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Yemen

Situation Report #29

15 April-30 April 2017

In Numbers

18.8 million (72 percent of population) in need of humanitarian assistance *2017 Yemen Humanitarian Response Plan*

17 million food insecure, including **6.8 million** severely food insecure *Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) March 2017*

2 million internally displaced and 1 million returnees *HCT Task Force on Population Movement, 12th Report, January 2017*

185,958 refugee and migrant arrivals in Yemen from the Horn of Africa (31 March 2017) *Yemen Regional Refugee and Migrant Response Plan/UNHCR*

Highlights

- In April 2017, WFP began implementing a new targeting strategy that will gradually scale-up to 9.1 million beneficiaries, providing assistance to the most food and nutrition insecure populations. In April 2017, WFP provided general food assistance to 3.6 million out of the planned 6.8 million target (60 percent), as a result of low resourcing and delays in arrival of shipments.
- WFP thanks the international community's engagement and pledges of USD 1.1 billion at the High Level Yemen Pledging Conference in Geneva, Switzerland, for scaling up life-saving assistance to 18.8 million people in need. WFP Executive Director (ED) David Beasley attended the event and spoke on behalf of the Food Security and Agriculture cluster. WFP urgently requires USD 436 million (May-October 2017), against a USD 1.2 billion requirement.
- To anticipate restricted access at Al Hudaydah port, WFP finalized its contingency plan that will ensure operational viability with minimal impact to support provided by the humanitarian community.

People assisted -
April 2017

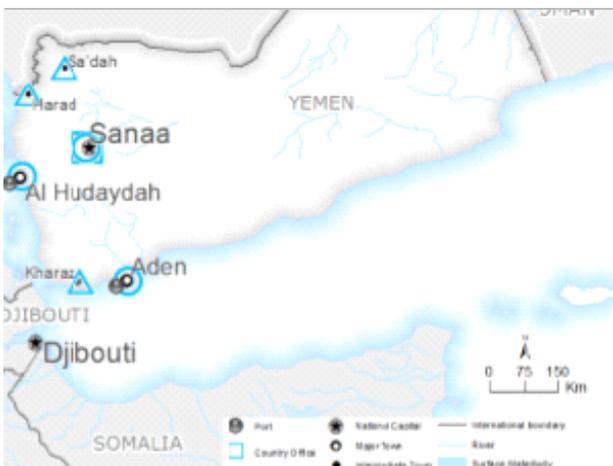


Funding Requirements

EMOP 201068 **USD 436 million**
(Net requirement for May — Oct 2017)

SO 200845 (UNHAS) **USD 25.8 million**
(funding requirements/overall project duration — May 2015—Dec 2017)

SO 200841 (Logistics and ETC) **USD 55.1 million**
(funding requirements/overall project duration — Apr 2015—Dec 2017)



Yemen Emergency Response

Photo: Photo taken in Aden during March 2017 where a woman received critical food assistance.

Situation Update

- The recently launched EMOP follows an integrated and phased approach which consists of a multi-sectorial package that collaborates with food security, nutrition, agriculture, livelihoods, WASH and health partners. WFP plans to target those with the highest level of food insecurity (6.8 million), provide nutrition support to 1.9 million people and supports refugees, whilst including a contingency component in the event of natural disaster and further displacement.
- On 11 April, Yemen Humanitarian Coordinator, Jamie McGoldrick, released a statement in response to the continued and heavy fighting in Taizz Governorate. He has called on the parties to the conflict to establish predictable and regular mechanisms for facilitating the direct delivery of humanitarian assistance to people in need in Taizz.
- Al Hudaydah Port, which receives 70 percent of Yemen's imports, remains open, though possible further restricted access is of serious concern. In addition to creating a contingency plan for the port, WFP has been advocating for the port to remain open and access unimpeded. On 18 April, the Yemen Humanitarian Coordinator and WFP Yemen Country Director participated in a panel for United Nations Security Council (UNSC) meeting 2140 Committee Deliberations on Yemen's Red Sea Ports that briefed the UNSC Yemen Sanctions Committee.
- During March and April, WFP and UNICEF finalized a partnership strategy that will scale-up nutrition activities in all high priority governorates and districts for the community-based management of acute malnutrition (CMAM), contribute to the Nutrition Cluster scale-up plan, and integrate WFP and UNICEF support with food security, health and WASH sectors.

Food Assistance

General food assistance (GFA): For April 2017, 3,034,533 people are confirmed to have received emergency in-kind food assistance in 13 governorates (45 percent achieved against the target of 6 million this month). The lower figure (3.25 million reached in March 2017) can be attributed to a combination of funding shortfalls and the late arrival of shipments.

Commodity Vouchers through Traders Network (CV-TN): During the April Cycle, 643,812 people (107,302 households) are confirmed to have redeemed their vouchers in the governorates of Al Hudaydah, Sana'a and Taizz (74 percent achieved against the target of 870,468).

Nutrition: In March 2017, 14,519 moderate acutely malnourished (MAM) children 6 to 59 months and 11,497 acutely malnourished pregnant and lactating women (PLW) were admitted into WFP's targeted supplementary feeding programmes (TSFP) through 609 health facilities and 94 mobile clinics in 13 governorates. WFP's blanket supplementary feeding programme (BSFP) for prevention of acute and chronic malnutrition admitted 4,658 children 6 to 23 months in the same governorates. In the TSFP, 94 percent of MAM children were discharged as cured, 5 percent defaulted, and less than 1 percent died, while 94 percent of PLW admitted in March were discharged as cured, 5 percent defaulted and no deaths were recorded. The cumulative 2017 total for TSFP is 63,514 children and 31,804 PLW have been admitted, and for BSFP 27,273 children have been admitted.

Monitoring: To ensure that WFP targets and distributes to the most food insecure persons, under the new EMOP 201608 WFP has implemented a beneficiary exercise to assess the effectiveness of our beneficiary targeting. In addition, the beneficiary hotline, launched in October 2016, continues to be a critical tool for reaching beneficiaries and since its launch, has received a total of 2,882 calls. The majority of the calls concerned CV-TN and GFA (in-kind).

Logistics: On 15 April WFP chartered vessel MV Fanouris carrying 10,000 mt of wheat was discharged

at Al Hudaydah port.

Between the 14-19 April, a WFP convoy of 54 trucks carrying 1,350 mt of food was delayed by local authorities in Taizz. WFP successfully negotiated the release of these trucks and the commodities on the trucks will be distributed in May 2017.

Clusters



Food Security Cluster On 28 April, WFP

Executive Director and FAO General Director held a joint meeting in Rome to brief members on the latest food security situation in the 4 countries facing famine.

A WFP [report](#) on the State of Food Insecurity in Yemen was released based on inputs from the latest Emergency Food Security and Nutrition Assessment. In summary, 60 percent of the population are in a state of food crisis or emergency. One-third of Yemeni households have poor food consumption which has led to a sharp increase (62 percent) in households use of negative coping strategies. Household hunger scores have tripled since 2014 with more than 40 percent of Yemeni households going to sleep hungry and almost 20 percent of the population going a full day/night without eating each month. Malnutrition rates in Yemen remain among the highest in the world.



Logistics Cluster According to the data compiled by the Logistics Cluster, commercial imports of food increased by 27 percent March– 398,147 mt food imported in March against 321,243 mt in February). At the same, fuel imports significantly increased– 67 percent in March (259,322 mt) in comparison to February (176,301 mt). However, fuel imports still accounts only for 48 percent of the monthly fuel requirement.

Resourcing Update

WFP thanks the following donors for their contributions to EMOP 201068: ECHO, Canada, China, , Finland, Luxembourg, Japan, Switzerland, the United States, and private donors (JAWFP).

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WFP Operations in Yemen						
	Project Duration	Planned number of people	Total requirements (in USD)	Total received (in USD)	People Assisted per month by WFP	
					Targeted	Reached
EMOP 201068	Apr 17–Mar 18	9,100,000 per month (General food assistance)	432 (net 6-month requirement, May–Oct 2017)	124.13m (for entire project duration)	March GFD : 6 million March CVTN : 429,018 April GFD : 6 million April CVTN : 870,468	GFD: March (3,251,380) CVTN: March (425,059) GFD: April (3,034,533) CVTN: April (643,812) <i>*as of 30 April 2017</i>
SO 200841	Apr 15–Dec 17	—	55.1 m	33.8 m	—	—
SO 200845	May 15–Dec 17	—	25.7 m	13.1 m	—	—