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Yemen Food Security Update

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Highlights



The value of Yemeni riyal in IRG-controlled areas appreciated by three percent month-on-month against the US dollar, while it depreciated by 18 percent compared to previous year, reaching YER 1,214/USD during the last week of April 2023. In areas under Sana'a-based authorities, the exchange rate saw a slight appreciation by one percent from a month earlier and by five percent year-on-year.



In IRG-controlled areas, pumping prices for petrol remained almost unchanged month-on-month, while prices increased by three percent for diesel. At the same time pumping prices in areas under Sana'a-based authorities decreased between five to seven percent. In general, fuel prices saw a notable decline since last year, particularly in the north.



The global FAO Food Price Index slightly increased by less than one percent month-on-month during April 2023, driven by the steep increase in prices of sugar. However, global food prices remained 20 percent lower than the level recorded in April 2022.



The cost of the minimum food basket (MFB) continued to decrease in Yemen compared to previous month. Year-on-year, the annual decline in the cost of MFB was more evident in areas under Sana'a-based authorities (down by 18 percent) while remaining almost unchanged in IRG-controlled areas.



April marks one year since the truce agreement was announced in Yemen. Improving fuel supply has been one of the most tangible benefits. During January-April 2023, the total volume of imported fuel through Red Sea ports was nearly three times the level of imports in the same period last year.



During January-April 2023, the total volume of food imports decreased by 34 percent via Red Sea ports and by five percent via the southern ports of Aden and Mukalla compared to same period last year. While essential food items were available in Yemeni markets, close monitoring is necessary for the upcoming months in light of the low levels of food imports.



WFP is currently targeting 13 million people each distribution cycle, however with reduced rations equivalent to 65 percent of the standard food basket. The pledges to fund food assistance are concerningly low. This could force humanitarian programmes to scale down in the coming months, leading to increased gap in food consumption amongst households relying on food assistance as main source of food.



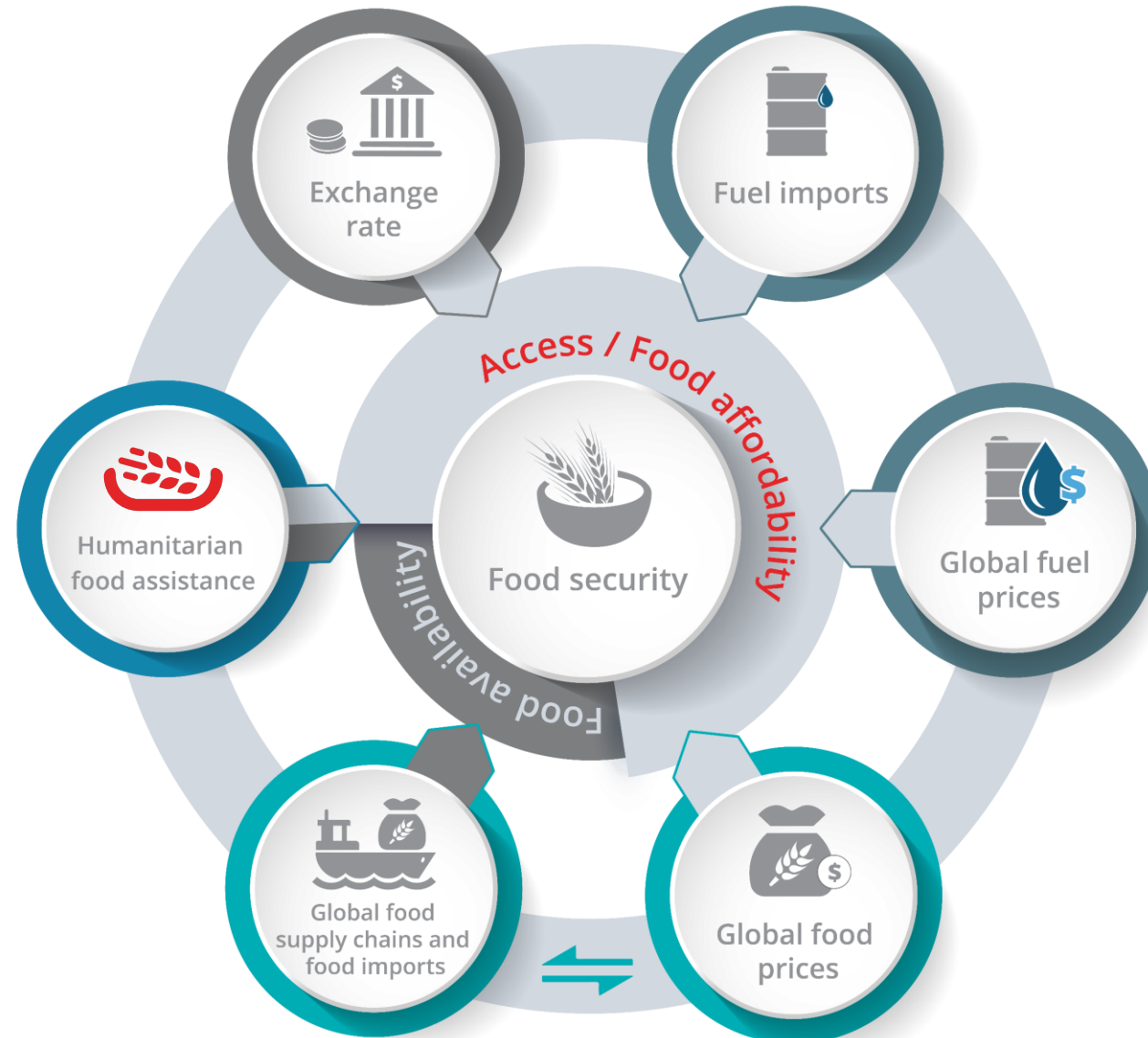
The prevalence of inadequate food consumption decreased by 22 percent during the holy month of Ramadan in April, due to social solidarity and support from communities and charity organizations. Around 42 percent of the surveyed households in IRG-controlled areas and 33 percent in areas under Sana'a-based authorities were unable to meet their minimum food needs during April 2023, similar to the levels observed during last Ramadan in areas under IRG, yet lower than the levels observed in areas under Sana'a-based authorities.



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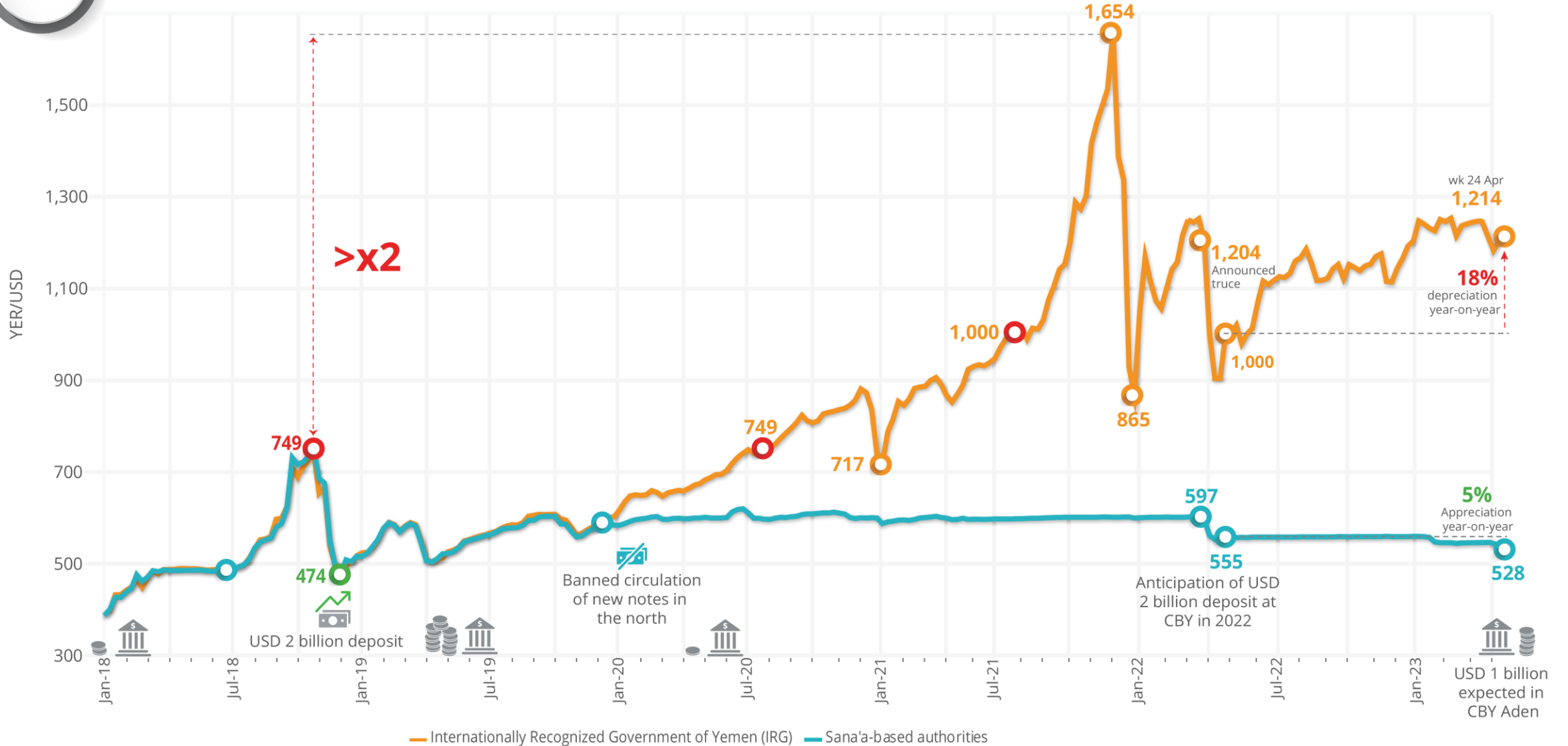
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Drivers of food insecurity, beyond conflict





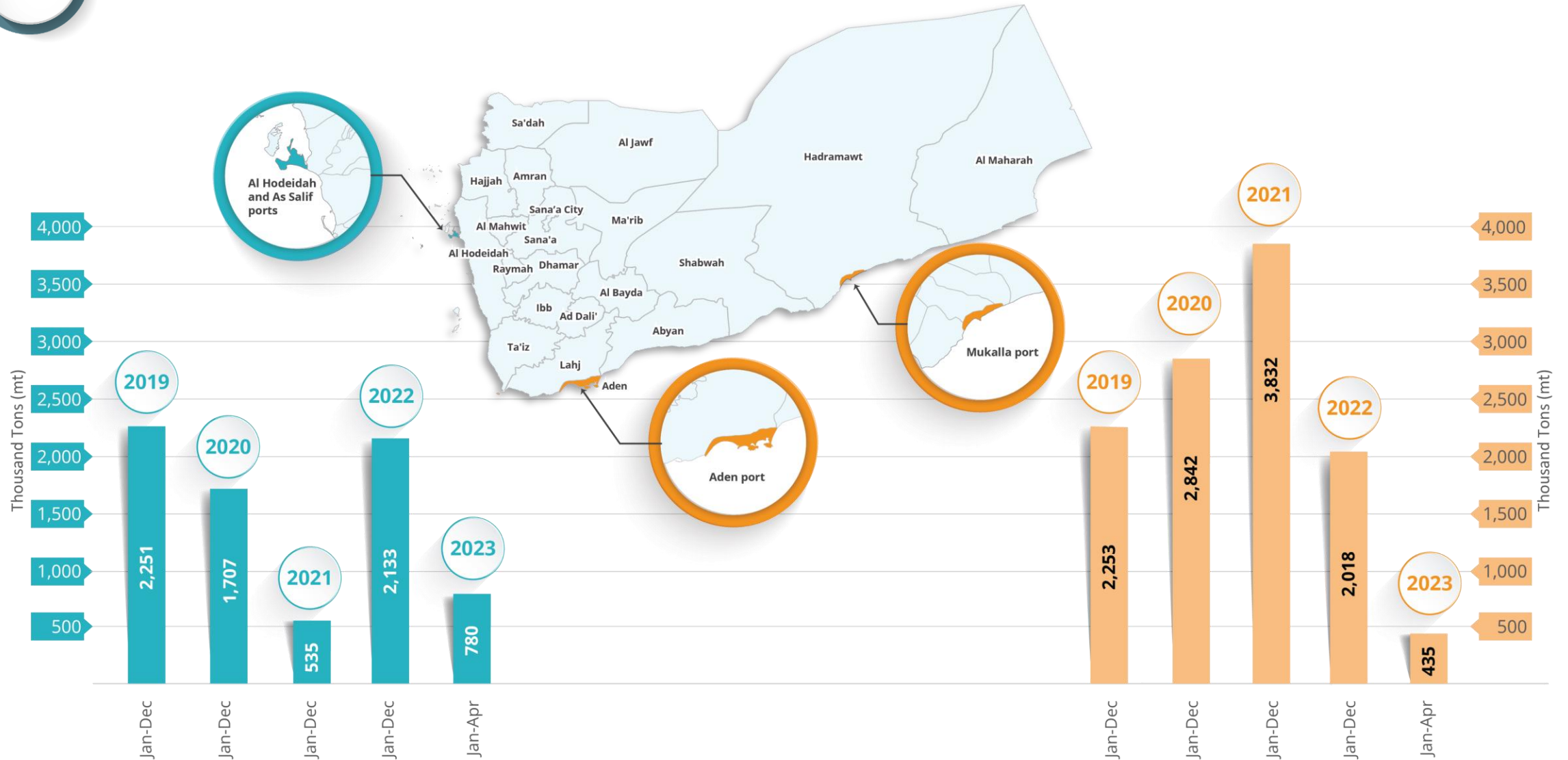
Exchange rate



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



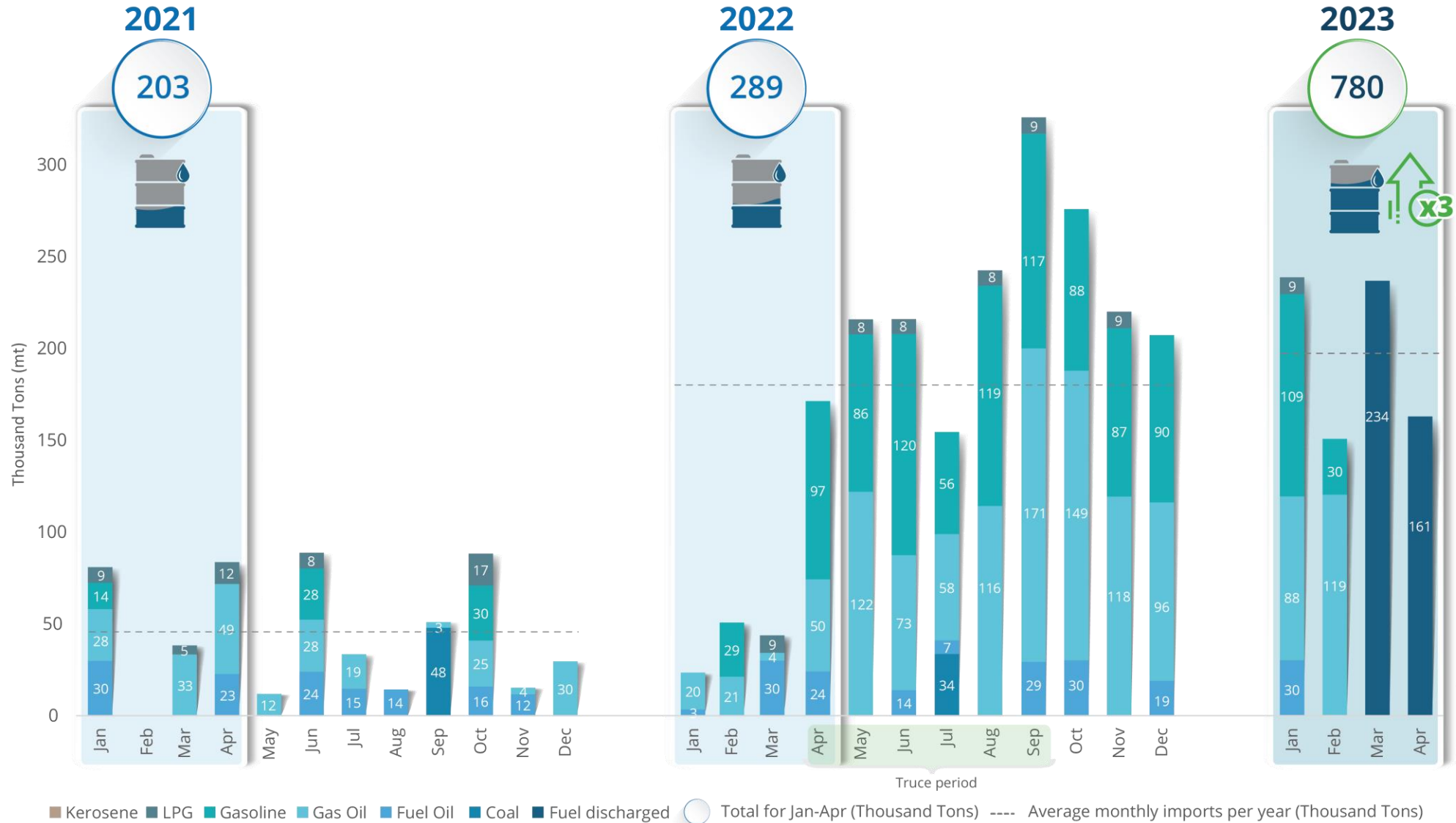
Fuel imports through Al Hodeidah and As Salif, Mukalla and Aden ports



Source: UNVIM and shipment data from Wilhelmssen



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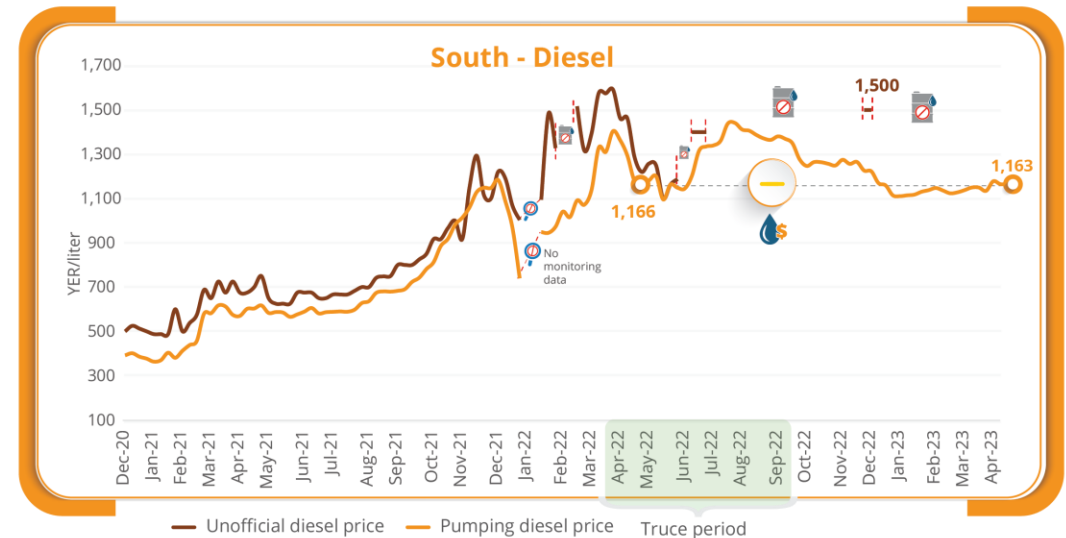
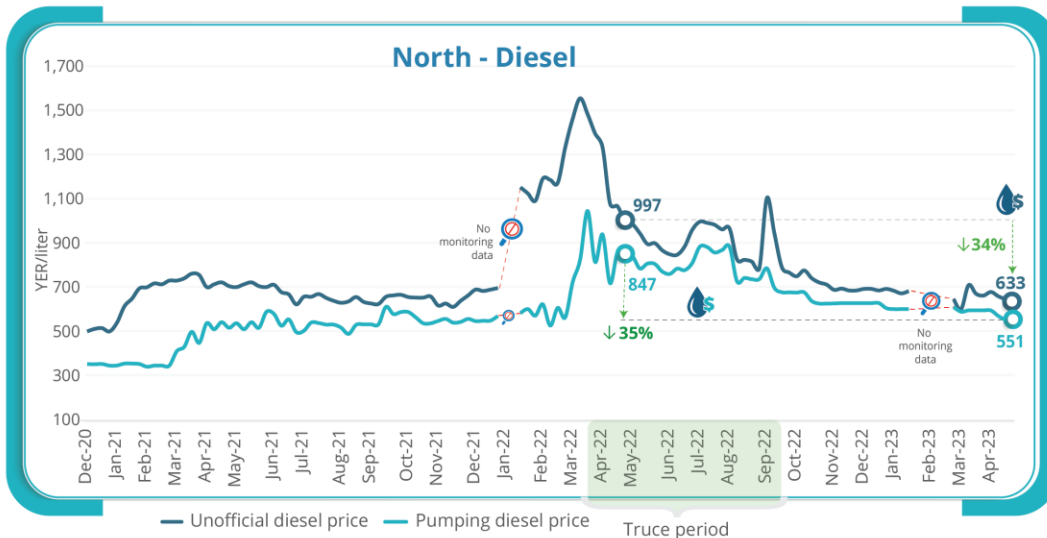
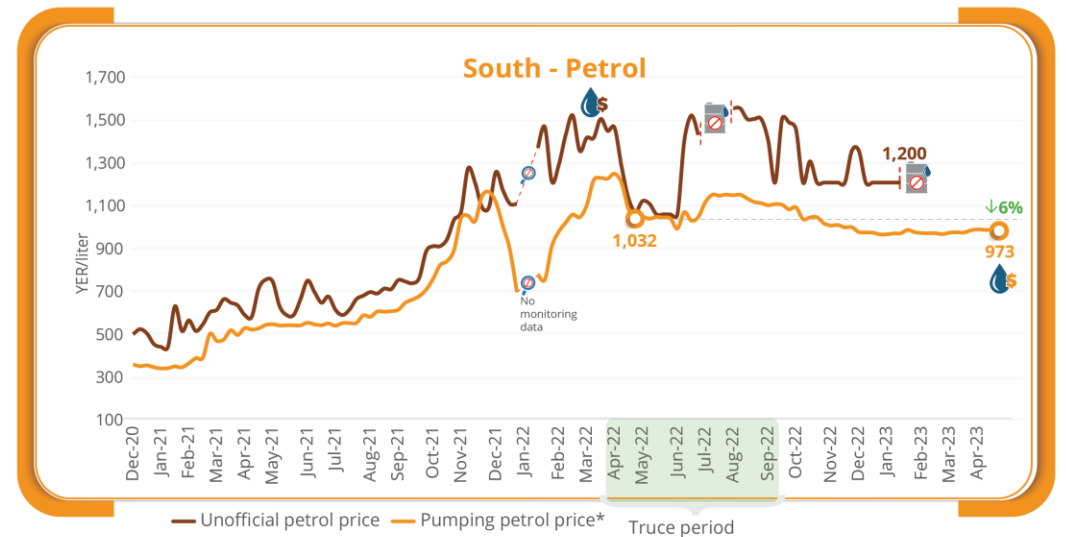
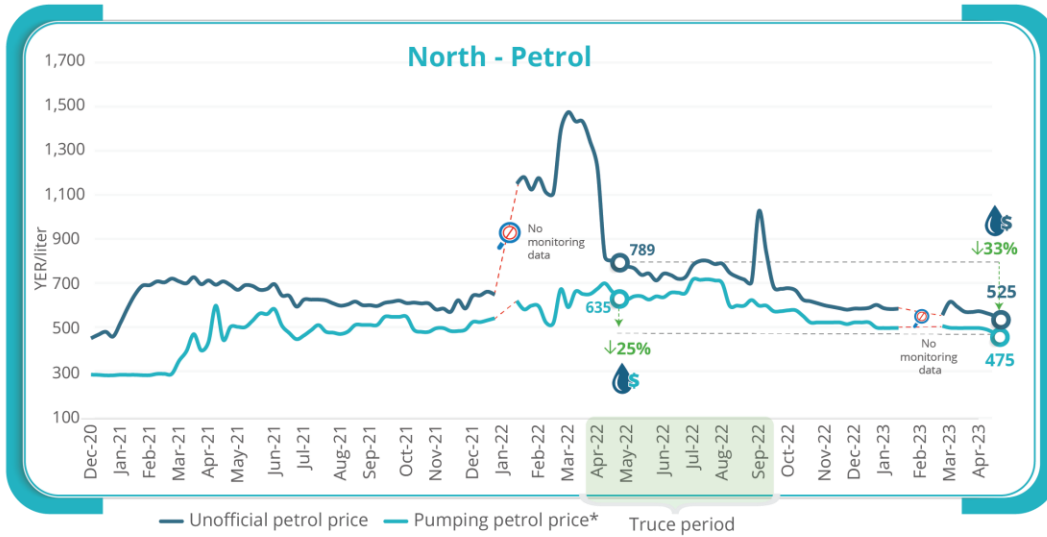
Commercial imports through Al Hodeidah and As Salif ports

Source: UNVIM data

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Fuel prices

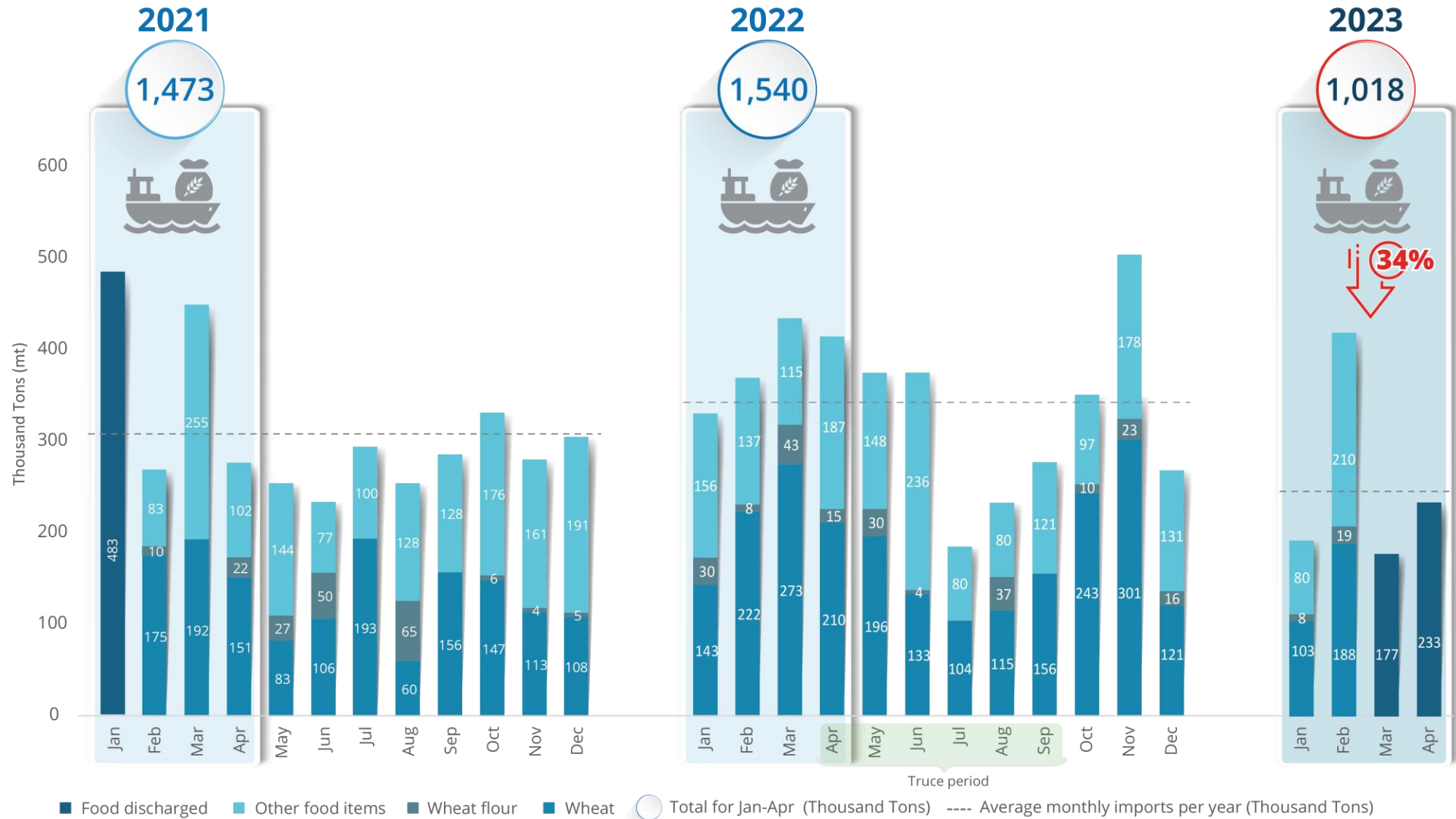


Pumping price: The average price of the official and commercial petrol/diesel sold through the gas stations

— No change in prices



Food imports through Al Hodeidah and As Salif ports

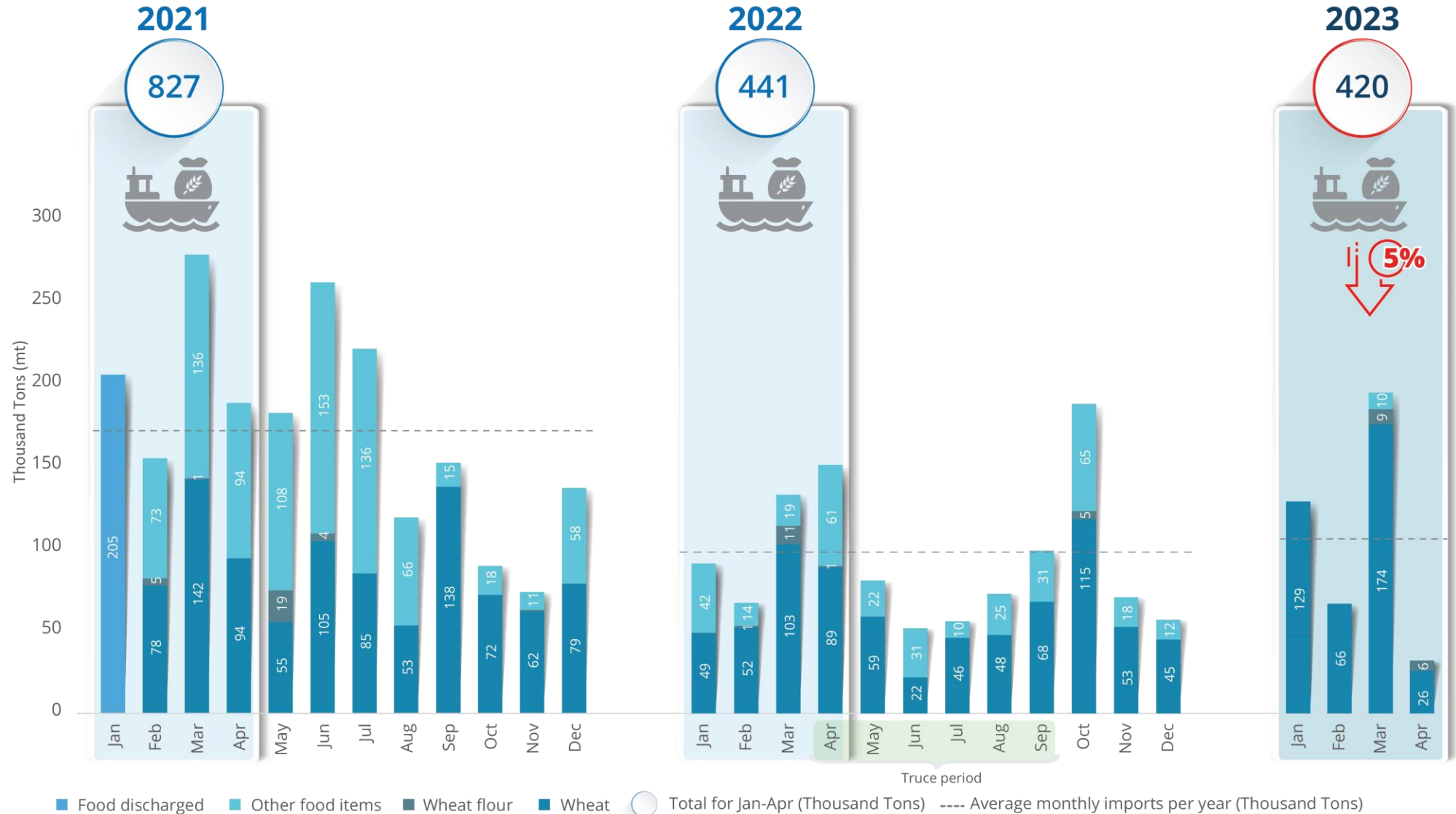


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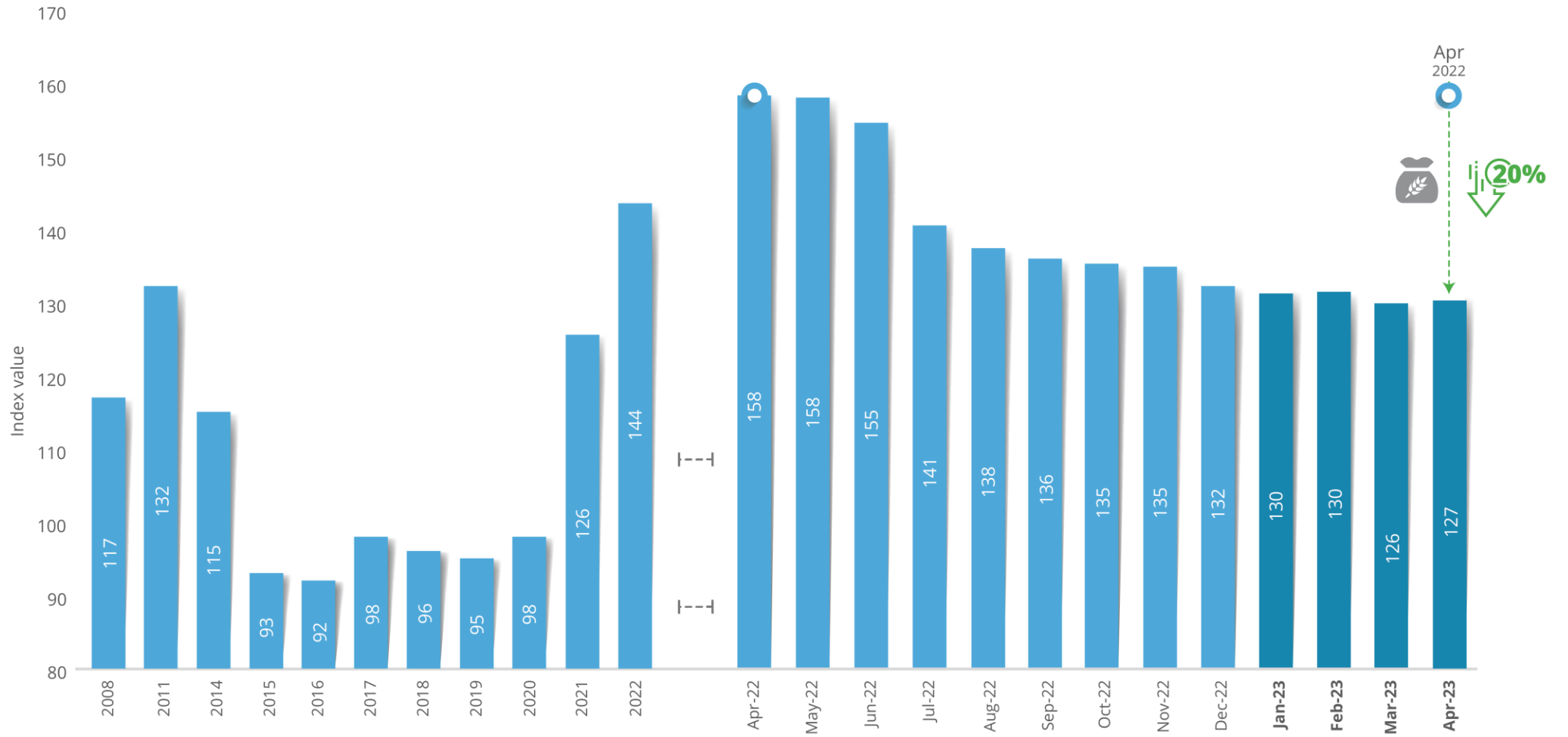
Food imports through Aden and Mukalla Ports



Source: Aden Ports Authority



Global food prices

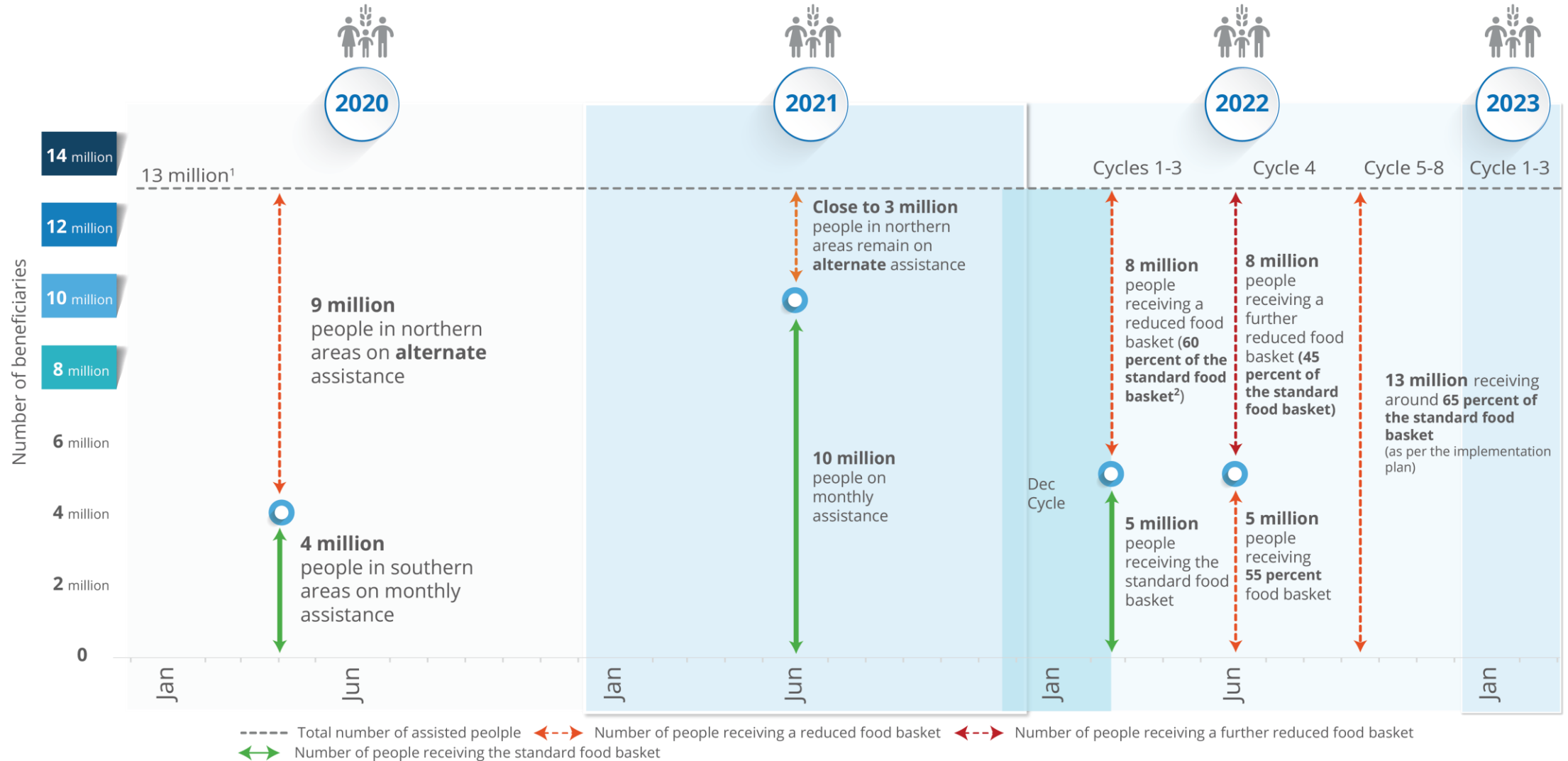


Source: FAO global food price index (FFPI)

The decline of the global FFPI during Apr 2022 - Apr 2023 was mainly driven by the decrease in the subindexes for oils and cereals by 45 percent and 20 percent respectively



Humanitarian food assistance*



*WFP food assistance, all figures are rounded

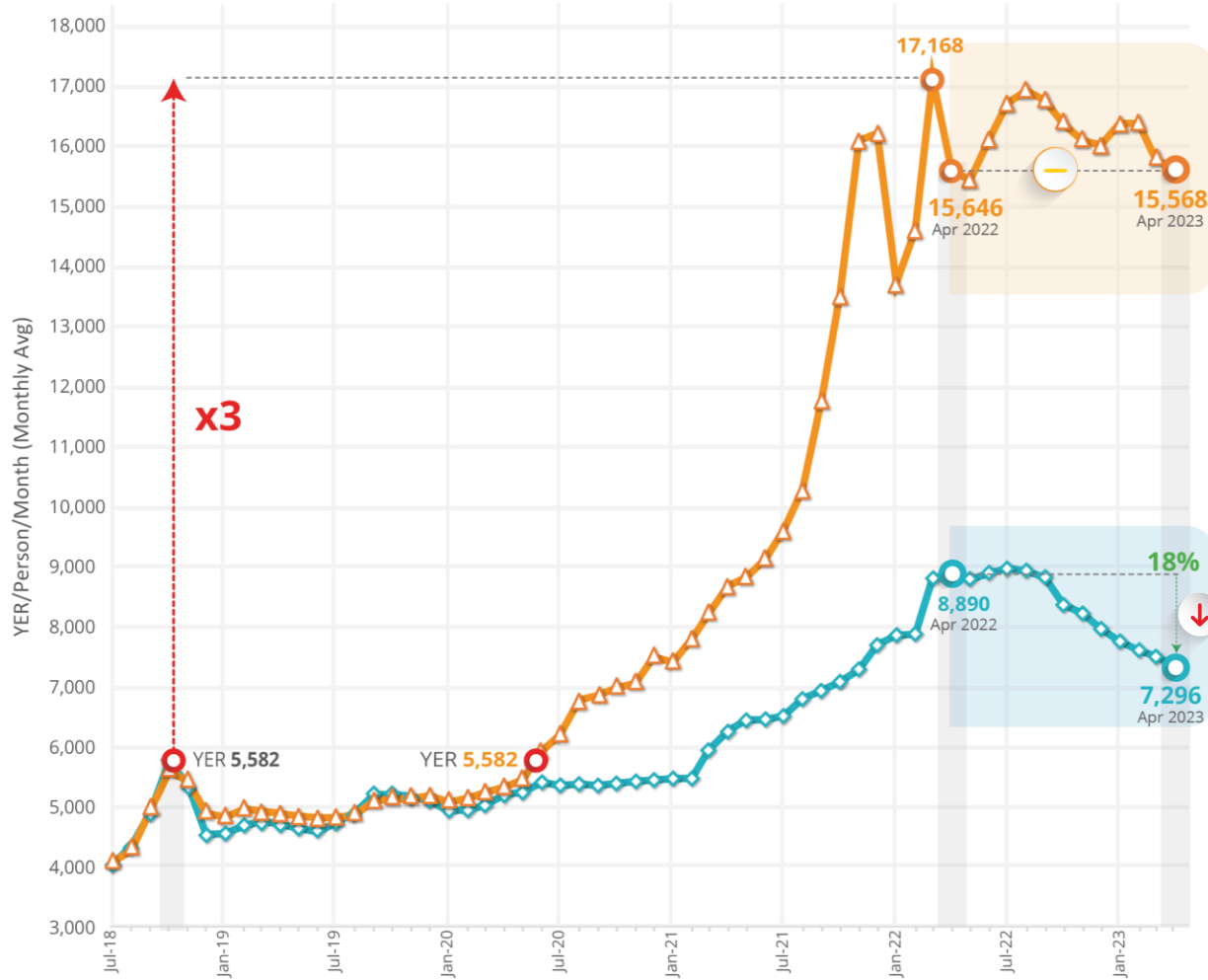
¹ The figures reflect the implementation plan

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.

With the current 45-day cycle, the actual kcals being provided is approximately 684 kcals/person/day.

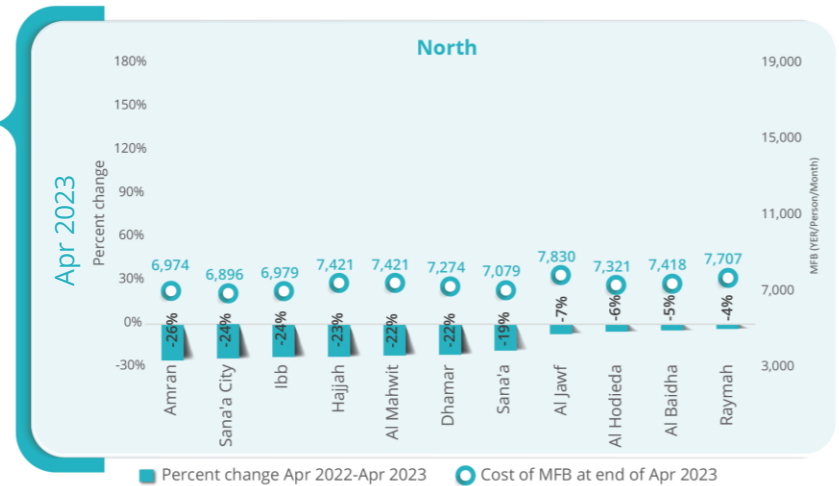
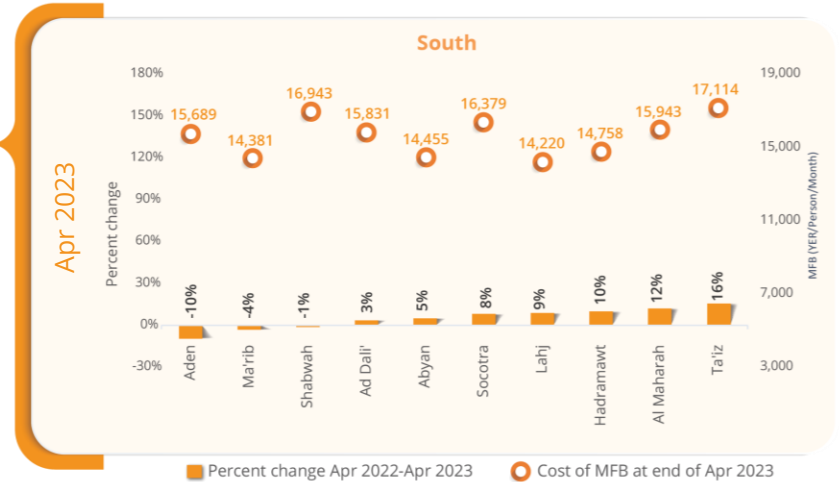


Average cost of minimum food basket (food affordability)



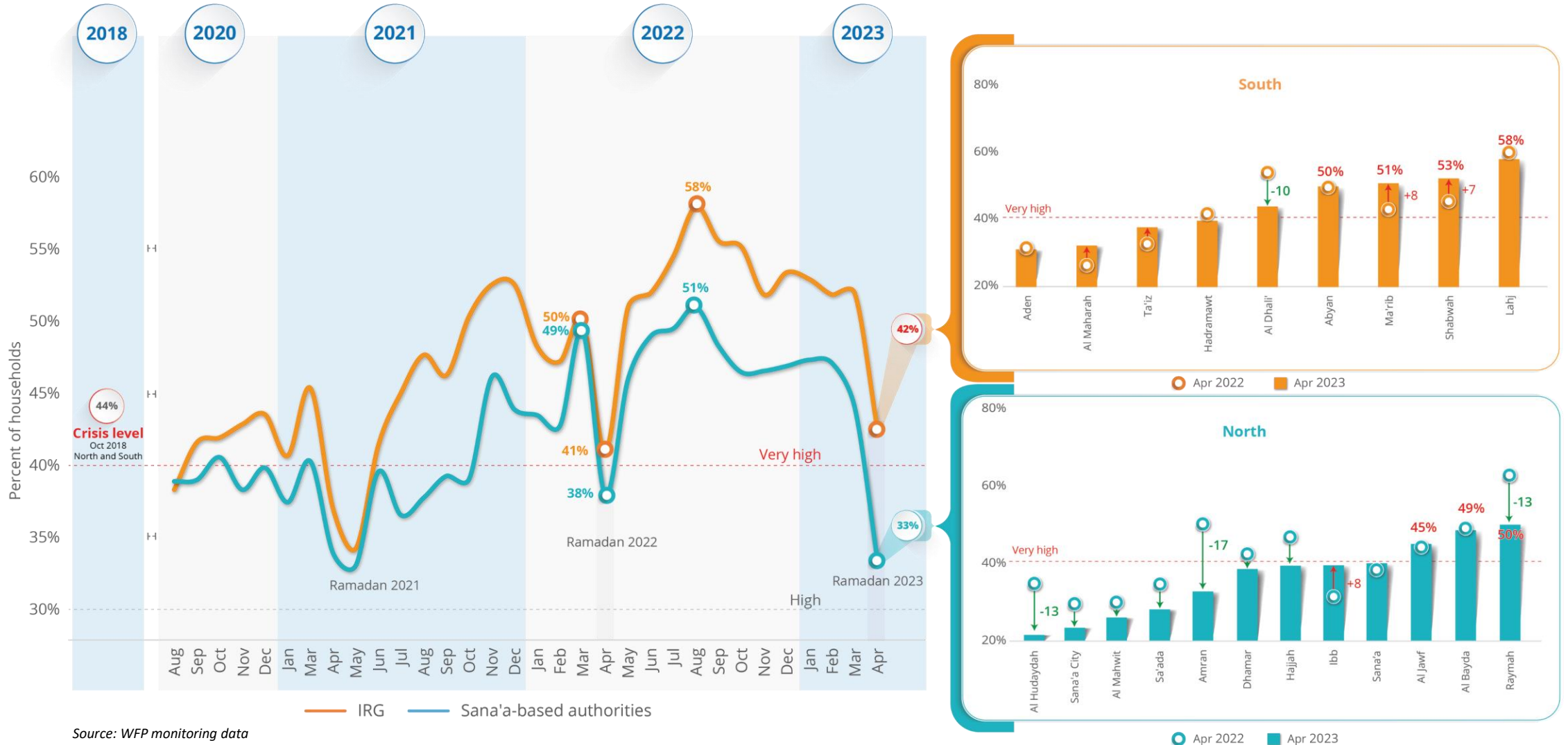
Source: Weekly WFP monitoring data

No change in prices





Food security outcomes (inadequate food consumption by governorate)



Source: WFP monitoring data

During the month of Ramadan (April 2023), the prevalence of inadequate food consumption saw a marked decrease, and this trend is consistent with the findings seen in past years

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