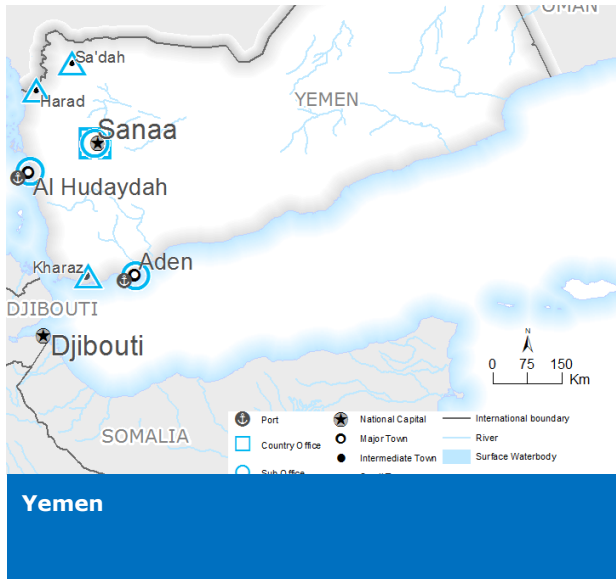


# Yemen



## In numbers



- 25.9 million** population
- 41%** food insecure
- 19%** severely food insecure
- 12.7%** children under five wasted
- 41%** children under five stunted

### Funding (received contributions):

- PRRO 200636:** USD 185 million
- PRRO 200305:** USD 11.5 million
- SO 200798:** USD 992,000

### Requirements for March-December 2015:

- PRRO 200636:** USD 137 million
- PRRO 200305:** USD 1.2 million
- SO 200798:** USD 1.3 million

## Highlights

- Despite operational and security difficulties, WFP and its partners distributed food assistance last week to nearly 30,000 in Mazraq camps for internally displaced people and Kharaz camp for refugees.
- All UN international staff has been temporarily evacuated from Yemen. As of April, WFP Yemen operates with international staff in Amman and national staff in Yemen ensuring the continuity of all its activities in the country.
- WFP continues to hold consultations with its international and national partners to prepare emergency response to new displacements.

## Situation Update

- As the intense fighting in the south of the country and airstrikes by Saudi-led coalition continue, humanitarian situation is rapidly deteriorating with the number of the displaced population increasing and fuel and food shortages exacerbating every day.
- The 2014 Comprehensive Food Security Survey identified 10.6 million food insecure people or 41 per cent of the population struggling to meet their basic food needs. Given the ongoing conflict, WFP estimates that this number is set to increase by 1.5 million people.
- The conflict led to acute fuel shortages which in its turn affects food prices. The increase in food prices by 10-35 percent has been registered in several governorates affected by the violence.

## WFP Response

- In March, WFP maintained its assistance to conflict-affected populations, such as internally displaced persons (IDPs) and returnees, refugees, poorest households, stranded migrants.
- In March, WFP launched an onsite school feeding that will provide 225,323 children in primary and secondary schools with fortified date bars on a daily basis until the end of the current school year. The dispatches for this activity have been ongoing.
- By 30 March, WFP's partner Yemen Post Office completed most of the cash distributions in Ibb, Taiz, Mareb, Dhamar, Sana'a, Hudaydah and Lahj. Due to insecurity, some districts in Lahj are inaccessible. Yemen Post Office is looking for alternative ways to reach beneficiaries.

- Under its operation for refugees, the rations for April and May were distributed to 16,000 refugees in the Kharaz camp.



**Food Assistance**

- In March, WFP completed the last food distributions for the IDPs and returnees in Abyan, Sana'a, Amran and Hajjah (except for Al Mazraq camps I and III). The beneficiaries received a two-month returnee package.
- WFP last week distributed enough food for two months to 8,000 people in Hajjah governorate's Mazraq I camp that houses families displaced since 2009. The camp was hit by violence, leaving families dispersed in the area.
- Distributions are underway this week for 5,000 displaced in Mazraq III camp.
- The next cycle of distributions under safety nets for 2.85 million people will be in May, as this activity is implemented during the lean season (May - October period). Ahead of the start of this activity, the partners noted that productive safety nets (food/cash for work and assets) are unlikely to be carried out in the highly insecure areas. Given the access constrains, the geographical coverage by safety net activity might change and the emergency intervention will be introduced where productive safety net cannot be implemented.



**Logistics**

Currently WFP Yemen has 37,858 mt of food in the country: 19,089 mt Hudaydah, 13,001 mt in Sana'a and 3,829 in Aden. The rest is in Haradh and Kharaz (some 1,289 mt and 648 mt respectively).

This quantity should be enough to cover the needs of the current beneficiaries for a few months. However, the rapidly increasing humanitarian needs calls for more assistance to be provided. Given this, the existing stocks are set to be depleted within the coming weeks.

The port of Hudaydah continues to be operational. New consignments of food are currently in high seas.

The port of Aden is not functional and no activity is taking place there.

**Clusters**



**Logistics Cluster**

UNHAS arranged flights for the evacuation of almost 400 staff from the United Nations agencies, INGOs, the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund, the private sector and foreign embassies.



**Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC)**

- Preparations are being made for the activation of the Emergency Telecommunications Cluster. The escalation of the conflict highlighted the need to set up the cluster in order to avoid any disruption in connectivity.

**Partnerships**



During the meeting with partners in Yemen discussions were held in preparation for the start of safety net activities in May. The cooperating partners confirmed their ability to proceed with the implementation of the projects.

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**Resourcing Update**



- **Donor alert:** funds are urgently required to ensure response to the increased humanitarian needs, in particular to provide critical assistance to the displaced populations.
- Thanks to the most recent contribution from Canada of USD 5.5 million, WFP will be able to mitigate shortfalls for cash transfers in May and June.



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WFP operations							
	Project Duration	Planned number of people	Total requirements (in USD)	Total received (in USD)	Shortfall (%)	People Assisted	
						January 2015	February 2015
PRRO 200636	Jul 14– June 16	6 000 000	490 412 832	185,726,982	62	759 440	713 998
PRRO 200305	Jan 13– Dec 15	153 800	14 208 665	11,551,338	19	35 744	32 814
SO 200798	Jan 15– Dec 15	0	2 267 379	992,960	57	0	0