



Yemen

Situation Report #20

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In Numbers

21.2 million (82 percent of population) in need of humanitarian assistance (*2016 Yemen Humanitarian Needs Overview*)

7.6 million severely food insecure (*HNO*)

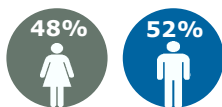
2.4 million internally displaced (*HCT Task Force on Population Movement, February 2016*)

92,500 refugee and migrant arrivals in Yemen from the Horn of Africa, Oman and Saudi Arabia in 2015 (*UNHCR*)

Highlights

- Since December 2015 and until at least May 2016, WFP is distributing individual food entitlements amounting to 75 percent of its full individual entitlements (1,542 kcal per person per day) to 3 million beneficiaries per month between March-May due to a reduced pipeline. WFP urgently needs USD 335.8 million for its life-saving operations in March-August 2016.
- WFP conducted a mission to Al Qahira district of Taizz City on 13 February. WFP Country Director Purnima Kashyap met with the Deputy Governor of Taizz governorate to highlight the mounting food needs in the city, where she oversaw the offloading of 186 mt of WFP food assistance, sufficient for 18,000 people for one month.

Beneficiaries



(for both January and February 2016 GFD distributions)

Funding Update

Requirements

EMOP 200890 USD 335.8 million

(March-August 2016)*

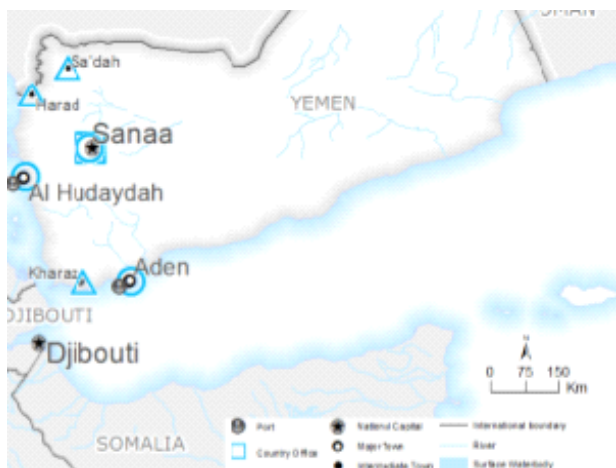
SO 200845 (UNHAS) USD 19.4 million (May 2015 - December 2016)

SO 200841 (Logistics and ETC) USD 43 million (April 2015 - December 2016)

*PRRO 200305 will merge with EMOP 200890 at the beginning of April 2016.

Situation Update

- The security situation in Yemen remains very tense. Coalition-backed pro-government forces have captured a military base in the Furdhat Nahm area of Sana'a (40 km south of Sana'a) and in neighbouring Al Jawf governorate. Clashes are ongoing in Taiz, and pro-government forces continue to clash with militants of Al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP) in Aden. There has been a rise in attacks on high-profile individuals, including an assassination attempt on the Governor of Aden and assassinations of senior governorate officials in Aden and Lahj.
- According to the seventh report of the Task Force on Population Movements, the number of internally displaced persons (IDPs) in Yemen has decreased by 79,000 people since December 2015, to 2.43 million in February 2016. Taizz governorate now hosts the largest number of IDPs (550,000), followed by Hajjah (353,000) and Sana'a (253,000). WFP continues to prioritise its food assistance in districts hosting more than 1,000 IDPs, irrespective of the general level of food insecurity of the governorate.



Yemen Emergency Response

WFP Response

- WFP introduced commodity-based vouchers in selected governorates in Yemen on 14 February. In February, WFP targeted 116,600 beneficiaries with vouchers in four districts of Sana'a city, and as of 05 March, 98,700 people had redeemed their vouchers for food entitlements. The voucher programme provides beneficiaries with cereals, pulses, vegetable oil, salt, sugar and wheat soya blend, while leveraging Yemen's private sector supply chain network. Subject to the security situation, WFP aims to expand the voucher programme to selected areas across Yemen where markets are functioning.
- In February, WFP conducted missions to Sa'ada

governorate and the conflict-affected Al Qahira district of Taizz City. WFP has since established a continuous presence in both Sa'ada and Ibb governorates.

Food Assistance

- In February, WFP confirmed distributions to 3,169,500 people in 18 governorates, achieving 106 percent of its February target of 3 million beneficiaries with reduced entitlements covering 75 percent of the daily caloric needs. This figure is expected to rise as cooperating partners' distribution reports are received: an updated figure will be provided in the next edition of this report.
- Under PRRO 200305 supporting refugees, 17,200 of 17,500 refugees at the Kharaz camp have received food rations for January-February.
- Under the EMOP, WFP is working with 14 partners to assist 3 million people per month in March and April.

Logistics

- On 11 February, the WFP-chartered vessel, MV Mainport Cedar, carrying humanitarian relief supplies travelling from Djibouti with a scheduled and approved stop in Hodeidah was diverted by Coalition forces to the Saudi Arabian port of Jizan. On behalf of the Yemen humanitarian community, the vessel was transporting commodities including canned tuna, medical supplies for delivery to Hudaydah, and UN Emergency Telecommunications Cluster IT equipment for delivery to Aden. WFP is in communication with Coalition forces regarding the circumstances of the ship's diversion and has been asked by the Coalition to resubmit the paperwork regarding the humanitarian IT equipment.
- **UNHAS:** From 22 February, UNHAS began a weekly service between Sana'a and Amman, in addition to its existing Sana'a-Djibouti service.

Clusters

Food Security Cluster

- The withholding of security clearances by the government authorities in Sana'a is resulting in significant delays to the implementation of the Emergency Food Security and Nutrition Assessment (EFSNA) for Yemen by FAO, UNICEF and WFP. All three agencies are currently in talks with the authorities to secure the necessary clearance.

Logistics Cluster

- WFP received 300,000 litres of petrol in Hudaydah aboard the vessel MV Saigon on 18 February. The fuel will be allocated to humanitarian organizations on a cost recovery basis.

Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC)

- The installation of radio equipment at the Diplomatic Transit Facility in Sana'a (housing UN staff) is ongoing. ETC has completed the installation of equipment at the UNDSS communication centre in Sa'ada with the available equipment given on loan by WFP.

Resourcing Update

- The 2016 Yemen Humanitarian Response Plan was launched on 18 February, requesting a total of USD 1.8 billion for the response in Yemen. Of this sum, WFP is requesting USD 710.3 million for its food assistance activities, USD 1.8 million for the Emergency Telecommunications Cluster, and USD 39 million for the Logistics Cluster.
- WFP needs USD 38 million per month under its EMOP for at least the next 4 months to feed 3 million people on its 75 percent entitlement.

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WFP Operations in Yemen *not final						
	Project Duration	Planned number of people	Total requirements (in USD)	Total received (in USD)	People Assisted per month by WFP	
					Targeted	Reached
EMOP 200890	Oct 15 -Dec 16	3,000,000 (March)	937,179,306	344,274,038	Jan: 3,000,000	Jan: 2,611,100
					Feb: 3,000,000	Feb: 3,169,400*
PRRO 200305**	Jan 13- March 16	153,800	15,368,202	12,746,921	Nov/Dec: 17,000	Nov/Dec: 16,530
					Jan/Feb: 17,500	Jan/Feb: 17,200
SO 200841	Apr 15- Dec 16	—	43,111,472	22,658,982	—	—
SO 200845	May 15- Dec 16	—	19,442,040	7,530,476	—	—

**To be merged with EMOP 200890 at the beginning of April