



WFP Yemen Country Brief

WFP Assistance

Emergency Food Assistance to the Food Insecure and Conflict-Affected People in Yemen EMOP 200890 (Oct 2015 – Dec 2016)	Total Requirements (in USD)	Total Received (in USD)	6 Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)*
	743.9 m	450.7 m (61%)	227.5 m (62%)

*July – December 2016

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In October 2015, WFP Yemen launched an emergency operation (EMOP), aiming to assist more than 3 million food insecure and conflict-affected Yemenis per month through a combination of food distribution, commodity vouchers under its Commodity Vouchers through Traders Network (CV-TN) programme, nutrition interventions to treat and prevent moderate acute malnutrition (MAM) in children and pregnant and nursing women, and food assistance to refugees and vulnerable economic migrants from the Horn of Africa. As of June 2016, WFP is implementing food distributions in 20 of Yemen’s 22 governorates, and is gradually expanding CV-TN in some of Yemen’s most highly populated governorates.

WFP continues to scale up its assistance in response to the enormous scale and severity of food needs in Yemen caused by over a year of conflict. For food assistance, WFP prioritises populations in Yemen’s ten governorates classified by the June 2016 Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) analysis as being under “Emergency” (Phase 4), as well as all areas hosting high concentrations of Yemen’s 2.8 million internally displaced persons. Since its launch in February 2016, WFP has been expanding the CV-TN programme to cover Sana’a city and Aden and Taizz governorates, and plans to reach 1 million people nationwide through commodity vouchers by the end of 2016. WFP mainstreams gender in its assistance activities by targeting a higher proportion of women and girls and by prioritising women and girls who attend food distributions.

In its role as lead agency of the Logistics Cluster and Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC), WFP

Main Credit: WFP Yemen

Photo Caption: U.S. food contributions are offloaded at the port of Hudaydah, Yemen

Highlights

- In June 2016, WFP exceeded the monthly targets for both food assistance and Commodity Vouchers distributions through Traders’ Network (CV-TN) programmes. WFP reached 3.6 million people with food assistance (of which 49 percent were women and girls) and 609,258 with commodity vouchers (50 percent women and girls). Due to resourcing constraints, WFP continues to distribute a reduced entitlement amounting to 75 percent of its full individual entitlement.
- In June, WFP managed to reach Al Qahira area of Taizz city for the first time assisting 55,700 people with commodity vouchers at three distribution sites. This is a significant achievement as Al Qahira continues to be one of the most conflict-affected and hardest-to-reach districts in Yemen.

facilitates the delivery of vital services to the humanitarian community in Yemen. Since April 2015, the Logistics Cluster has imported over 4 million litres of fuel into Yemen for humanitarian operations, and in 2016 alone provided almost 700,000 litres of fuel to 28 organisations. In May 2016, the Logistics Cluster started a weekly sea transport service between Djibouti and Aden for humanitarian passengers and cargo.

Through crucial installations of communications equipment, the ETC has enabled the expansion of an inter-agency presence in Ibb and Sa’ada governorates.

WFP acts as co-lead (with FAO) of the Food Security and Agriculture Cluster. As part of its long-term strategy to progressively return to relief and development operations in Yemen, WFP is working with the Government of Yemen, the European Union, UNDP, FAO and the International Labour Organisation to roll out a programme aimed at strengthening the resilience of vulnerable rural communities throughout 2016.

WFP is custodian of the United Nations Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS). So far in 2016, UNHAS has transported 2,978 passengers and almost 3,700 kg of light cargo from 15 UN agencies and 34 international NGOs. In addition to its flights between Sana’a and Djibouti, in March UNHAS resumed a weekly return flight between Sana’a and Amman to facilitate movement by the humanitarian community and donors between Yemen and hubs in Amman.

In Numbers

14.1 m food insecure people

7 million severely food insecure people

2.8 million Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs)

3.6 million
People Assisted with
food distributions
June 2016



June 2016

Operational Updates

- According to the June 2016 IPC analysis, nine governorates remain under “Emergency” (Phase 4) (al Dhale’e, Lahj, Taizz, Abyan, Sa’ada, Hajjah, Hudaydah, Al Bayda and Shabwah). The number of governorates under Crisis (Phase 3) remains at ten, with Aden moving from Phase 4 to Phase 3. However, the total population living in Phase 3 and phase 4 governorates increased by almost ten percent compared to June 2015.
- In June, WFP surpassed its food assistance target of 3 million people, reaching 3.6 million people in 19 governorates, although with a reduced 75 percent individual entitlement due to resourcing constraints. WFP exceeded its target in June partly due to the distribution of carried-over stock from May, which was in turn caused by the late of arrival of food commodities at Aden port.
- In June, WFP surpassed its Commodity Vouchers through Traders’ Network (CV-TN) target of 561,010 people, assisting 609,258 people in Sana’a, Aden and Taizz. WFP managed to reach the Al Qahira area of Taizz city through CV-TN for the first time reaching 55,700 people.
- In the second quarter of 2016 (April-June), 20,203 people were admitted into WFP’s three nutrition treatment programmes, of which 61 percent were reported recovered. In the same quarter, 18,121 people were phased out from the programme.

Challenges

- WFP Yemen urgently needs additional funds to support its food assistance programme beyond October 2016 and its commodity voucher programme beyond August. Given lead times of up to 4.5 months, immediate funding is needed to ensure the timely conversion of contributions into food assistance. Due to limited resources, WFP currently distributes a reduced daily food entitlement of 1,540 kcal per person, per day (75 percent of its full 2,160 kcal entitlement).
- WFP is closely monitoring the escalation of military activity in several governorates to ensure dispatches of food are minimally affected. Marib governorate remains inaccessible as Yemeni authorities continue to deny security clearances for WFP convoys. In addition, access to Taizz governorate, including the “enclave” of Taizz city, remains highly restricted, while fighting in Al Jawf, Hajjah, Al Bayda, Shabwah, Ibb and Lahj are affecting WFP’s ability to consistently reach these areas.
- WFP continues to seek clearance from the Yemeni authorities to conduct the Emergency Food Security and Nutrition Assessment (EFSNA). The EFSNA remains suspended since early 2016 due to the clearance from Yemeni authorities.

Country Background & Strategy



Yemen is a, food deficit, least developed country, ranked as the 10th most food insecure country in the world.. As a direct result of volatile food, fuel and financial markets, currently 44 percent of the population is estimated to be living in poverty. Limited access to food is compounded by a number of factors, including the effects of low incomes, large family sizes, high unemployment, limited education, gender disparities, inefficient and poorly integrated food markets, limited water and sanitation, khat consumption and geographic isolation.

Yemen’s population of 26 million has an annual growth rate of three percent. For several years, Yemen has consecutively ranked highest in the world on the Global Gender Gap Index. Infant and under five mortality rates are estimated at 76 and 102 per 1,000 births respectively.

WFP aims to save lives and protect livelihoods in emergencies, and specifically increase food consumption through the scale-up of life-saving emergency food assistance (particularly in IPC Phase 4 areas), as well as expand coverage of nutrition interventions to prevent and treat moderate acute malnutrition (MAM).

WFP has been present in Yemen since 1967.

Population: **26 million**

2015 Human Development Index: **168 of 188**

Income Level: **Low**

Chronic malnutrition: **30% of children between 6-59 months**

Donors

EMOP 200890: Canada, Denmark, European Commission, Finland, Germany, Japan, Rep. of Korea, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Norway, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Switzerland, UK, UN CERF, USA, UN Common Funds and Agencies

Logistics Cluster and ETC: Canada, Norway, Saudi Arabia, USA, UN CERF, UN Common Funds and Agencies

UNHAS: Spain, United Kingdom, USA, UN CERF, UN Common Funds and Agencies

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