



WFP Yemen Situation Report #09

September 2020

In Numbers

24.3 million people in need of humanitarian assistance*

3.6 million people internally displaced

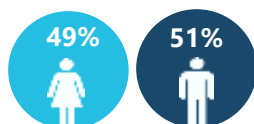
20.1 million people are food insecure

*According to the Jun-Dec Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP) extension

Highlights

- WFP targeted 8.2 million Yemeni people with general food assistance under the September distributions.
- 2,038 confirmed cumulative cases of COVID-19 were reported by the end of September.
- WFP requires USD 400 million to continue operations unimpeded over the next six months (October 2020 – March 2021).

8.2 million people targeted
September 2020



Yemen Humanitarian Response Plan Needs	Overall: USD 4.2 billion
	WFP: USD 2.3 billion
WFP Net Funding Requirements (October 2020 – March 2021)	
Interim Country Strategic Plan (ICSP)	USD 400 million

Situation Update (including security)

- As of 30 September, WHO [reported](#) 2,038 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Yemen and 588 deaths, with a case fatality rate of 29 percent. A noticeable decline in the number of reported cases was observed, but indicators suggest that the virus continued to spread. Reported cases were likely to be undercounted due to limited testing capacity, fear of stigma, and difficulties accessing treatment centres. WFP continued in September to implement an alternative work modality where the majority of the staff work from home.
- The fuel crisis in areas under the Sana'a-based authorities continued throughout September. On 09 September, all flights to Sana'a International Airport were suspended due to the fuel shortages. The UN and WFP engaged with the authorities to advocate for humanitarian flights continuation. On 28 September, the airport reopened for a UNHAS flight taking passengers in and out of Sana'a, with the airport's operational continuity under review.
- On the northern frontlines fighting between the Internationally Recognized Government of Yemen (IRG) and Sana'a-based forces continued in September, especially in Sa'dah, Al Jawf, Ad Dali', Hajjah, Al Hodeidah and Ma'rib governorates. In the south, clashes continued in Abyan governorate, with talks ongoing to implement the Riyadh Agreement.
- On 27 September, a deal was reached during the Yemen Prisoners and Detainees Committee meeting to exchange 1,081 prisoners within a two-week period. The meeting was held under the joint auspices of the Office of the UN Special Envoy for Yemen and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), as part of the phased release of all conflict-related detainees according to the Stockholm agreement in 2018. As of 30 September, implementation of the deal is still to take place.
- On 23 September, WFP Yemen [issued](#) a press release warning that the current conflict and economic collapse presents the risk of losing the gains made through humanitarian action in last years. With the underlying factors of food security having crossed 21018 crisis levels, it highlighted that over 20 million people in Yemen are food insecure, with 13 million requiring WFP food assistance to meet their daily needs.



WFP Response

- Under the September cycle, WFP targeted 8.2 million people with food assistance. Of these, 5.9 million people were targeted with in-kind food assistance, 1.6 million people with commodity vouchers and some 670,000 people with cash-based transfers.
- In response to the increased fighting and large-scale population displacement in Al Hodeidah 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 September, WFP distributed over 12,000 RRM kits to UNFPA and its cooperating partners.



Livelihood and Resilience Projects

- In September, WFP reached over 85,000 beneficiaries with cash transfers for their participation in food assistance for assets (FFA). Participants worked on over 150 assets, including rural road rehabilitation, water harvesting schemes and agricultural projects. Food for training (FFT) activities continued in Sana'a governorate where two hundred women were enrolled in a skills development and managerial training programme.



School Feeding Programme

- During September, WFP conducted preparations for the upcoming school year scheduled to start in October to assist some 740,000 students across the country. WFP plans to resume the healthy kitchen activities on 04 October to support 800 students with freshly prepared meals in Aden.
- WFP and UNICEF have been planning a coordinated 'Back to School' campaign also for the start of the school year in schools across Yemen, to sensitise students on education, nutrition and WASH.



Nutrition Assistance

- In September, WFP reached some 160,000 children aged 6 to 59 months and 126,000 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 over 351,000 children aged 6 to 23 months with its Blanket Supplementary Feeding Programme (BSFP).



Supply Chain

- Under the September distribution plan, WFP dispatched 72,800 mt of food under the general food assistance programme.
- During August, supply chain locally procured 600 mt of mixed commodities under the September and October cycles.
- Shipping operations brought 127,500 mt of cereals into the country in September. Shipping also received some 800 containers holding mt of mixed commodities and seven containers holding medicines and non-food items.

Clusters and Common Services



Food Security and Agriculture Cluster (FSAC)

- The FSAC developed a simple methodology to rank district by severity based, when possible, on the most recent IPC partial analysis for 133 districts in the southern governorates and taking into account contextual factors (conflict, locusts, floods) and mVAM data at governorate level (food consumption data).

- In light of the fuel crisis, the FSAC prepared a short paper highlighting its impact on food prices, food availability and on food distributions/operations of FSAC members.



Logistics Cluster

- The Logistics Cluster supported 17 partners in September. It facilitated the inland transport of 815 m³ of relief items to seven locations across four governorates on behalf of seven partners. The cluster received into storage 333 m³ of cargo, on behalf of five partners

Bilateral Service Provision (BSP)

- In August, BSP delivered around 1.2 million litres of fuel to WHO and 1.7 million litres to UNICEF to support the uninterrupted services of hospitals and local water and sanitation services, respectively. Also, BSP continued its support to partners with shipping of critical medical and infrastructure non-food items (NFIs) in September. 73,000 litres of diesel were delivered to NGOs and UN facilities.

Resourcing Update

- Based on the Interim Country Strategic Plan, WFP urgently needs an additional USD 400 million to ensure operations can continue unimpeded over the next six months as per the following:

Activity	Funding requirement in USD
General Food Assistance	299 million
Nutrition	35.5 million
School Feeding	20 million
Livelihoods	36 million
UNHAS	6 million
Logistics Cluster	2 million
Emergency Telecommunications Cluster	1.6 million

WFP Interim Country Strategic Plan

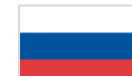
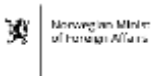
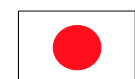
	Total Requirements (in US\$)	Allocated Contributions (in US\$)	6-Month Net Funding Requirements (in US\$) (Oct 2020 – Mar 2021)	People Assisted (August 2020)	Female	Male
ICSP TOTAL* (Jan 2019 – Dec 2020)	4.82 b	3.33 b	400 m	8,757,633	4,301,749	4,455,884
General Food Assistance**				8,757,633	4,301,749	4,455,884
School Meals				-	-	-
Food for Assets (FFA)				85,631	42,062	43,569
Nutrition (Prevention)***				351,150	172,064	179,087
Nutrition (Treatment)***				284,445	203,524	80,921

* The total beneficiary figure includes beneficiaries of all activities as there is almost a complete overlap between activities.

** General food assistance figures and ICSP total are for August. September distributions are ongoing.

***Nutrition Prevention and Treatment figures are based on dispatches.

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