Fuel imports fell by nearly 50 per cent in the third quarter of this year, dropping in September to the third-lowest level recorded since the start of the conflict. On 4 June, the Government of Yemen (GoY) suspended permits for fuel vessels to enter Hudaydah due to a dispute with the de-facto Houthi authorities over import revenues. From that date until 30 September, GoY cleared 13 vessels to enter on an exceptional basis. As of 30 September, 20 vessels carrying 510,000 MT of fuel were waiting clearance to enter Hudaydah.

Food imports for the third quarter of 2020 reached over 1 million metric tons, which represents a 33 per cent increase from imports in the second quarter of 2020. Commercial food import levels have continually fluctuated above the estimated national food requirement level since June. In August, food import levels reached 129 per cent of estimated national requirements – the second highest level of imports since UNVIM began tracking.

Fuel prices rose significantly in the third quarter of 2020, increasing by 41 per cent compared to the second quarter, when prices were relatively stable. The increase in prices in the third quarter reflects fuel shortages in the north as a result of an ongoing dispute between the parties on import revenue. Prices are nearly three times as high as the pre-conflict average.
Commerical Import Volumes via UNVIM-monitored Red Sea Ports (Hudaydah and Saleef) in Metric Tons
July 2016-September 2020

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