In Numbers

24.1 million people in need of humanitarian assistance*
3.65 million people internally displaced
20.1 million people are food insecure

*According to the 2019 Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP)

12.3 million people assisted
October 2019

Highlights

- WFP provided general food assistance to 12.3 million Yemeni people in October.
- The fuel situation remained of major concern in October.
- WFP requires USD 655 million to continue operations unimpeded over the next six months (December 2019 – May 2020).

Situation Update (including security)

- Throughout October, the fuel situation remained of major concern. In October, the Internationally Recognized Government of Yemen (IRG) began to strictly enforce the new fuel regulations. As a result, commercial vessels carrying fuel have been blocked from entering Hudaydah port by the Saudi-led Coalition (SLC). On October 23, an agreement was reached over the payment of fuel tariffs by both sides. Towards the end of October, the fuel situation has seen a slight improvement as seven vessels were granted entry to Hudaydah port. As of 31 October, six vessels carrying around 143,000 mt of fuel remain in the Coalition’s holding area.

- In October, a trial to transport 700 mt of WFP wheat from the Red Sea Mills in Hudaydah governorate has been conducted successfully. The mills originally housed some 51,000 mt of WFP wheat, enough to feed 3.7 million people for one month.

- Under the September distributions, WFP assisted 12.22 million people, achieving 95 percent of the monthly target. The amount of people assisted via cash assistance is the highest yet with over 450,000 people reached in three governorates in the South.

- In October, WFP reached the hard-to-reach area of Durayhimi City in Hudaydah, providing assistance to some 200 civilians. WFP provided immediate response rations and general food assistance alongside dignity and hygiene kits, water and medical supplies and nutritious products for the population. This is the second time WFP has reached this population in 2019.

- WHO reports that over 748,500 suspected cholera cases and 980 associated deaths have been reported in Yemen so far in 2019. WFP's Bilateral Service Provision (BSP) has delivered fuel to 181 health facilities on behalf of WHO and 48 water treatment facilities on behalf of UNICEF. BSP is also delivering Oral Rehydration Salt (ORS) kits consisting of a 4-
WFP Response

- During the October cycle, WFP delivered food assistance to a total of 12.3 million people in 22 governorates. Of these, 9.2 million people received in-kind food assistance, 2.7 million people received commodity vouchers and 469,895 people received cash-based transfers.
- In response to the increased fighting and large-scale population displacement in Hudaydah governorate last year, the UN established a Rapid Response Mechanism (RRM) in June 2018 to assist newly-displaced persons and ensure their most immediate needs are met. Displaced families are provided with WFP Immediate Response Rations (IRR) sufficient for five days. In October, WFP distributed 9,182 IRR kits through UNFPA and its cooperating partners.
- Preparations for registration in the northern governorates are ongoing to register 1.3 million households. In the southern governorates, preparations are ongoing with the service provider to start the biometric registration of additional 600,000 people. A total of 730,000 people has been registered so far.

Livelihood and Resilience Projects

- In October, WFP assisted 116,991 beneficiaries through 16,713 participants a 37 percent increase compared to the September cycle. Food assistance for training (FFT) activities commenced in seven districts of Al Mahweet, Lahj and Ibb governorates. 700 participants were targeted in literacy and numeracy skills, as well as sewing activities. Livelihood activities expanded in October to include three new governorates; Aden, Al Dhalea and Abyan, and thus covering nine governorates in total.

School Feeding Programme

- Under the October cycle, WFP dispatched a total quantity of 1,170.7 mt of school snacks (date bars in the northern governorates and high-energy biscuits in the southern governorates) for 605,833 students.

Nutrition Assistance

- During October, WFP reached 103,718 children aged 6 to 59 months and 143,624 pregnant and lactating women and girls (PLWG) with its Targeted Supplementary Feeding Programme (TSFP) to treat moderate acute malnutrition (MAM). For MAM prevention, WFP reached 235,740 children aged 6 to 23 months and 190,353 PLW with its Blanket Supplementary Feeding Programme (BSFP).

Supply Chain

- Under the October distribution cycle, WFP dispatched 119,510 mt of commodities under the general food assistance programme, representing 100 percent of the planned dispatch target.
- The shipping operations have managed to bring over 106,000 mt of bulk/break bulk of wheat and over 544 containers into the country in October.

Clusters and Common Services

Food Security and Agriculture Cluster (FSAC)

- The FSAC has prepared and submitted its defence dossier for the Humanitarian Fund (YHF), the Second Standard Allocation according to the 2019 Yemen Humanitarian Response Plan (YHRP), and cluster priorities and existing gaps.

Logistics Cluster

- In October, the Logistics Cluster facilitated the inland transport of 71 mt of relief items on behalf of six partners to nice different locations. Humanitarian cargo of 59 mt was transported by air between Djibouti and Sana’a on behalf of two partners. The Logistics Cluster also transported 39 mt of humanitarian cargo via sea between Djibouti and Aden on behalf of ten partners.
- 55,529 litres of fuel (petrol and diesel) were distributed from WFP-managed distribution points around Sana’a, Aden and Bajil, to 14 partners.
- The Logistics Cluster continues to closely coordinate with partners for the organization of an ad-hoc shipment between Aden and Hudaydah, in order to ease the congestion in the sea port of Aden.

Resourcing Update

- Based on the ICSP, WFP urgently needs an additional USD 655 million to ensure operations can continue unimpeded over the next six months.
- WFP is expecting a series of pipeline breaks for a number of programmes; shortfalls of 61 percent for CVTN begin in December, with 100 percent breaks for CBT anticipated in November. Nutrition interventions are anticipated to break in December. The school feeding programme is covered till February 2020. Under the general food assistance, shortfalls for beans is expected in December whilst shortfalls for the wheat commodity are expected in February 2020. The cash assistance under the food for assets activity is covered until December, with shortfalls to start from January 2020. Funds for the Logistics cluster, the Emergency Telecommunication Cluster (ETC) and UN Humanitarian Air Services (UNHAS) are secured until April 2020.
WFP Interim Country Strategic Plan

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* The total beneficiary figure includes beneficiaries of all activities as there is almost a complete overlap between activities.
**Nutrition Prevention and Treatment figures are based on dispatches.

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