of oil derivatives, gas, diesel, cooking gas, and coal etc
Includes containerized cargo ie timber, general goods, can include mixed humanitarian/commercial cargo

AUGUST UNVIM IMPORTS

NR - MONTHLY NATIONAL REQUIREMENTS
BB - PRE-BLOCKADE AVG
July 2016 - Oct 2017
AB - POST-BLOCKADE AVG
Nov 2017 - Aug 2018

350,000 MT
335,185 MT
263,880 MT

544,000 MT
156,235 MT
125,050 MT

CLEARANCE REQUEST AVERAGES
PRE-BLOCKADE 40
POST-BLOCKADE 26
DECLINE

FOOD IMPORTS

FOOD PRICES COMPARED TO PRE-CRISIS

Source: WFP

On 17 January 2018, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia announced a deposit of US$2 billion in the Central Bank of Yemen.

Source: UNVIM

PERCENTAGE OF NATIONAL REQUIREMENTS PRE-BLOCKADE VS POST-BLOCKADE

FUEL AB 23% BB 29% NR
FOOD AB 75% BB 96% NR

PERCENTAGE OF NEEDS MET

FUEL IMPORTS

FOOD IMPORTS

YER/USD EXCHANGE RATE (SANA’A)

Source: UNVIM
Overall imports: In August 2018, commercial food and fuel imports via UNVIM increased 20% and 17% from July import levels, respectively. Only one containerized cargo vessel arrived at Hudaydah since December 2017. Since November, there has been a 43% decrease in vessels (20) are berthing at Hudaydah and Saleef on average, compared to pre-blockade average (35).