



WFP Yemen Situation Report #03

March 2020

In Numbers

24.1 million people in need of humanitarian assistance*

3.65 million people internally displaced

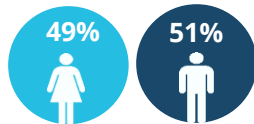
20.1 million people are food insecure

*According to the 2019 Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP)

Highlights

- WFP provided general food assistance to 12.8 million Yemeni people so far under the March distributions.
- WFP has activated an alternate work arrangement in all offices as a precautionary measure against Coronavirus disease (COVID-19).
- WFP requires USD 535 million to continue operations unimpeded over the next six months (May 2020 – October 2020).

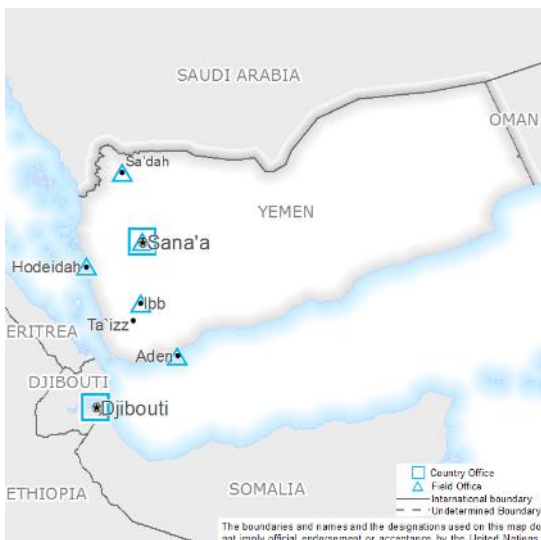
12.8 million people assisted
March 2020



Yemen Humanitarian Response Plan Needs	Overall: USD 4.2 billion
	WFP: USD 2.3 billion
WFP Net Funding Requirements (May 2020 – October 2020)	
Interim Country Strategic Plan (ICSP)	USD 535 million

Situation Update (including security)

- WFP has activated an alternate work arrangement in all WFP offices in Yemen as a precautionary measure against COVID-19 with exceptions necessary for operational continuity.
- To limit exposure to COVID-19, Sana'a airport was closed on 14 March. Airports and land entry points under the control of the Internationally Recognized Government of Yemen (IRG) were closed on 18 March, with the exception of flights for humanitarian purposes. Amman and Djibouti airports, key air hubs for WFP in Yemen, were closed on 17 and 18 March respectively.
- **Flooding** on 25 and 26 March in southern governorates affected more than 4,625 families in 60 IDP sites in Aden, Lahj, Abyan, Hadramout, Al Maharah, Al Dhalea, and Taiz governorates. The priority needs observed during rapid assessments are for food, dewatering and desludging, tents, non-food items and plastic sheeting.
- Due to the military escalation in Al Jawf governorate, new waves of displaced civilians arrived to Mareb governorate in March. The Rapid Response Mechanisms (RRM) was activated to provide life-saving assistance to the newly displaced households. In March 2020, WFP and RRM partners provided immediate food assistance package to 10,421 families newly displaced in 18 governorates. A total of 4,867 kits were distributed in Mareb, 1,000 in Al Jawf, 888 in Sana'a, 850 in Sa'ada, and 600 in Taiz.
- The WFP training on targeting and biometric registration for the central and governorate committees started in Sana'a in March. The training is a key milestone for the exercise.
- In March, the Food Security and Livelihood Assessment refresher training courses started in Sana'a for data collection teams in the north. The field work for the assessment in the north started early March.



WFP Response

- Under the March cycle, WFP delivered food assistance to 12.8 million people in 22 governorates, out of the 13-million target. Of these, 9.6 million people received in-kind food assistance, 2.6 million people received commodity vouchers and 614,558 people received cash-based transfers.
- In response to the increased fighting and large-scale population displacement in Hudaydah governorate in 2018, 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 March, WFP distributed 10,421 RRM kits through UNFPA and its cooperating partners.
- Preparations in the northern governorates are ongoing to register 1.3 million households. In the southern governorates, over 1 million people have been biometrically registered against a target of 4 million.



Livelihood and Resilience Projects

- In March, WFP reached 178,843 beneficiaries with cash transfers for their participation in food assistance for assets (FFA) and food assistance for training (FFT) projects. Participants worked on over 300 assets, including rural road rehabilitation, water harvesting schemes and agricultural projects. Approximately 300 newly enrolled women participated in literacy, sewing, project management and marketing training courses. WFP took precautionary measures to reduce the risk of virus contagion among FFA participants by reducing the number of participants working at the same time in the same location and providing awareness information.



School Feeding Programme

- Following the early closure of schools in March, WFP has been implementing the take-home distributions to provide the students with their school feeding entitlements. These were already delivered to the schools before the spread of COVID-19 and the closure of the schools. The distributions are spread over several days to reduce crowding, and hygiene and proper distancing practices are strictly followed. In March, WFP reached 958,121 students with the take-home rations' distributions.



Nutrition Assistance

- In March, WFP reached 232,189 children aged 6 to 59 months and 202,084 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 377,464 children aged 6 to 23 months and 300,072 PLW with its Blanket

Supplementary Feeding Programme (BSFP).



Supply Chain

- Under the March distribution plan, WFP dispatched 120,127 mt of food under the general food assistance programme.
- During March, supply chain has locally procured a total of 4,522 mt of mixed food commodities to fill the March/April pipeline break.
- Shipping operations have managed to bring 90,500 mt of cereals into the country in March. Shipping also received 328 containers holding 5,824 mt of mixed commodities.

Clusters and Common Services



Food Security and Agriculture Cluster (FSAC)

- *Nothing significant to report.*



Logistics Cluster

- The logistics cluster facilitated the inland road transport of 133 mt of relief items to five different locations, across four governorates and five districts.
- 1,043 litres of fuel (petrol and diesel) were distributed from WFP-managed distribution points around Sana'a, Aden and Bajil.
- Across four locations, the logistics cluster accepted into storage 166 mt of cargo on behalf of five partners.
- WFP-charted vessel, VOS Theia, continues to be on standby in Aden.

Resourcing Update

- Based on the Interim Country Strategic Plan, WFP urgently needs an additional USD 535 million to ensure operations can continue unimpeded over the next six months as per the following:

Activity	Funding requirement in USD
General food assistance	363 million
Nutrition	57 million
Livelihoods	78 million
UNHAS	4 million
Logistics Cluster	2 million
Emergency Telecommunications Cluster	2 million

WFP Interim Country Strategic Plan

	Total Requirements (in US\$)	Allocated Contributions (in US\$)	6-Month Net Funding Requirements (in US\$) (May 2020 – Oct 2020)	People Assisted (Mar 2020)	Female	Male
ICSP TOTAL* (Jan 2019 – Dec 2020)	4.82 b	2.2 b	535 m	12,776,206	6,275,672	6,500,534
General Food Assistance				12,776,206	6,275,672	6,500,534
School Meals				958,121	468,378	489,743
Food for Assets (FFA)				178,843	87,848	90,995
Nutrition (Prevention)**				677,536	485,029	192,507
Nutrition (Treatment)**				434,273	315,857	118,416

* 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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