

WFP Yemen Situation Report #9

September 2019



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 distributed general food assistance to 12.2 million Yemeni people in September.
- All staff of WFP Aden area office resume work from the office.
- Fuel shortages in the northern governorates in the second half of September.
- WFP is facing a major funding shortfall of US\$550 million for the next six months (October 2019 – March 2020).

12.2 million people assisted
September 2019

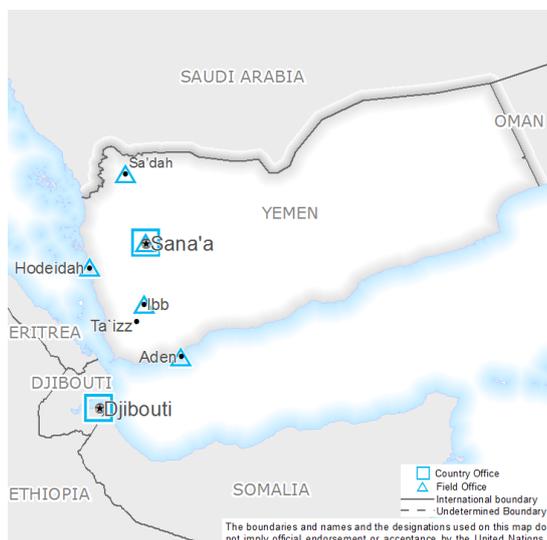


Gender and Age Marker

Global Humanitarian Funding	Overall: US\$4.2 billion
	WFP share: US\$2.3 billion
WFP Net Funding Requirements (October 2019 – March 2020)	
Interim Country Strategic Plan (ICSP)	US\$550 million

Situation Update (including security)

- Following the security unrest in the south of Yemen in August, the situation has seen improvement in September, but remains unpredictable. On 09 September, food dispatches resumed from Aden under the August distribution cycle. Early in August, an advanced rotation of international staff and a work from home modality of national staff were activated. On 22 September, all staff of WFP Aden area office resumed work from the office.
- In September, the contracting details to initiate the milling of the WFP wheat in the Red Sea Mills (RSM) was finalized. The mills originally housed some 51,000 mt of WFP wheat, enough to feed 3.7 million people for one month. As a first phase, 700 mt of milled wheat is planned to be transported to distribution sites in northern Yemen. The milling is set to start early October.
- Throughout the second half of September, fuel shortages were observed primarily in northern Yemen, where up to 13 vessels were blocked from entering Hudaydah ports. Late September, WFP logistics reported that the shortages across the country started to affect transporters' ability to deliver food. To mitigate the impact, a reallocation exercise was conducted to reassign transporters with contingency diesel stocks to ensure uninterrupted transport operations for the short-term. On 29 September, the fuel situation has seen a slight improvement as one vessel carrying 30,000 mt of fuel was granted access to Hudaydah port.
- On 01 September, the UN Special Envoy for Yemen and the UN Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator for Yemen released a joint [statement](#) addressing the casualties reported following the 01 September airstrikes that hit a detention facility in Dhamar governorate, the death toll increased to over 135, with dozens more injured.
- On 14 September, Ansar Allah [claimed](#) drone attacks on two major oil facilities run by the Saudi company Aramco in Abqaiq



and Khurais.

WFP Response

- During the September cycle, WFP delivered food assistance to a total of 12.2 million people in 21 governorates. Of these, 9.1 million people received in-kind food assistance, 2.7 million people received commodity vouchers and 452,896 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 September, WFP distributed 6,568 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, registration is ongoing in Aden, and has been completed in Lahj and Shabwa governorates. A total of 730,000 people have been registered so far.



Livelihood and Resilience Projects

- In September, WFP assisted 80,703 beneficiaries through 11,529 participants in 16 districts of Sana'a, Al Mahweet, Hudaydah, Dhamar, Ibb and Lahj governorates via its asset creation project. 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.



School Feeding Programme

- Under the September cycle, WFP dispatched a total quantity of 1,215 mt of school snacks (date bars in the northern governorates and high-energy biscuits in the southern governorates) for 673,148 students (385,696 in the North and 287,452 in the South).



Nutrition Assistance

- During September, WFP reached 63,350 children aged 6 to 59 months and 58,119 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 160,213 children aged 6 to 23 months and 166,514 PLW with its Blanket Supplementary Feeding Programme (BSFP).



Supply Chain

- Under the September distribution cycle, WFP dispatched 118,662 mt of commodities under the general food assistance programme, representing 100 percent of the 118,662 mt planned dispatch target.
- Due to the deteriorating fuel shortages in the northern governorates, WFP-contracted transporters are reportedly utilising contingency stocks and purchasing fuel from the black market. In the South, the fuel situation remains normal

and operations are proceeding unaffected.

- Preparations to ship the equipment purchased by WFP to upgrade the labs of the Yemen Standardization Metrology and Quality Control Organization (YSMO) are currently underway. The initiative aims to improve the capacity of their food analysis labs in Sana'a, Aden and Hudaydah governorates.

Clusters and Common Services



Food Security and Agriculture Cluster (FSAC)

- WFP, FAO and FSAC have finalised the preparation of the Food Security and Livelihood Assessment (FSLA) in the southern governorates.
- The FSAC has been involved in discussions with OCHA and the Inter-Cluster Coordination Mechanism (ICCM) on the Yemen Humanitarian Fund (YHF) Second Standard Allocation according to the 2019 Yemen Humanitarian Response Plan (YHRP) cluster priorities and existing gaps.



Logistics Cluster

- In September, the Logistics Cluster facilitated the inland transport of 2,414 m³ of relief items on behalf of nine partners to 14 different locations. Humanitarian cargo of 119 m³ was transported by air between Djibouti and Sana'a on behalf of three partners. The Logistics Cluster also transported 67 m³ of humanitarian cargo via sea between Djibouti and Aden on behalf of ten partners.
- A total of 72,632 litres of fuel (petrol and diesel) were distributed from WFP-managed distribution points around Sana'a, Aden and Bajil, to 16 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 US\$550 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; the commodity vouchers are covered till March 2020. The cash assistance pipeline will break in November unless resources are received. Nutrition interventions are anticipated to break in March 2020. The school feeding programme is covered till February 2020. Under the general food assistance, shortfalls for beans and salt are expected in December whilst shortfalls for the wheat and oil commodities will be covered till March 2020.

WFP Interim Country Strategic Plan

	Total Requirements (in US\$)	Allocated Contributions (in US\$)	6-Month Net Funding Requirements (in US\$) (Oct 2019 – Mar 2020)	People Assisted (Jul 2019)	Female	Male
ICSP TOTAL* (Jan 2019 – Dec 2020)	4.82 b	1.7 b	550 m	12,215,862	6,000,431	6,215,431
General Food Assistance				12,215,862	6,000,431	6,215,431
School Meals				417,351	204,022	213,329
Food for Assets (FFA)				80,703	39,641	41,062
Nutrition (Prevention)**				326,727	245,018	81,709
Nutrition (Treatment)**				121,469	89,160	32,309

* 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.

WFP would like to thank all government donors, UN funds, and private sector donors for their contributions to the Yemen ICSP 2019-2020.



Contacts

- WFP Representative and Country Director: Laurent Bukera
- Operational Information Management Yemen: Laura PHILLIPS laura.phillips@wfp.org, Tamer RASHAD tamer.rashad@wfp.org
- Food Security Cluster: Gordon DUDI gordon.dudi@fao.org
- Logistics Cluster: Christian FORTIER christian.fortier@wfp.org
- Emergency Telecommunication Cluster: Wali NOOR wali.noor@wfp.org