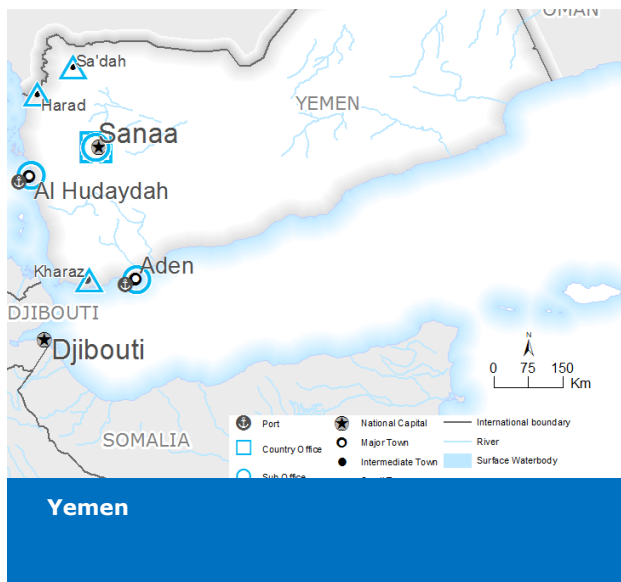




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YEMEN: Responding to the Humanitarian Crisis in Yemen



Highlights

- WFP's Executive Director, Ertharin Cousin, visited Yemen from 16-18 August. She visited Sana'a, Aden and Amran to meet with authorities, WFP staff, partner NGOs and WFP beneficiaries.
- In July, over 1,020,020 people received almost 11,000 mt of emergency food assistance in eight governorates. In August so far, WFP has reached 712,714 people in seven governorates with 6,800 mt of emergency food assistance.
- WFP and its partners began food distributions to around 340,000 people in the eight worst affected districts of Aden during the last week of July.

Situation Update

- There are still very high levels of insecurity as heavy ground fighting moves from Aden north into neighboring governorates. Pro-government forces took control of Aden on 18 July and Abyan (12 August) and Shabwa (15 August) governorates. They presently also control Lahj and Ad-Dhalee.
- Coalition airstrikes hit Hodeidah port, a major WFP supply hub controlled by Houthi authorities, on 18 August. The airstrikes damaged warehouses and cranes, and the impact to WFP operations is being assessed.
- A five-day ceasefire proposed by the Saudi-led Coalition collapsed within 24 hours of starting on 26 July.
- The Under Secretary-General (USG) and Emergency Relief Coordinator, Stephen O'Brien, visited Yemen between 11-13 August. He emphasized the staggering humanitarian needs in Yemen and called on all parties to reach a durable political solution. USG O'Brien's visit follows the visit of the UN Humanitarian Coordinator for Yemen to Aden on 26 July and Sa'ada on 5-6 August.

In numbers



25.9 million population

6.1 million people severely food insecure

3.4 million people reached with WFP's emergency food assistance

1,267,590 newly internally displaced persons (OCHA)

12,534 Yemeni refugees in Djibouti and Somalia (IOM)

Funding Requirements for Emergency Response:

PRRO 200636 (August-October):
USD 102 million

SO 200841 (Logistics and ETC):
USD 20.5 million

SO 200845 (UNHAS):
USD 7.3 million

WFP Response

- Following the reopening of Aden port on 18 July, three WFP-chartered vessels carrying emergency food assistance for 400,000 people for one month docked in Aden the week of 22 July.
- Although shipping into Yemen is slowly increasing following the regaining of direct access to Aden, road routes connecting Aden and the rest of the country remained blocked, affecting distributions to southern governorates.

- WFP will continue to scale up its emergency response. Under a new Emergency Operation that will start in September, WFP will work with cooperating partners to provide food assistance to 4 million beneficiaries by February 2016.

Food Assistance

- In July, over 1,020,000 people received almost 11,000 mt of emergency food assistance in Aden, Lahj, Hajjah, Hodeidah, Taiz, Amran, Sana'a and Sa'ada, representing 102 percent achieved against the July target of 1 million beneficiaries. Of these, 504,000 were women/girls and 194,000 children under the age of five.
- In August so far, over 712,714 people have received over 6,800 mt of emergency food assistance in Aden, Ad-Dhalee, Hodeidah, Taiz, Amran, Sana'a and Sa'ada (36 percent achieved against the August target of 2 million beneficiaries). Of these, 336,000 were women/girls and 136,000 children under the age of five.
- Since 15 April, WFP has assisted 3.6 million food-insecure and conflict-affected Yemenis through the distribution of almost 43,000 mt of food assistance in 13 governorates (Abyan, Aden, Ad-Dhalee, Al Mahwit, Amran, Dhamar, Hajjah, Hodeidah, Lahj, Sana'a, Sa'ada, Shabwa and Taiz) through communities and schools. Of this 3.6 million, 1.7 million were women/girls and 684,000 were children under the age of five.

Logistics

- August dispatches have so far totalled 5,700 mt which will cover emergency food needs for around 339,000 food-insecure people in the six worst-affected governorates.
- The WFP-chartered MV Copenhagen, transporting half a million litres of fuel, docked in Aden on 22 July. It was the first fuel vessel to reach Aden since the escalation of the conflict in March.
- WFP requires 1 million litres of fuel each month for its operations in Yemen. Overall operational needs are estimated at around 5 million litres per month. To date, WFP-chartered ships have transported more than 2 million litres of fuel to Yemen.
- **UNHAS:** Since mid-April, UNHAS has transported 650 passengers from 36 organisations, and almost 4.4 mt of light cargo between Djibouti and Sana'a.

Clusters

Logistics Cluster

- The dedicated Logistics Cluster vessel, the MV Drive Mahone, completed its discharge of 250,000 litres of fuel and inter-agency cargo in Hodeidah on 3 August, and is currently in Djibouti awaiting security clearance to proceed to Hodeidah.

Food Security and Agriculture Cluster

- WFP continues to work towards streamlining strategies with relevant agencies in the Food Security Cluster forum, which it co-leads with the Food and Agriculture Organization.

Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC)

- ETC has installed an inter-agency radio room in Hodeidah to provide security communications for the humanitarian community.
- Obtaining clearance to import telecommunications equipment remains the greatest challenge to the implementation of ETC activities in Yemen.

Partnerships

- Under the new EMOP, WFP will work with 14 partners to cover 4 million severely food insecure people each month by February 2016.

Resourcing Update

- The Memorandum of Understanding with the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia is currently under negotiation for the allocation of USD 142.8 million under the Flash Appeal.
- The EMOP due to start in September is expected to cost USD 320 million for 6 months.

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WFP Operations in Yemen							
	Project Duration	Planned number of people	Total requirements (in USD)	Total received (in USD)	Shortfall (%)	People Assisted in 15 April to 25 August	
						Targeted	Reached
PRRO 200636	Jul 14 - June 16	6,000,000	511,802,190	246,969,000	48	Emergency Response: 6,855,000	Emergency Response: 3,708,700*
						Non Emergency: 8,735,000	Non Emergency: 4,734,700
PRRO 200305	Jan 13- Dec 15	153,800	14,208,665	11,551,651	19	167,570	68,000
SO 200841**	Apr 15- Dec 15	—	20 482 060	4 330 700	79	—	—
SO 200845	May 15- Dec 15	—	7 287 530	4 015 200	45	—	—

*Among them, at least 1,779,600 women/girls and 698,700 children under 5.

**SO 200798 will be discontinued with the rollout of SO 200841 and resources under it transferred to SO 200841.