



WFP Yemen Situation Report #47

May 2019

In Numbers

24.1 million people in need of humanitarian assistance*

3.3 million people internally displaced

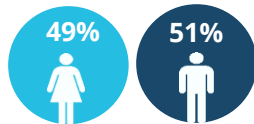
20.1 million people are food insecure

*According to the 2019 Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP)

Highlights

- WFP distributed food assistance to 11.3 million people in May. This is the highest ever monthly figure reached in the Yemen operation.
- On 20 May, the Executive Director released a public statement of a possible phased suspension of assistance in de-facto controlled area among a number of operational challenges.
- WFP Yemen is facing a shortfall of USD 640.6 million for the next six months (June – November 2019).

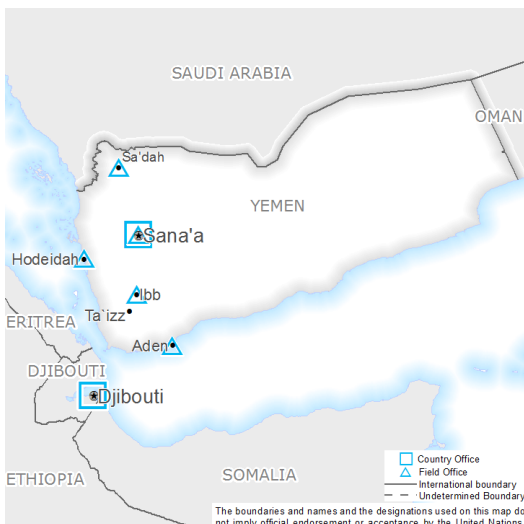
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Global Humanitarian Funding	Overall: USD 4.2 billion
	WFP share: USD 2.3 billion
WFP Net Funding Requirements (June 2019 – November 2019)	
Interim Country Strategic Plan (ICSP)	USD 640.6 million

Situation Update (including security)

- On 5 May, WFP led an inter-agency mission to the Red Sea Mills in Hudaydah via the southern corridor and inserted a technical team to conduct rehabilitation works to the mills and fumigate the wheat. The mills contained some 51,000 mt of WFP wheat, enough to feed 3.7 million people for one month. On 17 May, the technical team successfully finalised initial rehabilitation works and began the fumigation process. Due to heavy infestation as a result of inaccessibility and lack of maintenance, it is expected to take several weeks.
- On 14 May, the United Nations [confirmed](#) that the unilateral redeployment of Ansar Allah (Houthi) forces from the three key ports of Hudaydah has been undertaken 'partly as agreed' by the parties to the conflict.
- On 15 May, the UN Security Council discussed the situation in Yemen. The Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs [stated](#) that the number of suspected cases of cholera in 2019 has increased to 300,000, with numbers starting to decrease in recent weeks.
- On 20 May, WFP Executive Director David Beasley released a [statement](#) emphasizing the impediments that WFP has been facing in Yemen, including lack of access approvals, interference from the local authorities, and stalling of the independent selection of beneficiaries via a biometric registration system. Unless progress is made, WFP has informed the authorities it would have no choice but to implement a phased suspension of aid until it can properly identify and target its intended beneficiaries.
- On 25 May, WFP was able to access the besieged area of Dhuraimi city in Hudaydah, which has seen intense and prolonged bouts of conflict and insecurity. A total of 150 families received a two-month general food assistance (GFA) ration, 6,000 1 litre bottles of water, and 300 dignity and hygiene kits from UNICEF and UNFPA.



WFP Response

- During the May cycle, WFP delivered food assistance to a total of 11.3 million people in 21 governorates. Of these, 8.5 million people received in-kind food assistance, 2.7 million people received commodity vouchers and 179,310 people received cash-based transfers.
- In response to the increased fighting and large-scale population displacement in Hudaydah governorate, 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. Since the start of the large-scale IDP response in June 2018 until May 2019, WFP has provided IRRs to 265,633 households.
- Preparations for SCOPE registration in the northern governorates are ongoing to register 1.3 million households. WFP has rolled out a large-scale media campaign aimed at the public in northern governorates about WFP's targeting and registration process and its purpose, and entitlements for eligible beneficiaries. In the southern governorates, with full cooperation of the IRG, registration is ongoing in Aden, and has been completed in Lahj and Shabwa governorates. A total of 68,000 households have been registered as of end of May.

Livelihood and Resilience Projects

- Preparations for the next round of food assistance for assets (FFA) activities are underway, including to incorporate a food assistance for training (FFT) component, and to identify new potential cooperating partners (CPs). The first phase, targeting 25,000 beneficiaries in 36 districts in 11 governorates, is expected to start before July.

School Meals Programme

- The implementations of the School Feeding Programme (SFP) for the first full academic year was concluded in April 2019, with a progressive scale-up reaching 660,000 students in more than 1,500 schools in 32 districts. The programme will resume with the start of the new academic year in September 2019, with the aim to reach 1.2 million students across 43 districts in 18 governorates by the second semester. During the summer break, preparations including the scale-up plan for the new academic year are being finalized.

Nutrition Assistance

- During April 2019, WFP scaled-up its nutrition support to admit 26,320 children aged 6 to 59 months and 26,948 pregnant and lactating women (PLW) into its Targeted Supplementary Feeding Programme (TSFP) to treat moderate acute malnutrition (MAM) out of the total monthly target of 130,957. For MAM prevention, WFP admitted 258,580 children aged 6 to 23 months and 285,514 PLW into its Blanket Supplementary Feeding Programme (BSFP) out of the total

monthly target of 1.6 million people. As the scale-up of the operation is ongoing and cooperating partners submit more distribution reports to WFP, the numbers are expected to increase in the coming months.

Supply Chain

- Under the May distribution cycle, WFP dispatched 116,098 mt of commodities under the general food assistance programme, representing 95 percent of the 122,222 mt planned dispatch target.

Clusters and Common Services

Food Security and Agriculture Cluster (FSAC)

- The FSAC convened in May to present an update on the famine risk monitoring (FRM) activities and challenges. Access and security restrictions and pressure to start before Ramadan were among the main challenges faced during the data collection phase of the FRM. During the meeting, FAO presented their cash approach, and the alternate cluster coordinator presented the draft for the integrated famine risk reduction strategy.

Logistics Cluster

- In May, the Logistics Cluster facilitated the overland transport of 6,216 m³ of relief items on behalf of 15 organisations. The Logistics Cluster facilitated the air transport of 348 m³ of relief items on behalf of FAO, MDM, WFP and WHO. The Logistics Cluster facilitated the sea transport of 429 m³ of relief items on behalf of Global Medic, IRC, UNICEF and WFP.
- The current storage capacity for the different areas are as follows: 5,740 m² in Aden, 3,640 m² in Hudaydah, 320 m² in Bajil, and 2,252 m² in Sana'a.
- The Logistics Cluster facilitates access to fuel (petrol and diesel) at WFP-managed distribution points around Sana'a, Aden and Bajil. Fuel is available to humanitarian organisations on a cost-recovery basis. In May, the Logistics Cluster distributed 51,404 litres of fuel to nine organisations

Resourcing Update

- Based on the ICSP, WFP urgently needs an additional USD 640.6 million to ensure operations can continue unimpeded over the next six months.
- WFP's operational needs for the entire 2019 stand at USD 2.3 billion. Pipeline breaks are anticipated for commodity vouchers and nutrition interventions in July, and in-kind food distributions in August. Commodities purchased with recently confirmed contributions will arrive just in time to cover the needs for September and October period. Given the necessary lead-times to bring food into the country, WFP urgently needs funds to ensure that operations can continue uninterrupted until December 2019.

WFP Interim Country Strategic Plan

	Total Requirements (in USD)	Allocated Contributions (in USD)	6-Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD) (Jul 2019 – Dec 2019)	People Assisted (Mar 2019)	Female	Male
ICSP TOTAL* (Jan 2019 – Dec 2020)	4.82 b	1,157 m	730.1 m	11,335,701	5,568,096	5,767,605
General Food Assistance				11,335,701	5,568,096	5,767,605
School Meals				N/A	N/A	N/A
Food for Assets (FFA)**				N/A	N/A	N/A
Nutrition (Prevention)***				544,094	412,218	131,876
Nutrition (Treatment)***				53,268	39,844	13,423

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

**No data for School Meals or Food for Assets is available in May as preparations are ongoing for next round.

***Nutrition Prevention and Treatment figures are for April 2019.

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