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YEMEN FOOD SECURITY UPDATE

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Highlights



In June 2023, the local currency exchange rate in IRG-controlled areas depreciated by five percent compared to the previous month and by 19 percent compared to the previous year, reaching YER 1,371/USD by the end of June. Several factors contributed to this devaluation, including the ongoing decrease in foreign currency reserves and crude oil exports, along with the reported reduction in remittance inflows.



In IRG-controlled areas, pumping petrol prices experienced a modest uptick of three percent on a month-on-month basis, whereas diesel prices recorded a decline of two percent. Conversely, in areas under Sana'a-based authorities, pumping fuel prices observed a notable decrease ranging between five to seven percent. On an annual basis, fuel prices exhibited a substantial drop nationwide, with the northern regions experiencing the most significant decline.



During June 2023, the global FAO Food Price Index sustained its downward trajectory, reaching its lowest level in the past two years. Notably, the index witnessed a marginal decline of one percent on a month-on-month basis, while registering a substantial decrease of 21 percent compared to the corresponding period in the previous year.



The cost of the minimum food basket (MFB) exhibited a two percent decrease in areas under Sana'a-based authorities, while increasing by one percent in areas controlled by the IRG, as compared to the previous month. Nationally, there was a year-on-year decline in the MFB cost, with the northern governorates experiencing a substantial 20 percent reduction, while the southern regions saw a modest one percent decline.



During the initial half of 2023, the aggregate volume of imported fuel via the northern ports of Al-Hodeidah and As-Salif experienced a 63 percent increase, in comparison to the levels observed during the corresponding period in the previous year.



In the initial half of 2023, there was an 11 percent decline in overall food imports through Red Sea ports and an eight percent decrease via the southern ports of Aden and Mukalla, when contrasted with the corresponding period in 2022. Nonetheless, despite these fluctuations, it is noteworthy that essential food items were reportedly accessible in the Yemeni markets during June 2023.



Presently, the World Food Programme (WFP) is aiming to assist 13 million individuals per distribution cycle, where one distribution cycle spans approximately 45 days. However, due to substantial funding deficits, the rations provided have been curtailed to 65 percent of the standard food basket per cycle. WFP is currently facing increasing challenges as it contemplates further reductions in food assistance for the last quarter of 2023 and onwards, unless urgent additional funding is secured to address the critical funding gaps.



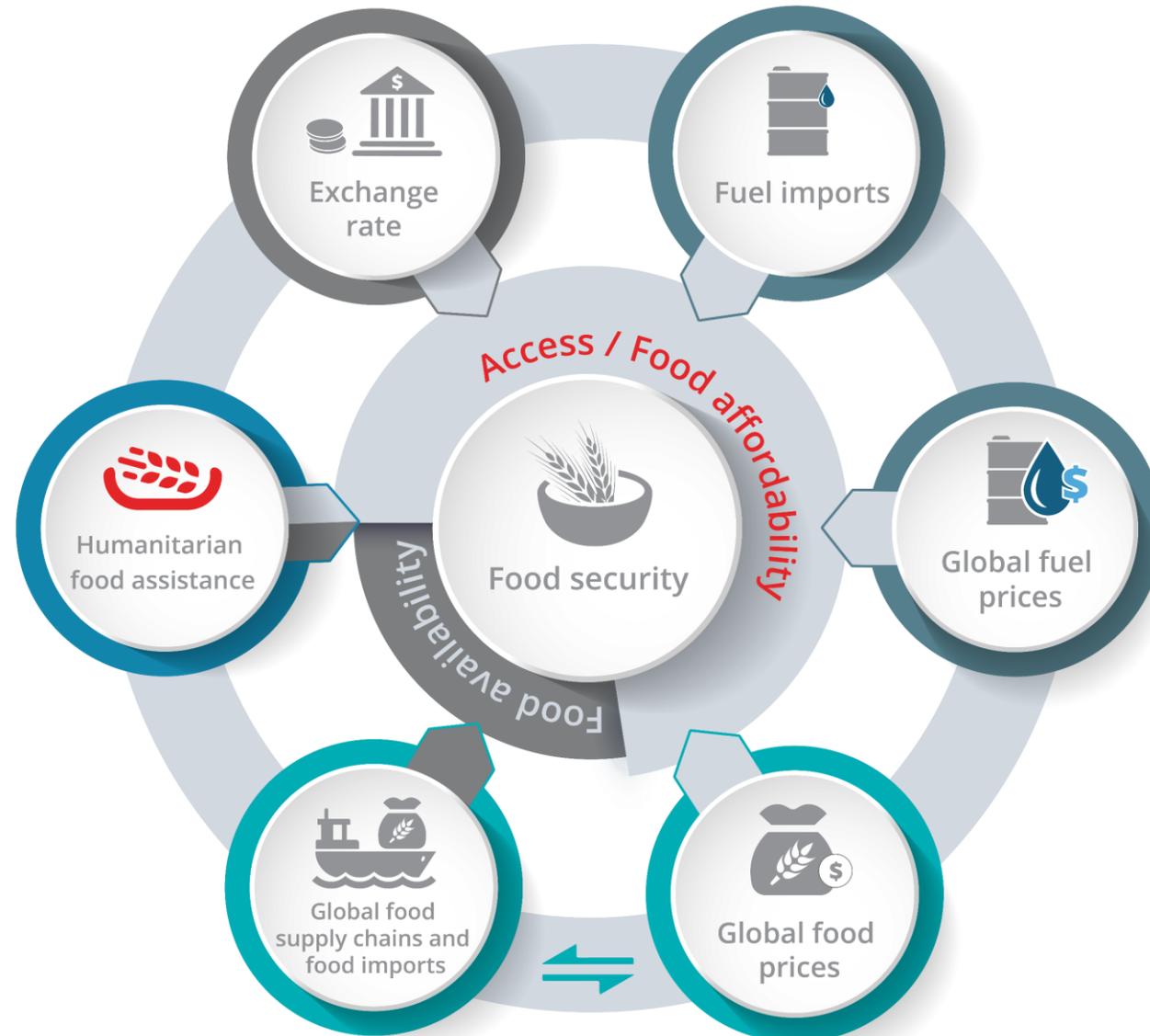
Across Yemen, people's access to food endured widespread constraints, with households in the southern regions facing even more dire circumstances. In June 2023, a substantial portion of surveyed households, approximately 52 percent in IRG-controlled areas and 43 percent in areas under Sana'a-based authorities, found themselves unable to meet their minimum food requirements. Notably, these figures mirrored the levels recorded in IRG-controlled regions from the previous year, while presenting a relatively lower situation compared to areas governed by Sana'a-based authorities during the same period.



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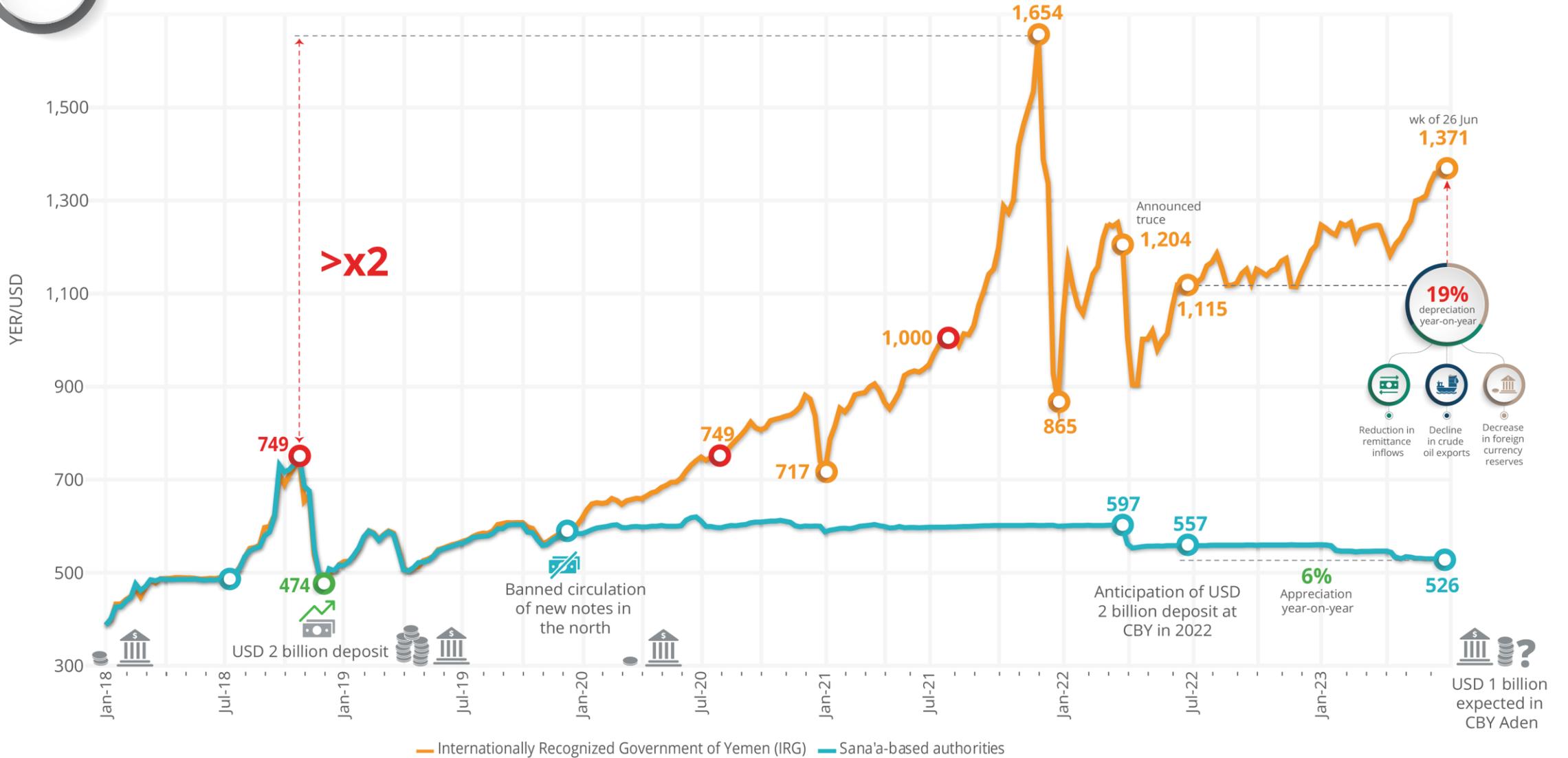
[WFP Yemen food security and market monitoring dashboard](#)

Drivers of food insecurity, beyond conflict





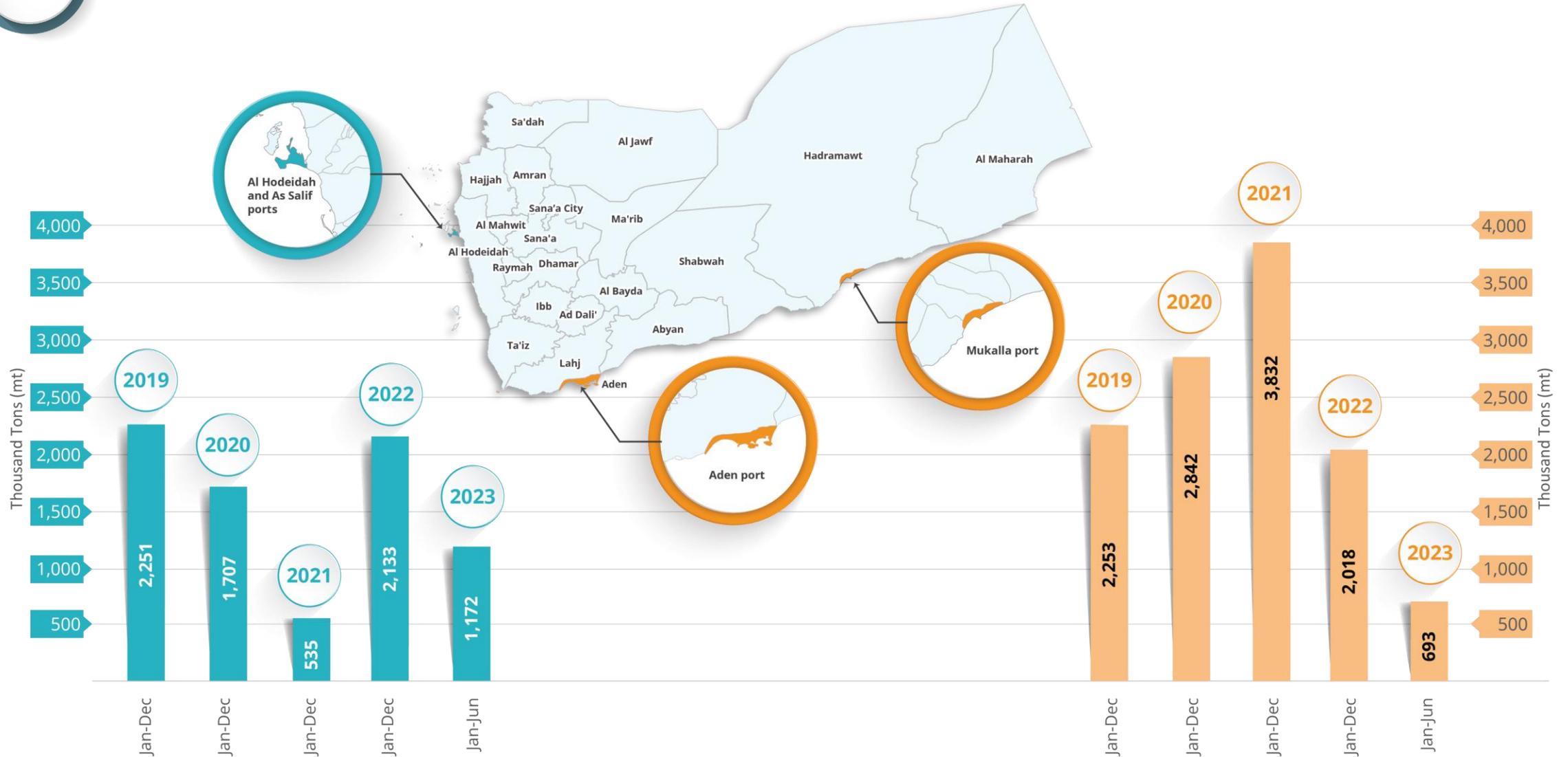
Exchange rate



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



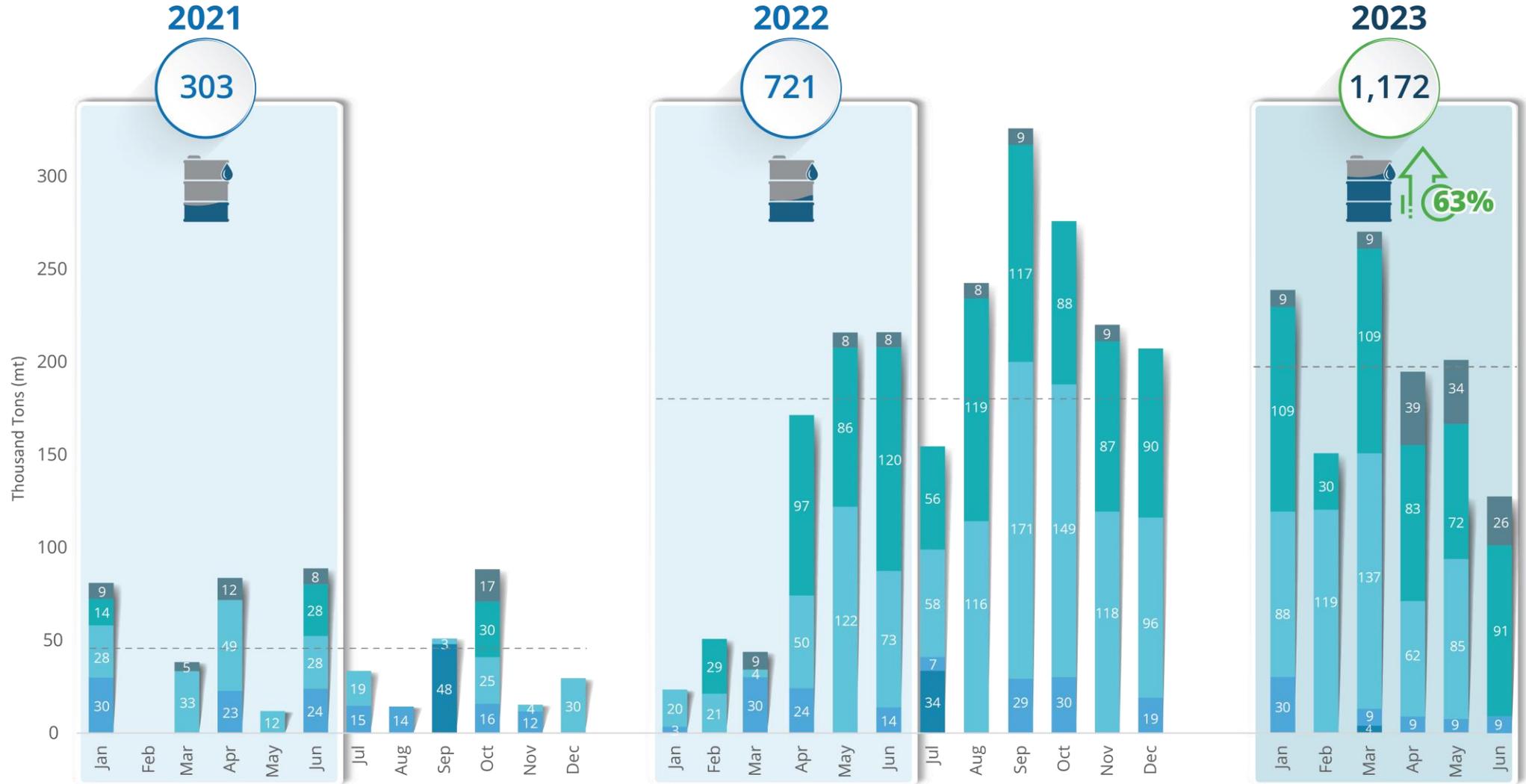
Fuel imports through Al Hodeidah and As Salif, Mukalla and Aden ports



Source: UNVIM and shipment data from Wilhelmssen



Fuel imports through Al Hodeidah and As Salif ports

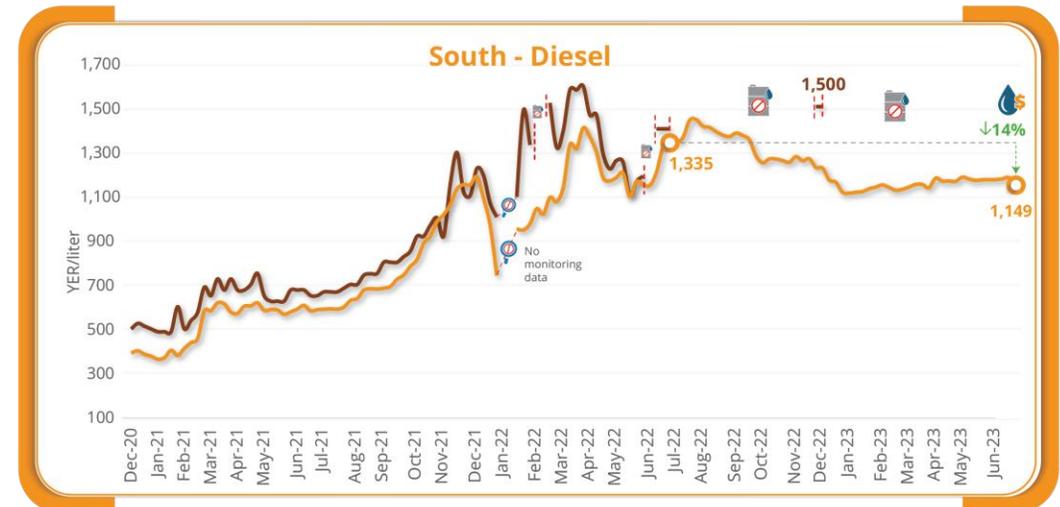
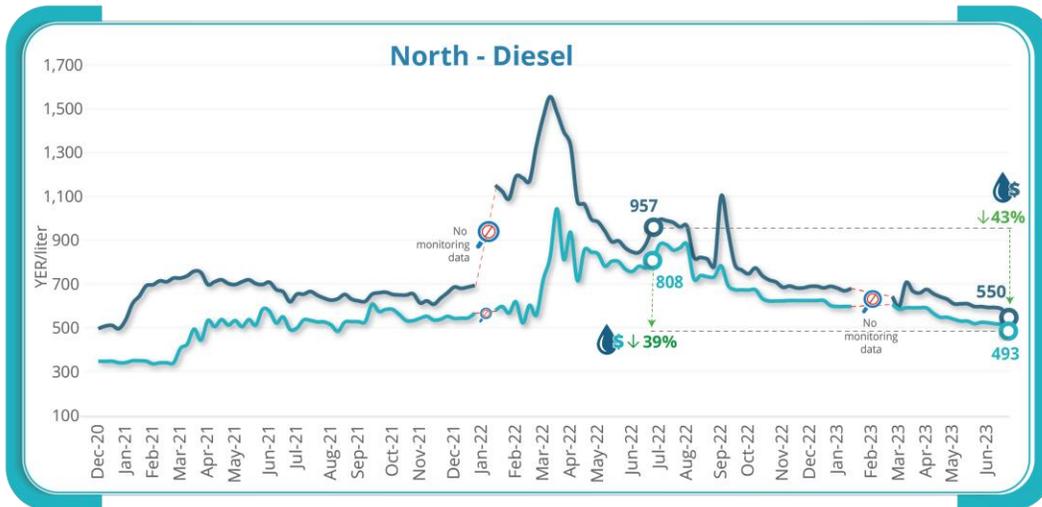
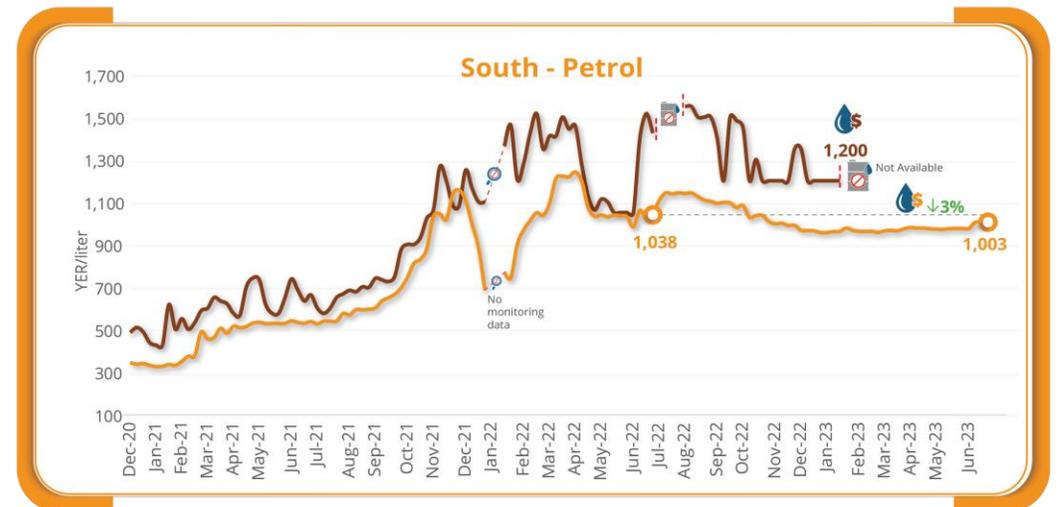
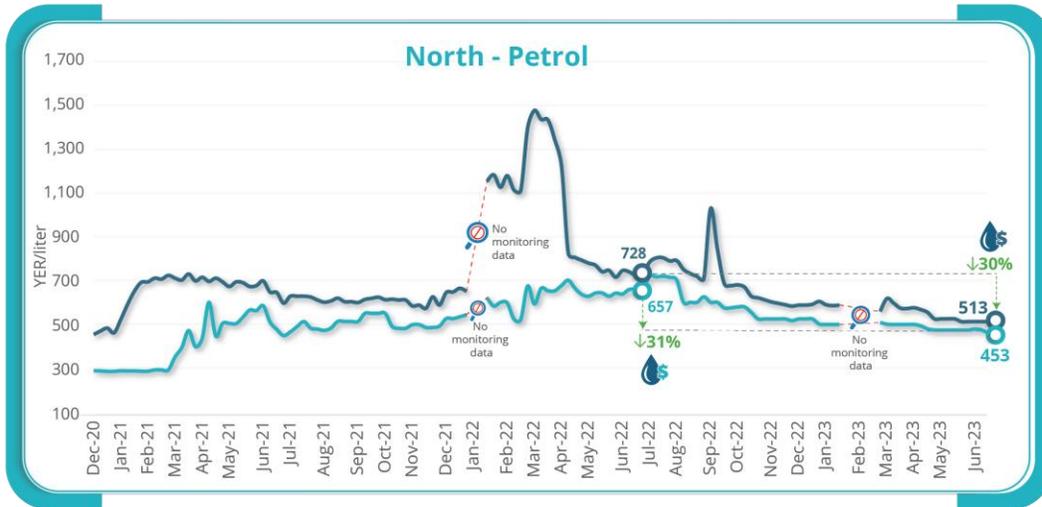


■ Kerosene
 ■ LPG
 ■ Gasoline
 ■ Gas Oil
 ■ Fuel Oil
 ■ Coal
 ■ Fuel discharged
 ○ Total for Jan-Jun (Thousand Tons)
 ---- Average monthly imports per year (Thousand Tons)

Commercial imports through Al Hodeidah and As Salif ports
 Source: UNVIM data
 The figures of May-June 2023 are based on the data from Yemen Red Sea Ports Corporation



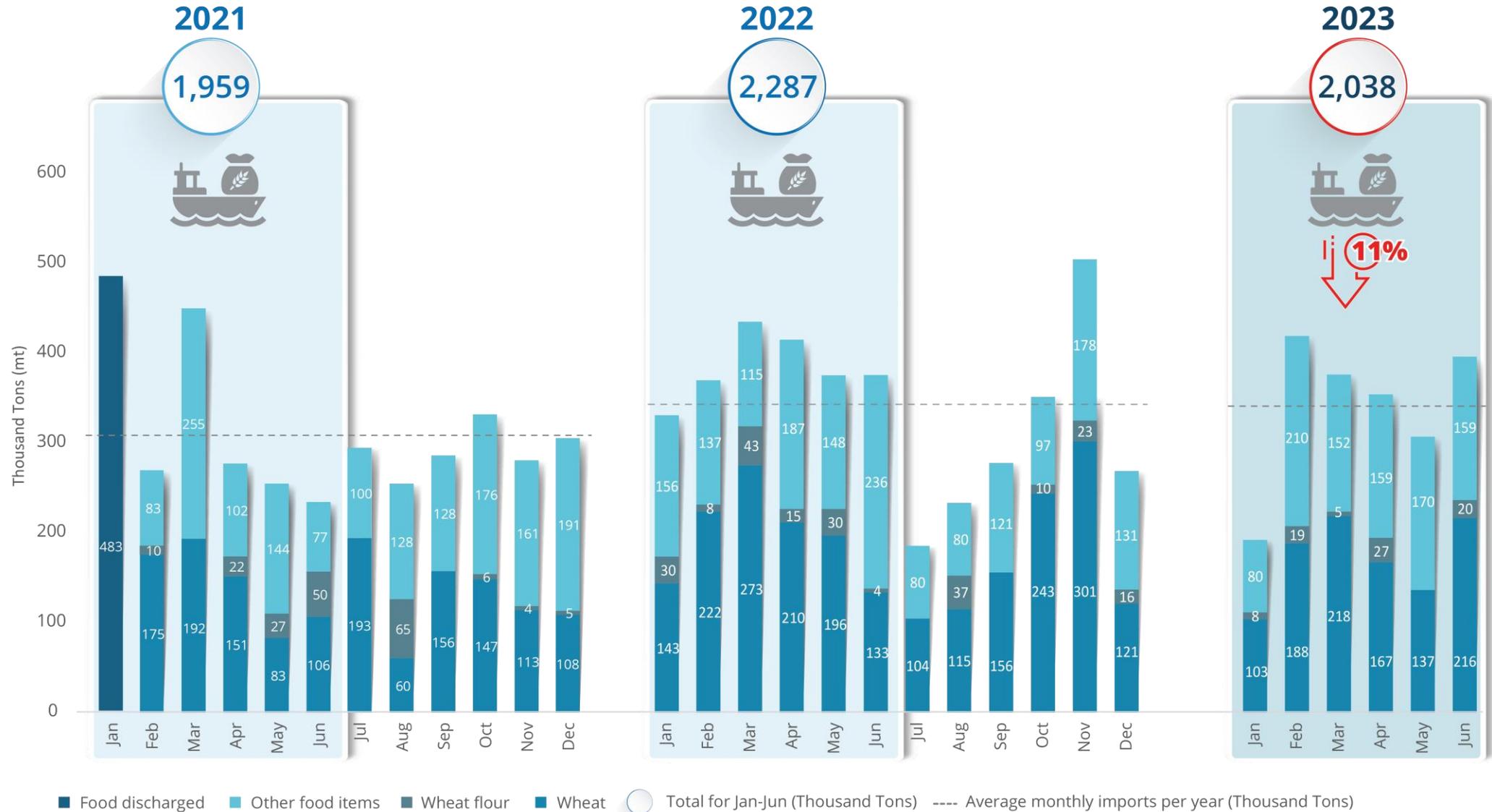
Fuel prices



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

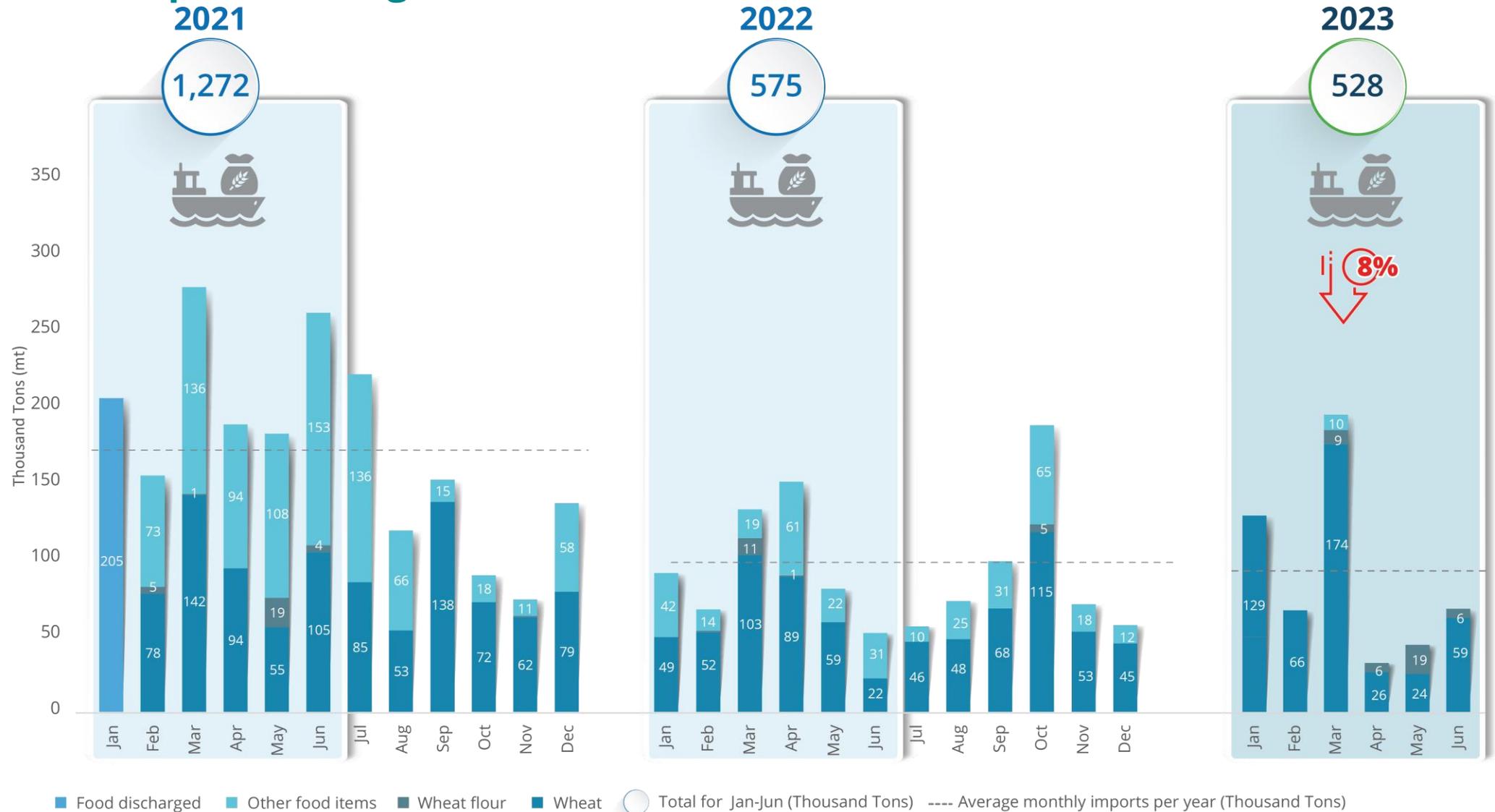


■ Food discharged
 ■ Other food items
 ■ Wheat flour
 ■ Wheat
 ○ Total for Jan-Jun (Thousand Tons)
 ---- Average monthly imports per year (Thousand Tons)

Source: UNVIM data
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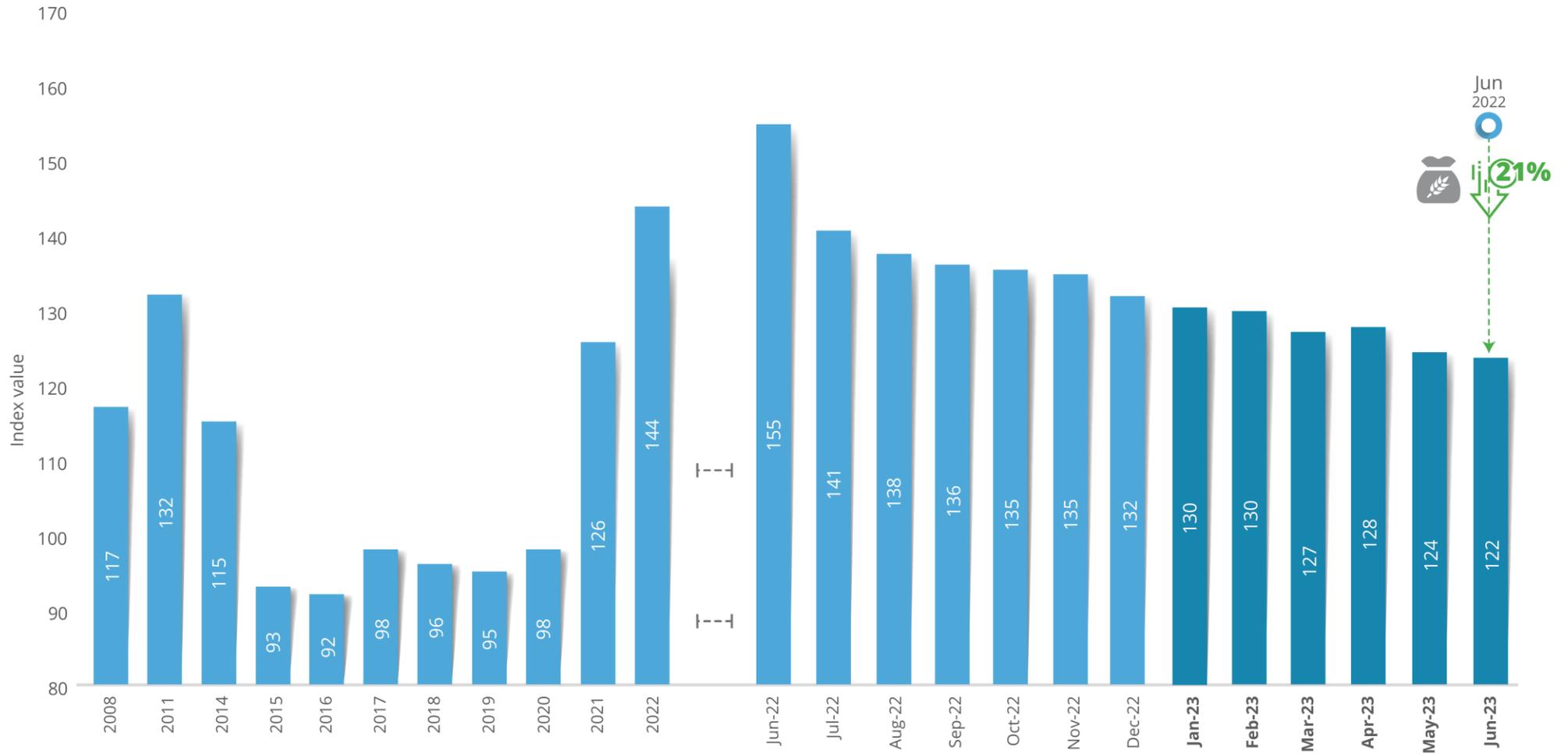
Food imports through Aden and Mukalla Ports



Source: Aden Ports Authority



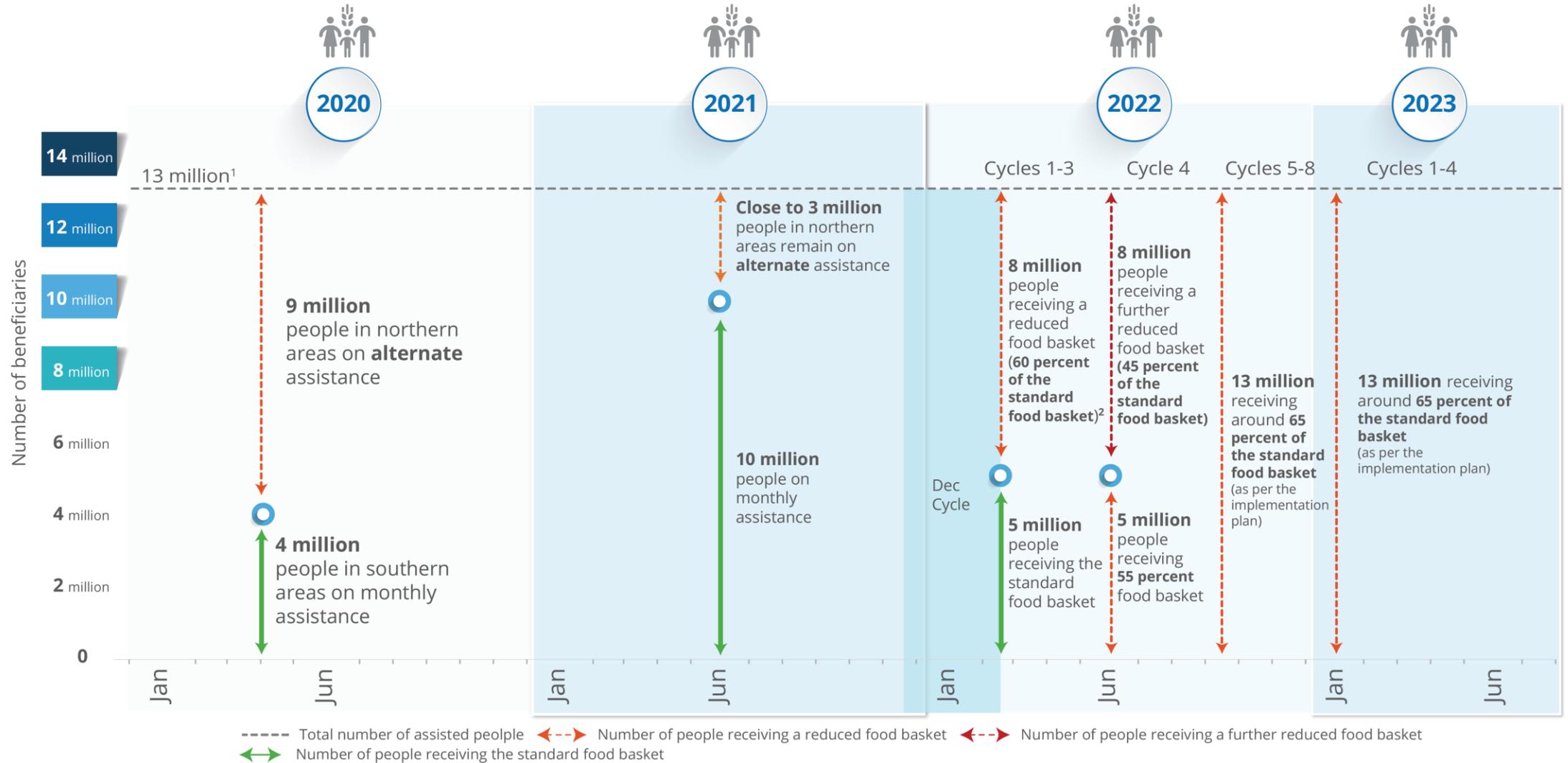
Global food prices



Source: FAO global food price index (FFPI)
The decline of the global FFPI during June 2022 - June 2023 was mainly driven by the decrease in the subindexes for oils and cereals by 45 percent and 24 percent respectively



Humanitarian food assistance*



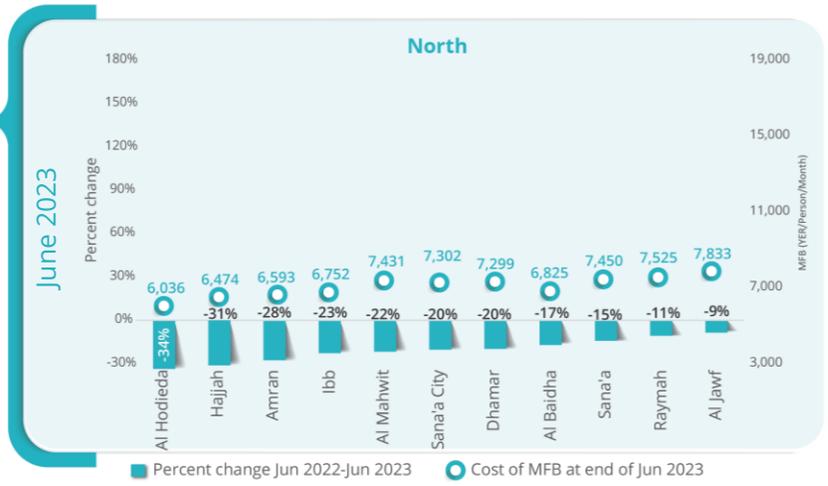
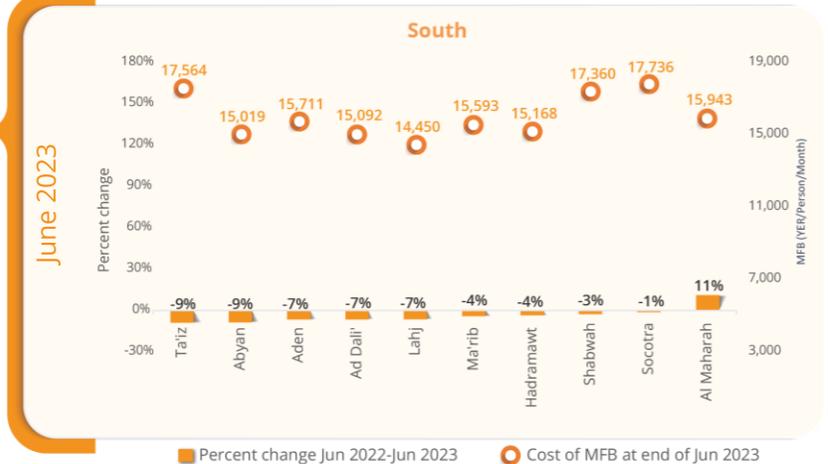
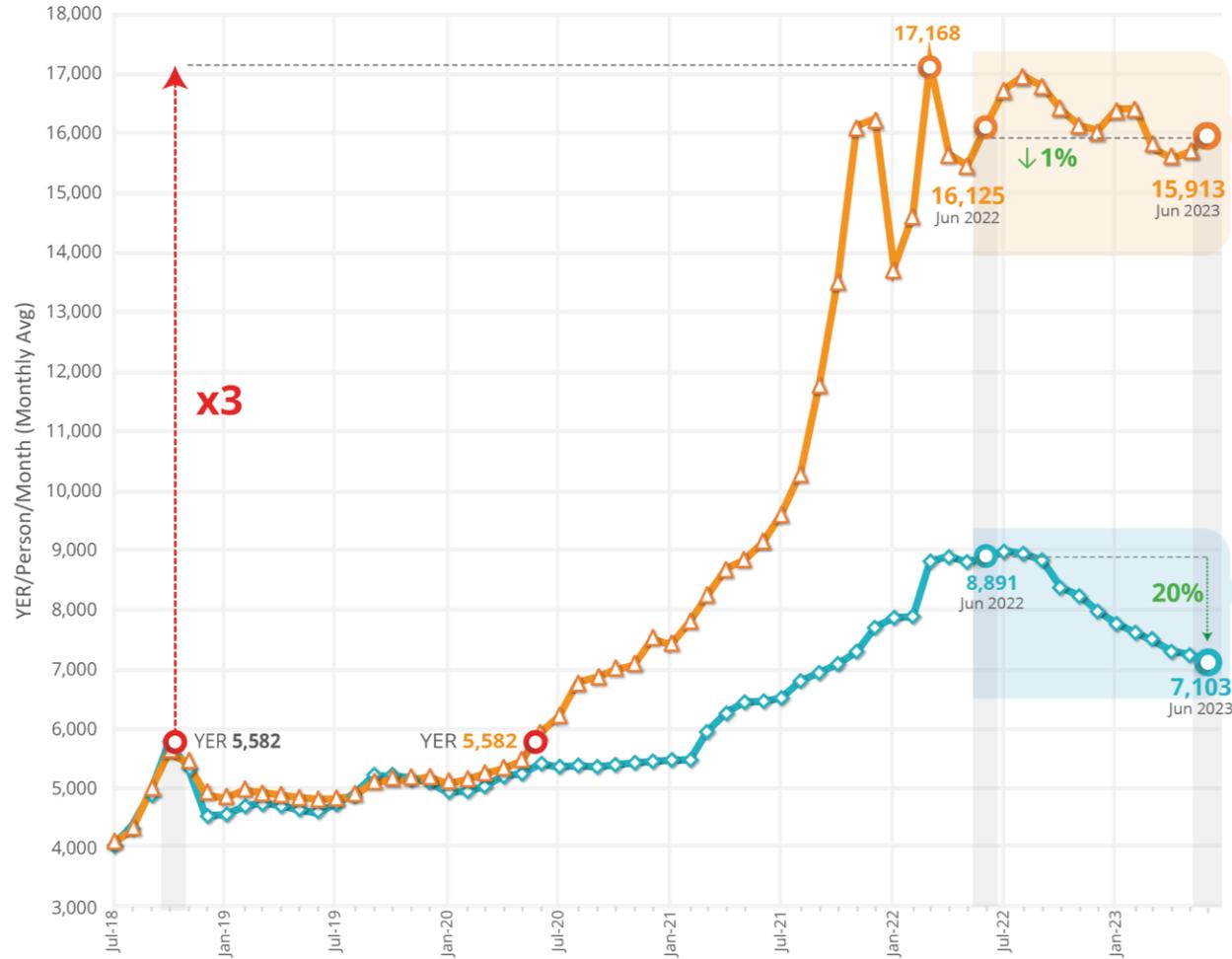
*WFP food assistance, all figures are rounded

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.



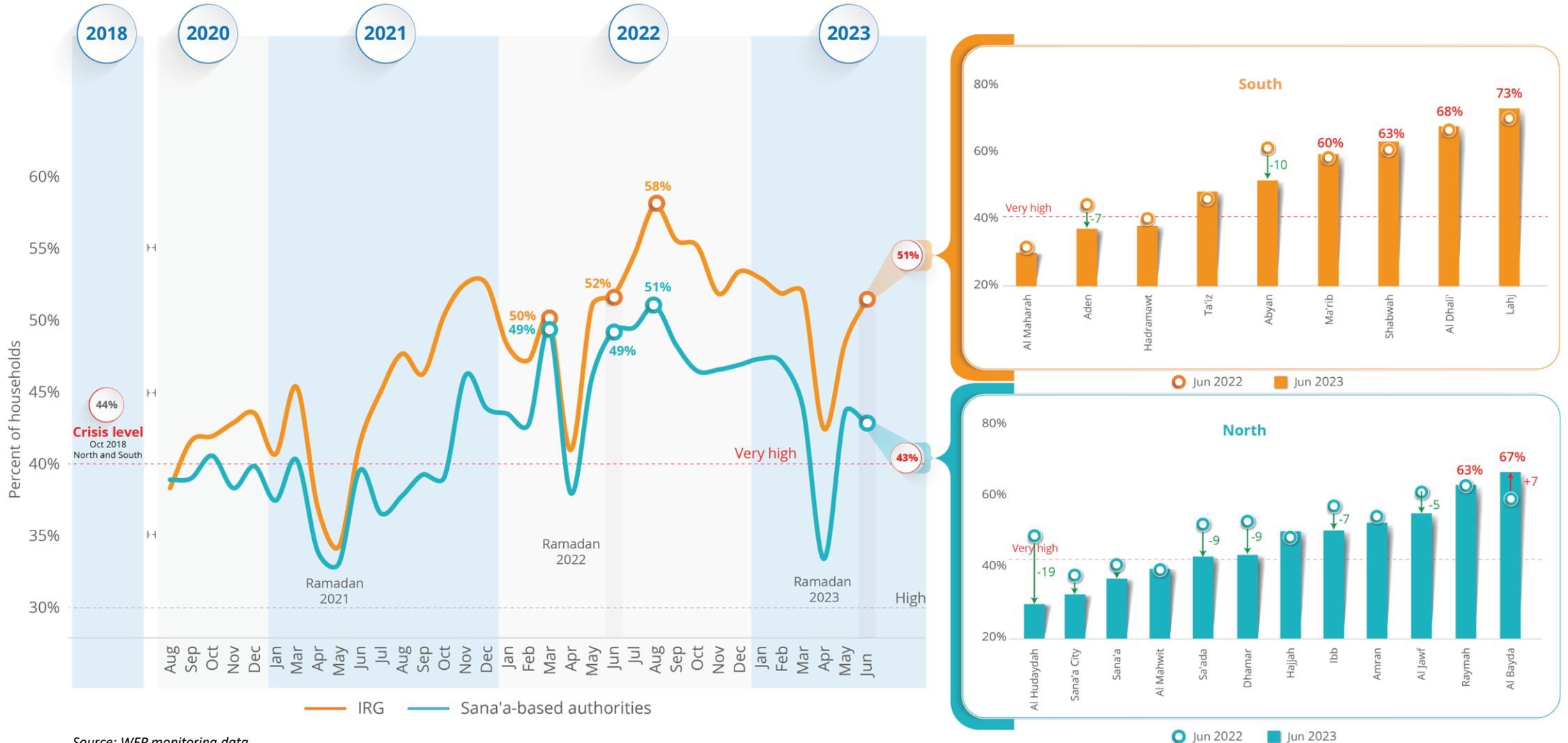
Average cost of minimum food basket (food affordability)



Source: Weekly WFP monitoring data



Food security outcomes (inadequate food consumption by governorate)



Source: WFP monitoring data

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