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Yemen Food Security Update

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Highlights



The local currency exchange rate in IRG-controlled areas slightly depreciated by one percent month-on-month against the US dollar and by three percent compared to last year, reaching YER 1,244/USD at the end of March 2023. At the same time, the exchange rate remained unchanged from the previous month in areas under Sana'a-based authorities, however it appreciated by 10 percent year-on-year.



Pumping prices for petrol and diesel slightly increased between one to two percent month-on-month across the southern governorates, while they decreased by two percent in the north. However, local fuel prices saw a marked decrease countrywide compared to a year before.



The global FAO Food Price Index (FFPI) decreased for the twelfth consecutive month. In March 2023, the FFPI value decreased by two percent from February 2023, and by 21 percent from the all-time high level reached in March 2022.



In IRG-controlled areas, the monthly average cost of the minimum food basket (MFB) decreased by four percent month-on-month and by eight percent from the all-time high level reached in March 2022. At the same time, the cost of the MFB continued to decline for the eighth consecutive month in areas under Sana'a-based authorities, representing a 15 percent decrease year-on-year.



Fuel supply has improved via the Red Sea ports during the truce period and beyond. During Q1-2023, the total volume of imported fuel through the northern ports of Al Hodeidah and As Salif was nearly five times the level of imports in Q1-2022.



During Q1-2023, the overall volume of food imports through the southern ports of Aden and Mukalla increased by 33 percent compared to same period last year, while it decreased by 30 percent via Red Sea ports. Accordingly, the net volume of food imported through the Yemeni seaports was 17 percent lower than the year before. However, essential food items were available in the Yemeni markets during Q1-2023.



WFP is currently targeting 13 million people each distribution cycle with reduced rations equivalent to 65 percent of the standard food basket. The critical shortages in funding for food assistance is concerning nationwide as WFP's needs-based plan is only 20 percent funded for the next six months (May – October 2023).



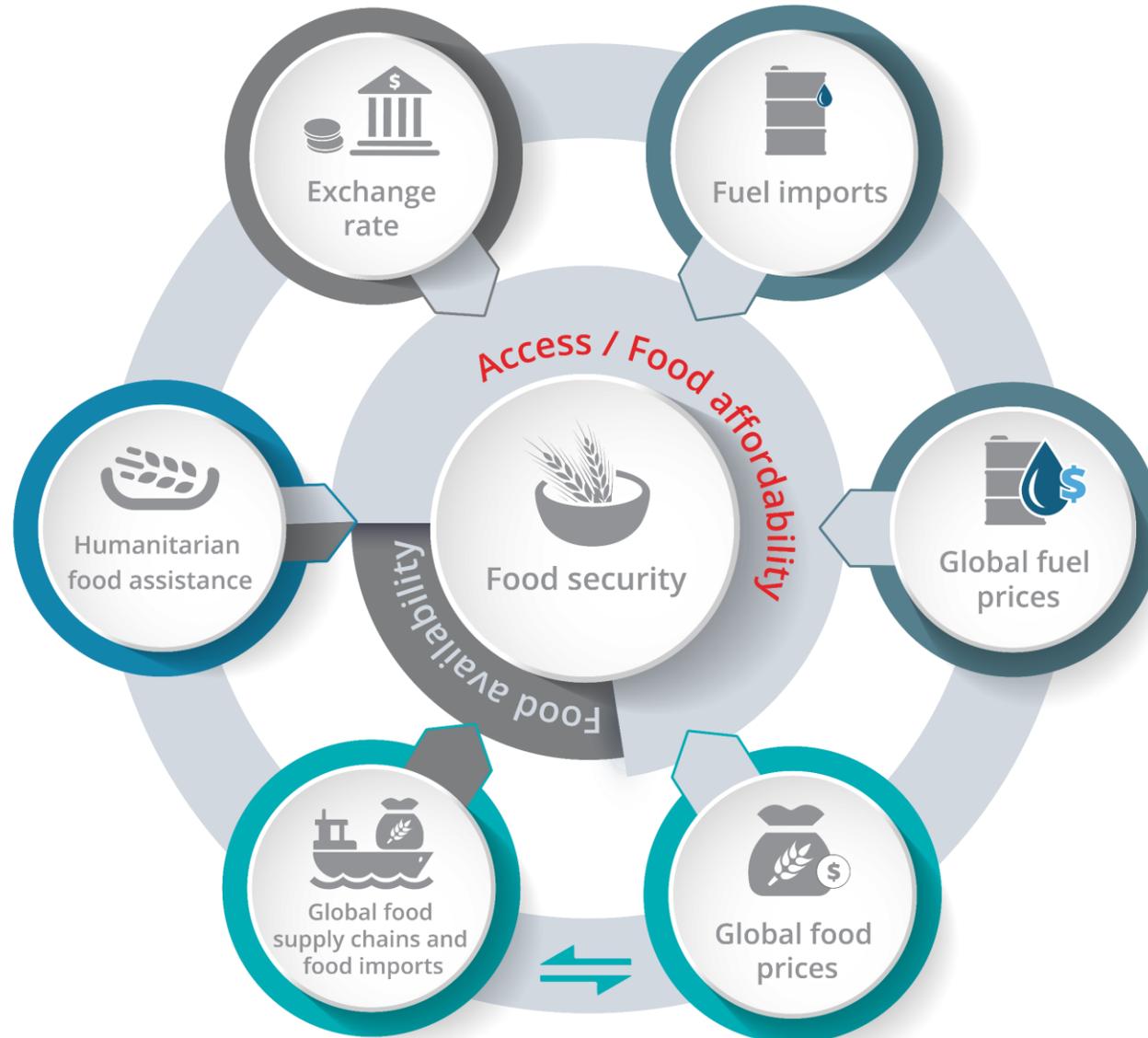
The prevalence of inadequate food consumption decreased to 46 percent in March 2023, compared to 49 percent last month and 53 percent during its peak period in August 2022. This is largely due to improved funding for assistance since September 2022, the decrease in global and local prices of fuel and food items, as well as the implications of truce on reducing incidents of violence and reducing access constraints. Despite the decrease in the percent of households unable to meet their minimum food needs, nevertheless food insecurity remains at severely high levels as 52 percent of the surveyed households in the south and 44 percent of those in the north reported inadequate food consumption during March 2023.



For more details, you can visit:

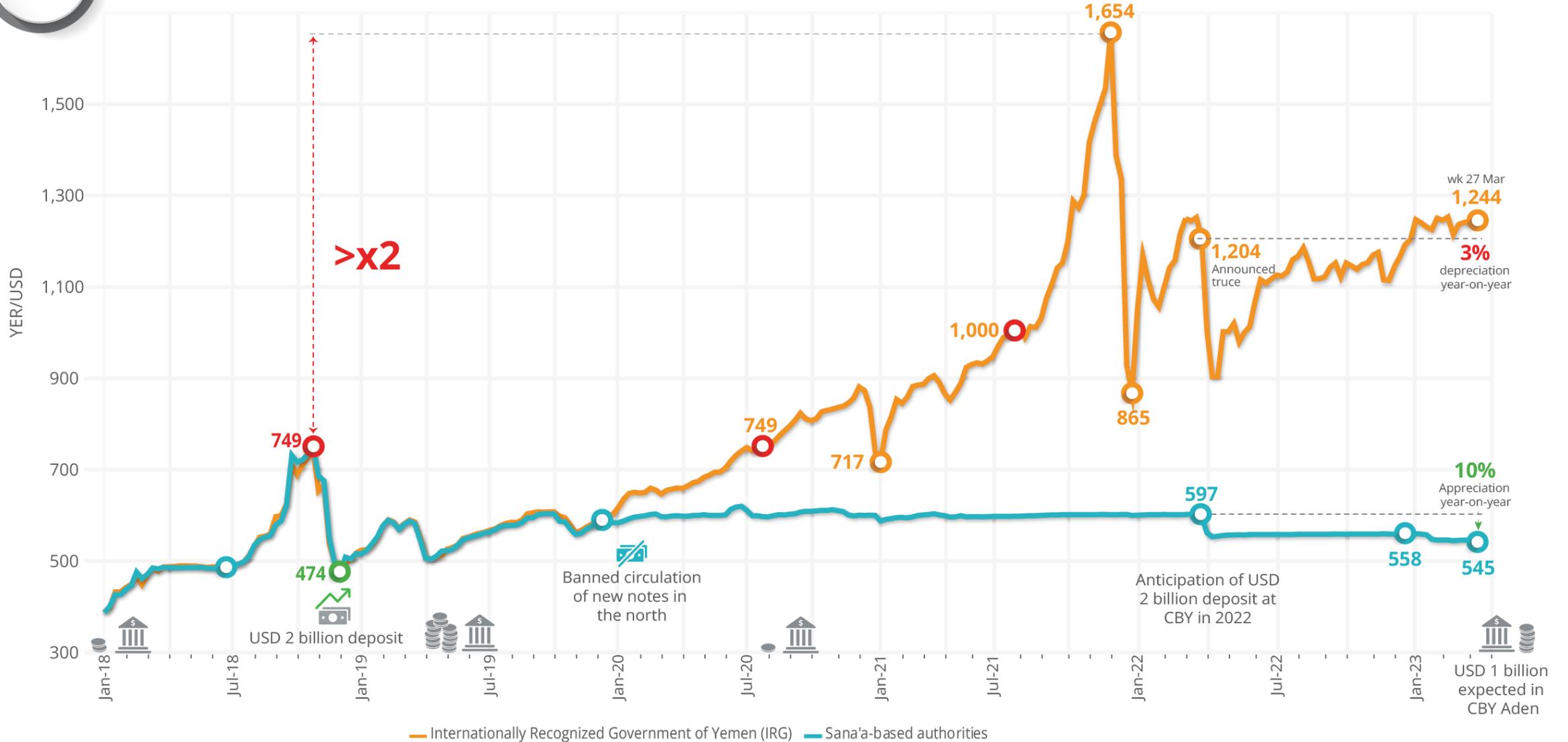
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Drivers of food insecurity, beyond conflict





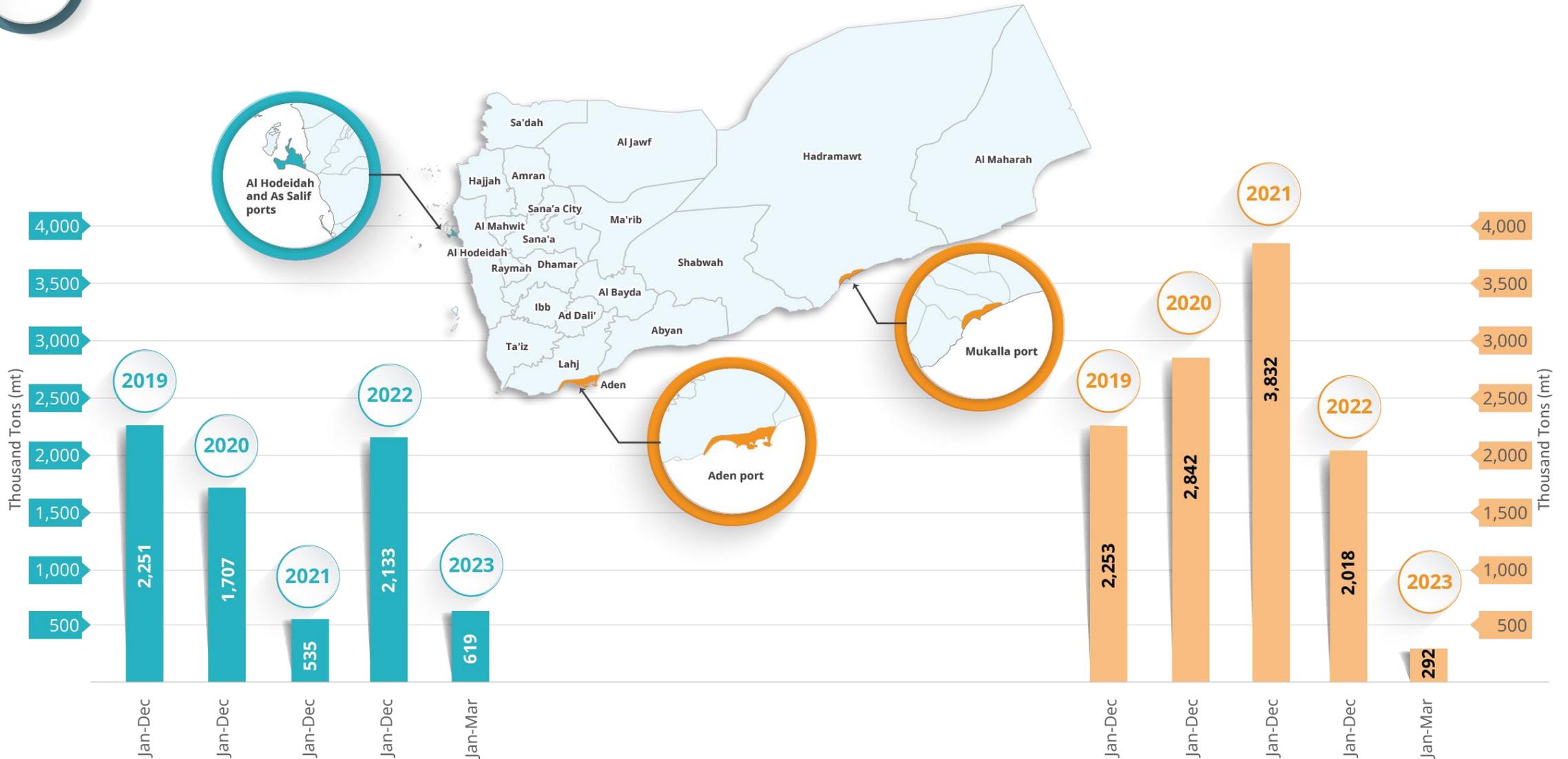
Exchange rate



Source: weekly WFP monitoring data (average weekly exchange rates)



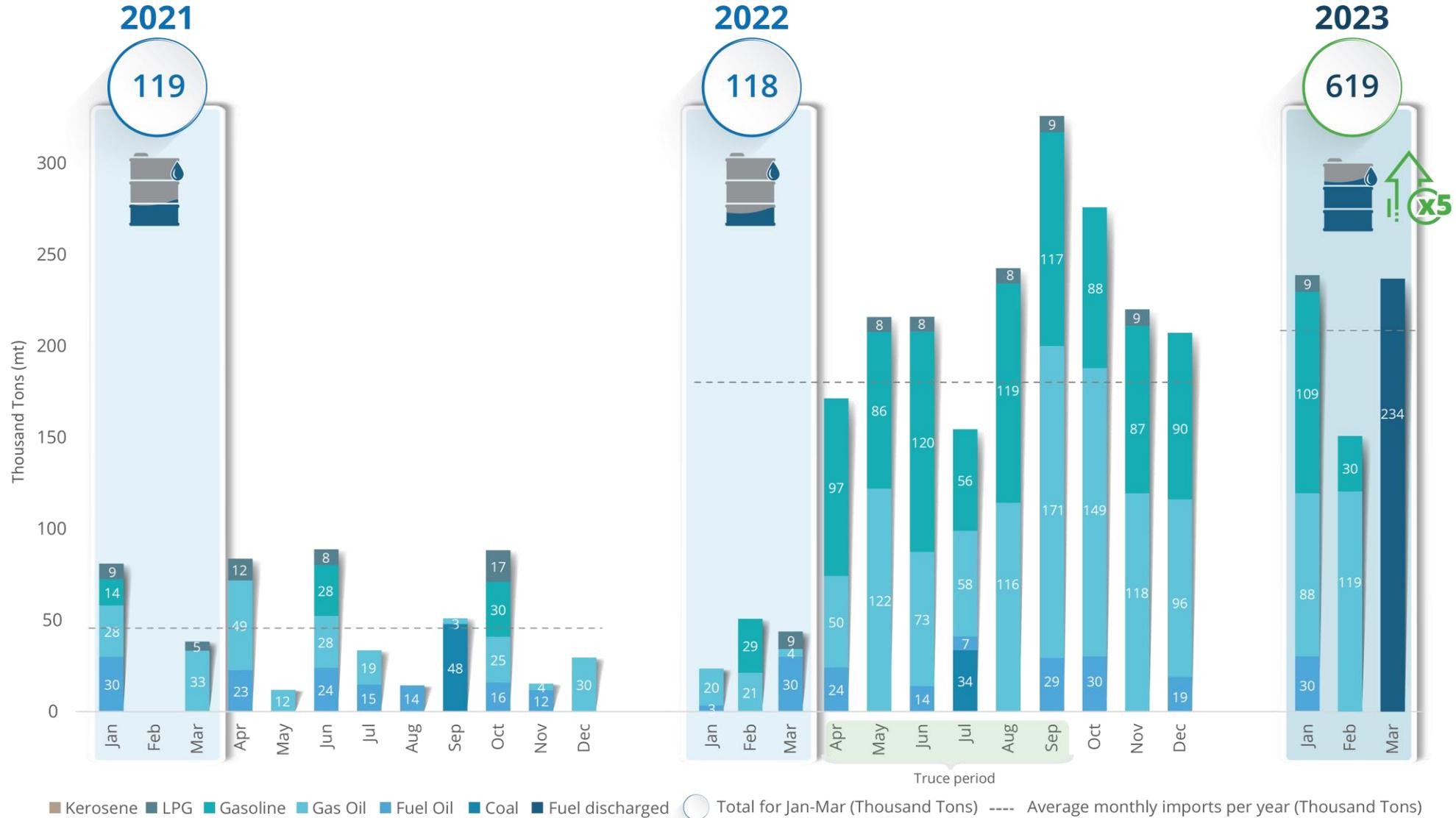
Fuel imports through Al Hodeidah and As Salif, Mukalla and Aden ports



Source: UNVIM and shipment data from Wilhelmssen



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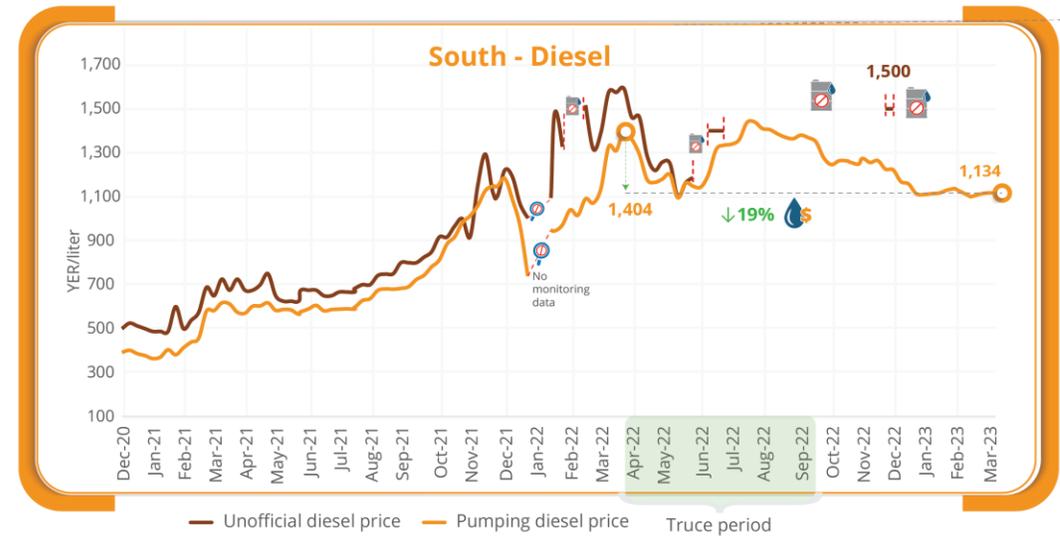
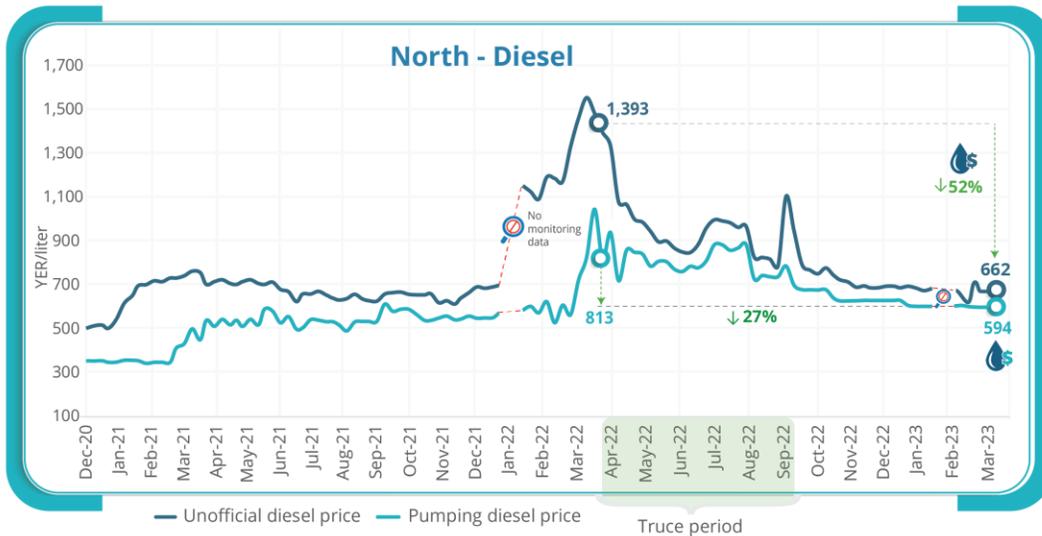
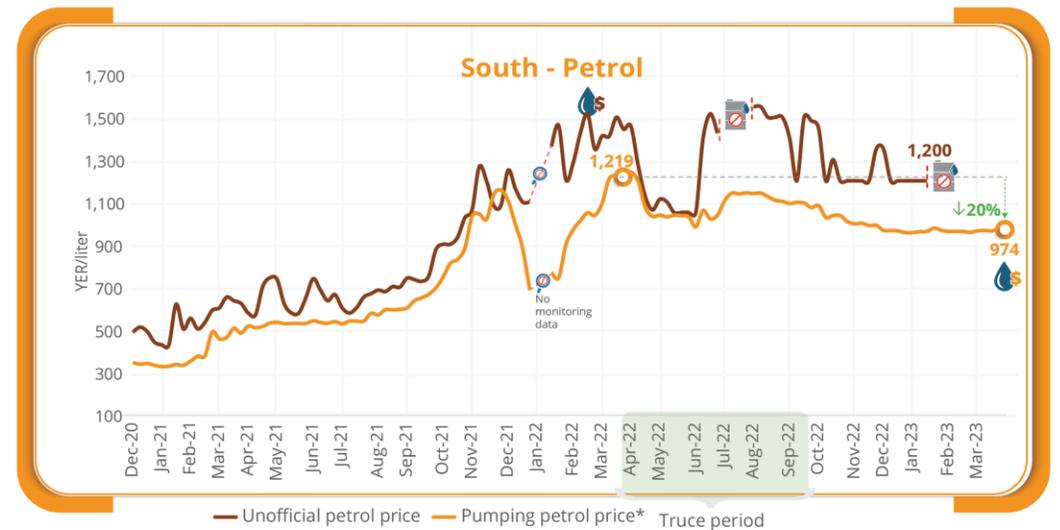
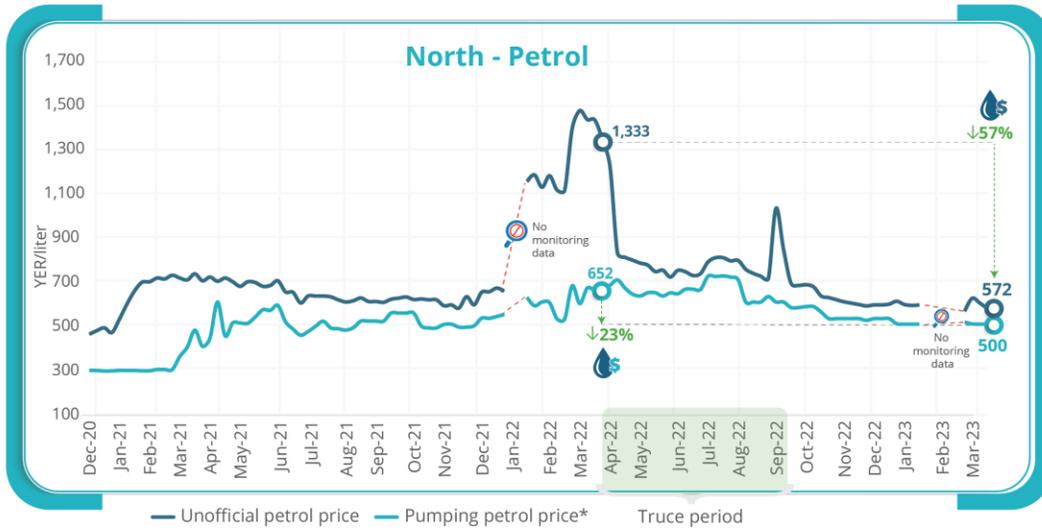
Commercial imports through Al Hodeidah and As Salif ports

Source: UNVIM data

The figures of March 2023 are based on the UNVIM weekly reports between 1-28 March and represent the total discharged fuel



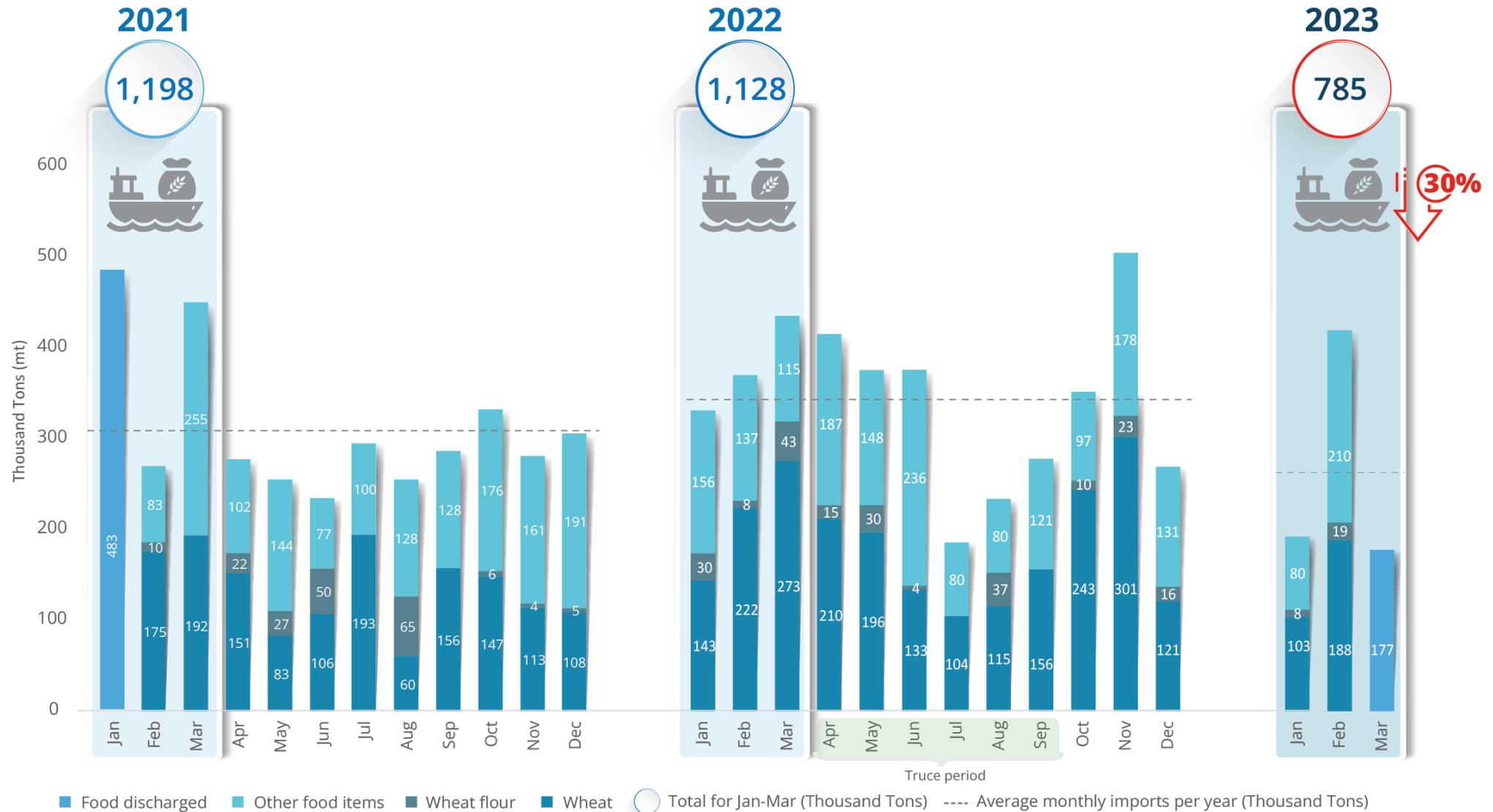
Fuel prices



Pumping price: The average price of the official and commercial petrol/diesel sold through the gas stations



Food imports through Al Hodeidah and As Salif ports

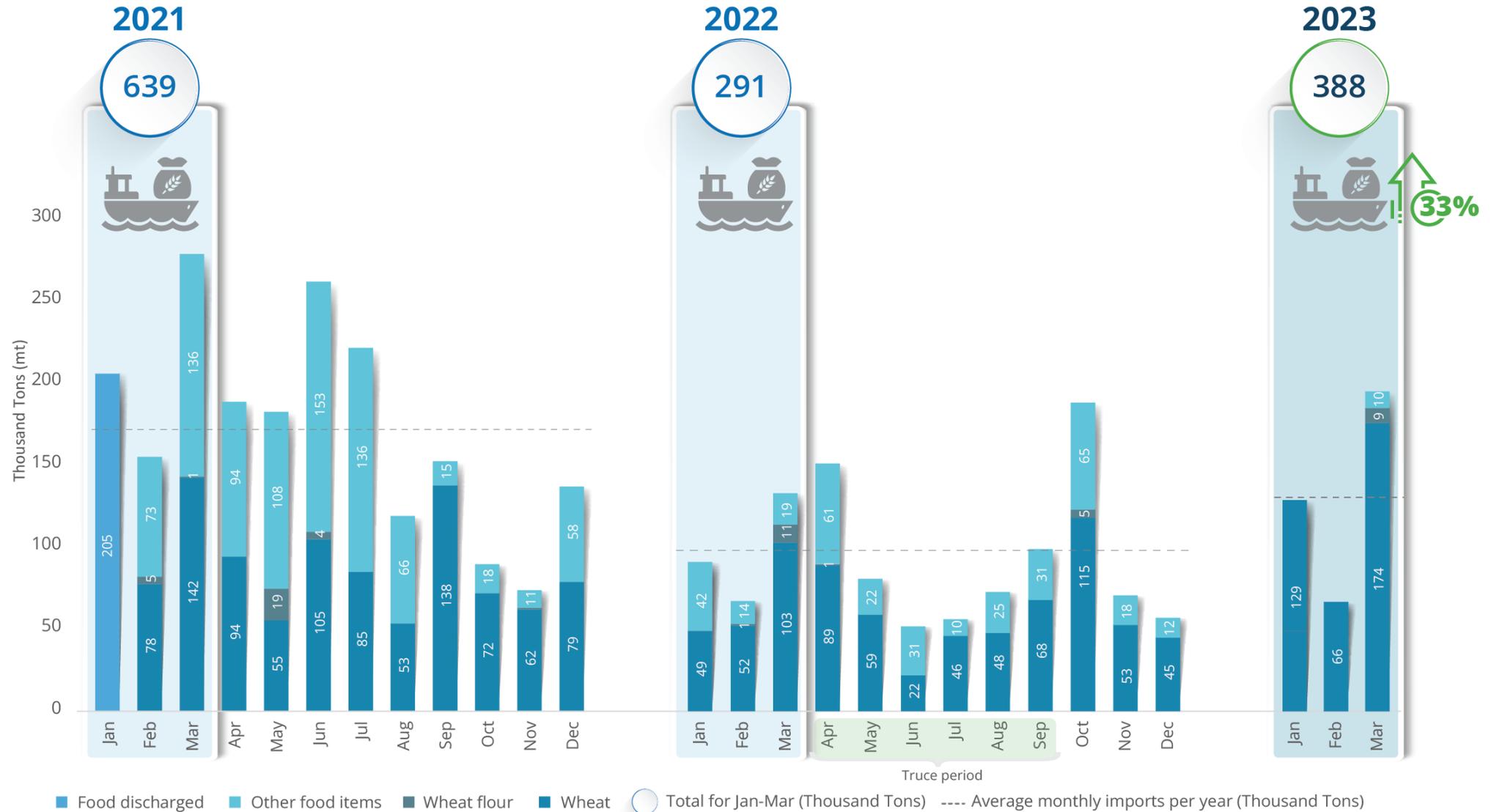


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Food imports through Aden and Mukalla Ports

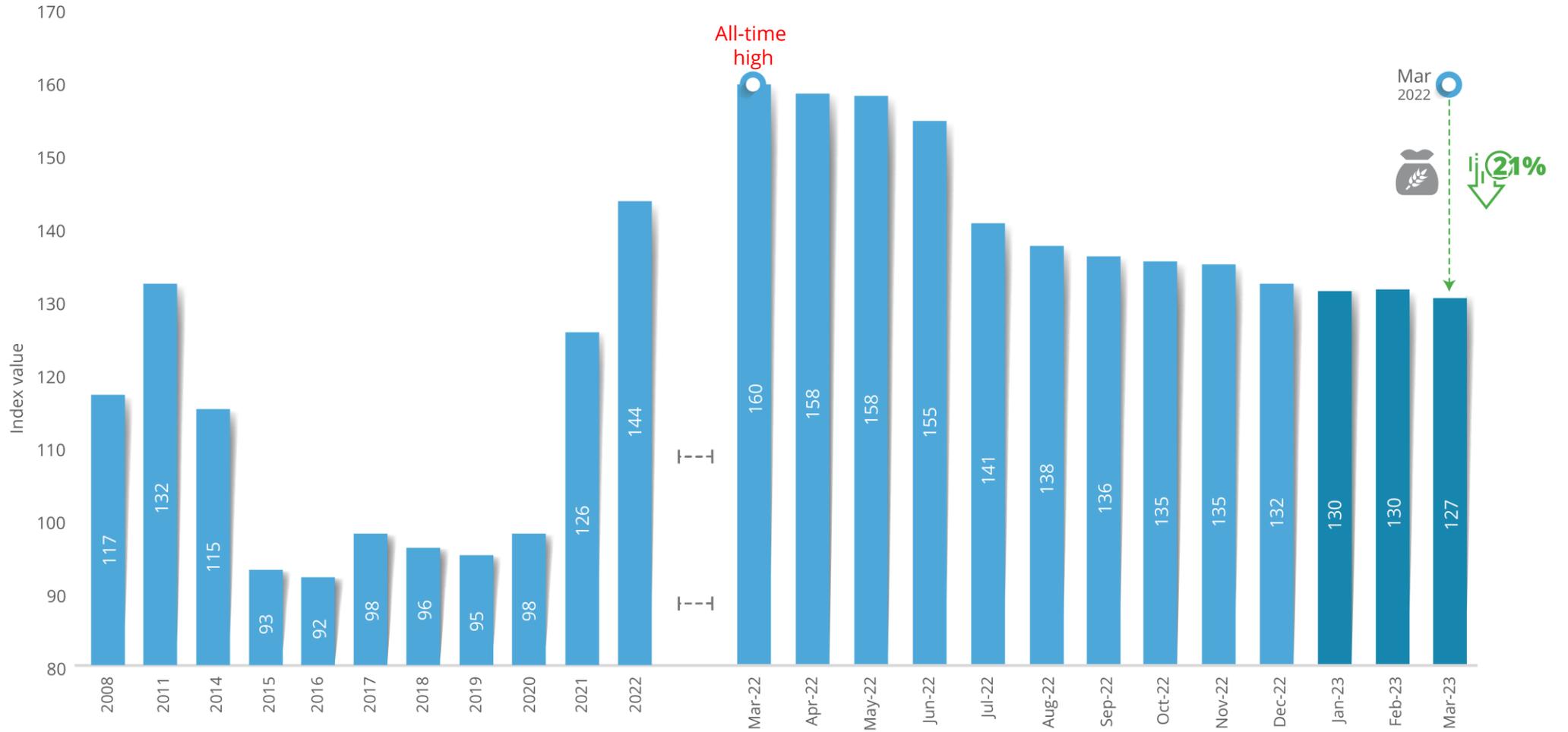


Source: Aden Ports Authority

Data of food imports through Aden port during Jan-2023 was revised and updated by the shipping agents



Global food prices

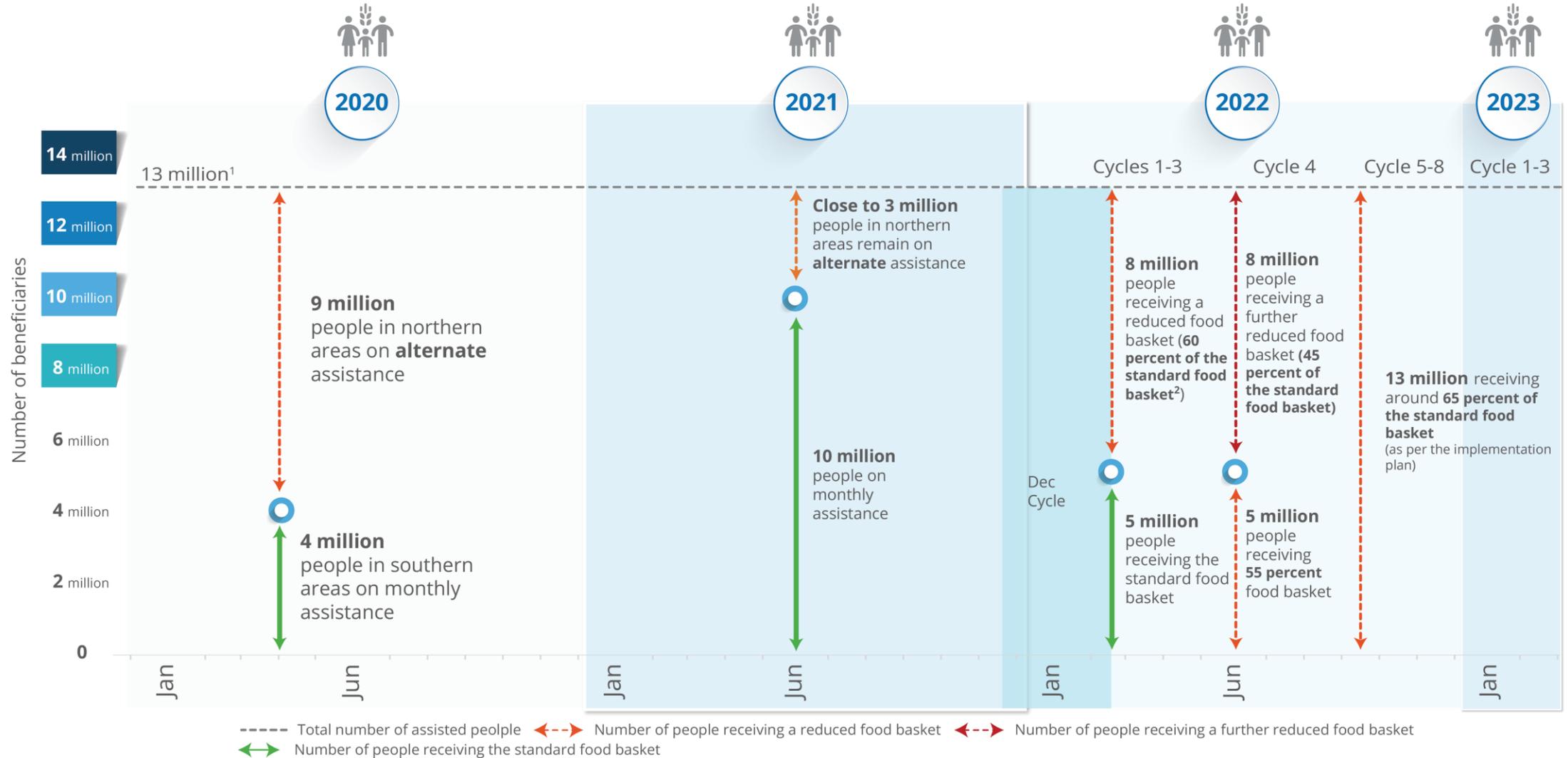


Source: FAO global food price index (FFPI)

The decline of the global FFPI during Mar 2022 - Mar 2023 was mainly driven by the decrease in the subindexes for oils and cereals by 48 percent and 19 percent respectively



Humanitarian food assistance*



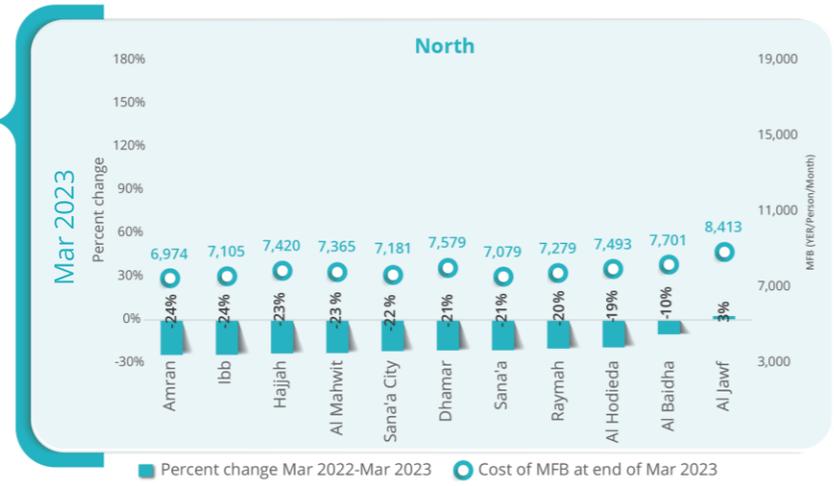
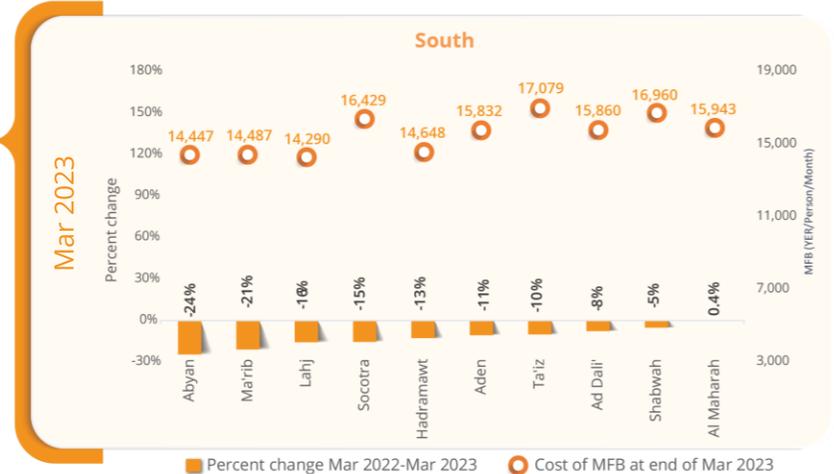
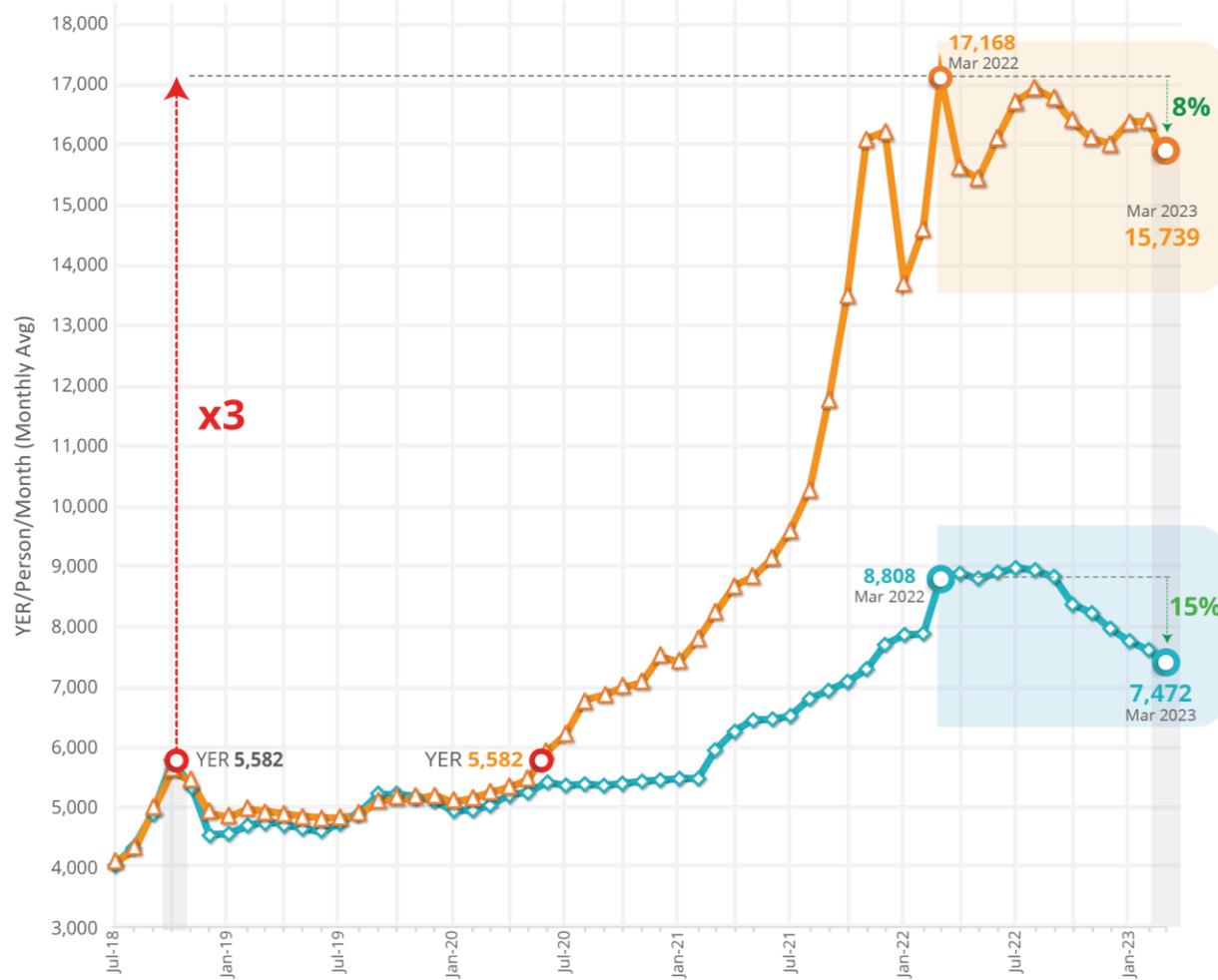
*WFP food assistance, all figures are rounded

1 The figures reflect the implementation plan

2 The standard full basket is equivalent to 1,650 Kcal per person per day for a period of 30 days. Since 2022, food assistance is provided on a cycle basis rather than monthly basis.



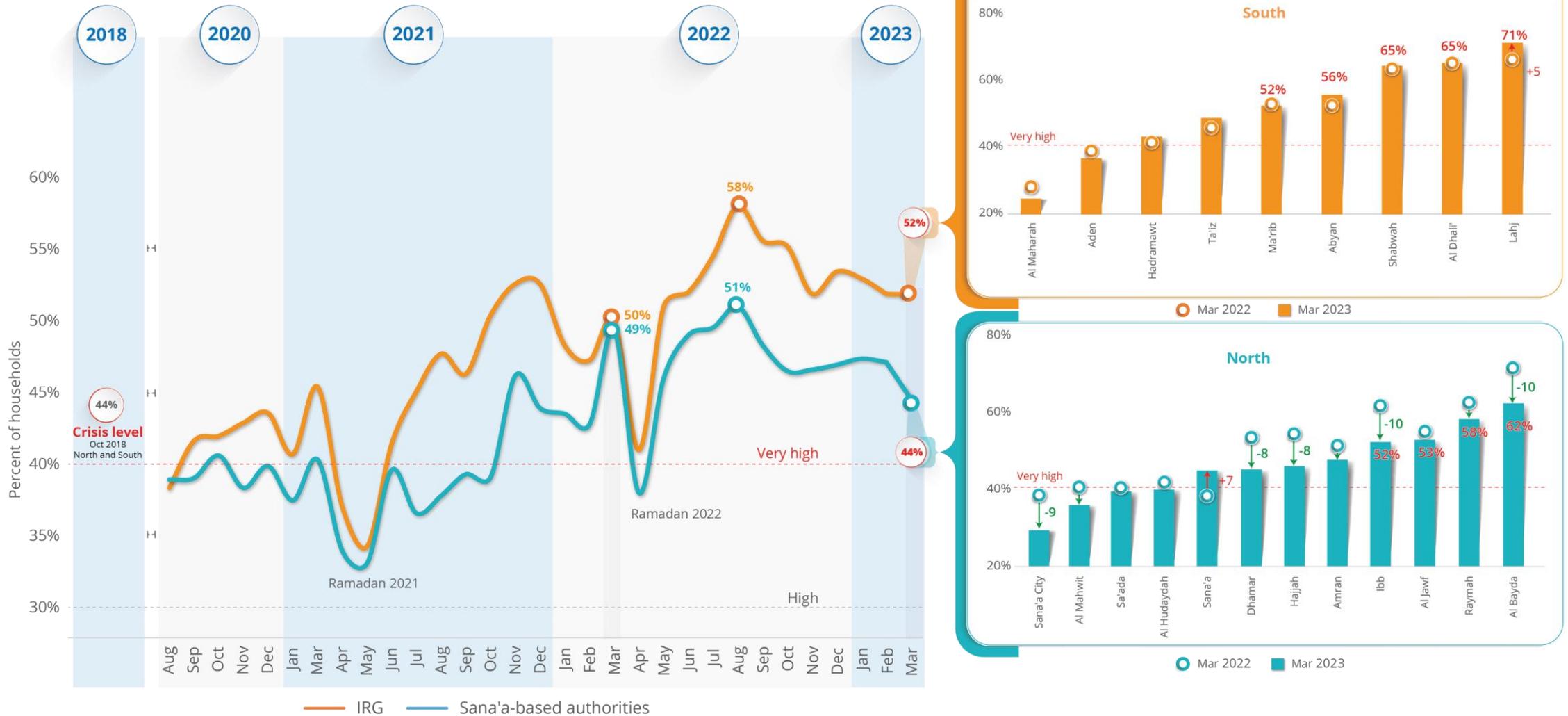
Average cost of minimum food basket (food affordability)



Source: Weekly WFP monitoring data



Food security outcomes (inadequate food consumption by governorate)



Source: WFP monitoring data

The holy month of Ramadan started in the last week of March 2023

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