



WFP Yemen Situation Report #10

October 2020

In Numbers

24.3 million people in need of humanitarian assistance*

3.6 million people internally displaced

20.1 million people are food insecure

*According to the Jun-Dec Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP) extension

Highlights

- WFP targeted 8.7 million Yemeni people with general food assistance under October distributions.
- 2,066 confirmed cumulative cases of COVID-19 were reported by the end of October.
- WFP requires USD 442 million to continue operations unimpeded over the next six months (December 2020 – May 2021).

8.7 million people targeted
October 2020



Interim Country Strategic Plan (ICSP 2019-2020) Funding Requirements	Overall: USD 4.82 billion
	2020: USD 2.53 billion
Net Funding Requirements (December 2020 – May 2021)	USD 442 million

Situation Update (including security)

- As of 31 October, WHO [reported](#) 2,066 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Yemen and 588 deaths. A noticeable decline in the number of reported cases continued to be observed throughout October where only 28 cases were reported. The COVID-19 response focused in October on enhancing surveillance, deploying dedicated COVID-19 staff, boosting intensive care unit (ICU) capacity and tracking the impact of the virus on routine priority health programmes.
- The fuel crisis in areas under the Sana'a-based authorities continued throughout October but has seen a slight improvement towards the end of the month. This gradual resumption of fuel supply immediately lowered the fuel price in the parallel market to about USD 0.57 per litre, compared to USD 0.9 per litre.
- On 16 October under the supervision of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), the exchange of 1,056 prisoners was completed as part of the phased release of former detainees agreed upon by the Internationally Recognized Government of Yemen (IRG) and the Sana'a-based authorities in Switzerland on 27 September.
- On 04 October, a flight of the UN medical airbridge carrying civilian Yemenis who have received medical care in Jordan, landed in Sana'a International Airport. WHO and the Office of the UN Special Envoy for Yemen facilitated the flight in collaboration with local health authorities.
- The recent increased fighting on different fronts in Al Hodeidah and Ma'rib governorates has resulted in additional displacements. Between 18 and 24 October, 340 household displacements were recorded through [IOM](#) Yemen's Displacement Tracking Matrix, fleeing conflict especially in Al Hodeidah, Al Jawf and Ma'rib governorates.
- In a [statement](#), the UN Humanitarian Coordinator for Yemen condemned the escalations in Ta'iz and Al Hodeidah governorates urging parties to move to a political dialogue with famine looming and funding running out.



WFP Response

- Under the October cycle, WFP targeted 8.7 million people with food assistance. Of these, 6.2 million people were targeted with in-kind

food assistance, 1.6 million people with commodity vouchers and some 928,000 people with cash-based transfers.

- The September distribution cycle was concluded in October. WFP reached 8.1 million people with general food assistance. Of these, 6.1 million people were assisted with in-kind food rations, 1.6 million people with food vouchers, and over 900,000 people with cash assistance.
- In response to the increased fighting and large-scale population displacement in Al Hodeidah governorate in 2018, 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. In September, WFP distributed some 7,000 RRM kits to UNFPA and its cooperating partners.



Livelihood and Resilience Projects

- In September, WFP reached over 74,000 beneficiaries with cash transfers for their participation in food assistance for assets (FFA). Participants worked on over 197 assets, including rural road rehabilitation, water harvesting schemes and agricultural projects. Food for training (FFT) activities continued in Sana'a governorate where two hundred women were enrolled in a skills development and managerial training programme.
- On 06 October, WFP started a three-month personal mask production project in Sana'a governorate. A total of 30 women are enrolled in the project, all of whom participated in WFP's food assistance for training (FFT) activities. The produced masks are planned to be distributed to health workers and to WFP partners to be used in community activities.



School Feeding Programme

- Under the October cycle, WFP reached some 590,000 students with the school feeding programme. Of which, Over 9,900 students were supported with freshly prepared meals via the healthy kitchens programme in Aden, which commenced on 04 October.



Nutrition Assistance

- In October, WFP reached over 197,000 children aged 6 to 59 months and 127,000 pregnant and lactating women and girls (PLWG) with its Targeted Supplementary Feeding Programme (TSFP) to treat moderate acute malnutrition (MAM). For MAM prevention, WFP reached some 497,000 children aged 6 to 23 months with its Blanket Supplementary Feeding Programme (BSFP).
- Following increased demands due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the global shortfall in the production and availability of wheat soya blend (WSB+) continued in October impacting WFP's nutrition programme from the August distribution cycle, the shortfalls are expected to continue until December and affect around one million PLWGs.



Supply Chain

- Under the October distribution plan, WFP dispatched over 79,000 mt of food under the general food assistance, school feeding and nutrition programmes.
- During October, supply chain locally procured 6,000 mt of mixed commodities under the October and November cycles.
- Shipping operations brought over 96,000 mt of cereals into the country in October. Shipping also received over 1,400 containers holding mixed commodities and 20 containers holding medicines and non-food items.

Clusters and Common Services



Food Security and Agriculture Cluster (FSAC)

- *Nothing significant to report.*



Logistics Cluster

- The Logistics Cluster supported 12 partners in October. It facilitated the sea transport of 125 m³ of relief items to Aden and Al Hodeidah on behalf of four partners. The cluster received into storage 53 m³ of cargo, on behalf of one partner.

Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC)

- The ETC finalized two new emergency operations centres (EOCs) for the cholera response in Socotra and Ta'iz governorates. The cholera response in the new EOCs are expected to support around 1.3 million people. WFP and the ETC continue to provide technical support and management of the IT infrastructure in the 26 EOCs across Yemen.
- The ETC took lead in the implementation of new IT projects requested and funded by WHO in areas under the IRG control, namely at the Ministry of Public Health and Population (MoPHP), Aden University and Ameen Nasher High Medical Institute.

Bilateral Service Provision (BSP)

- In October, BSP delivered around 1.2 million litres of fuel to WHO and 179,000 litres to UNICEF to support the uninterrupted services of hospitals and local water and sanitation services, respectively. Also, BSP continued its support to partners with shipping of 1,150 m³ of critical medical and infrastructure non-food items (NFIs) in October. Over 112,000 litres of diesel were delivered to NGOs and UN facilities.

Resourcing Update

- Based on the Interim Country Strategic Plan, WFP urgently needs an additional USD 442 million to ensure operations can continue unimpeded over the next six months as per the following:

Activity	Funding requirement in USD
General Food Assistance	319 million
Nutrition	63 million
School Feeding	15 million
Livelihoods	35 million
UNHAS	7 million
Logistics Cluster	2 million
Emergency Telecommunications Cluster	1 million

WFP Interim Country Strategic Plan

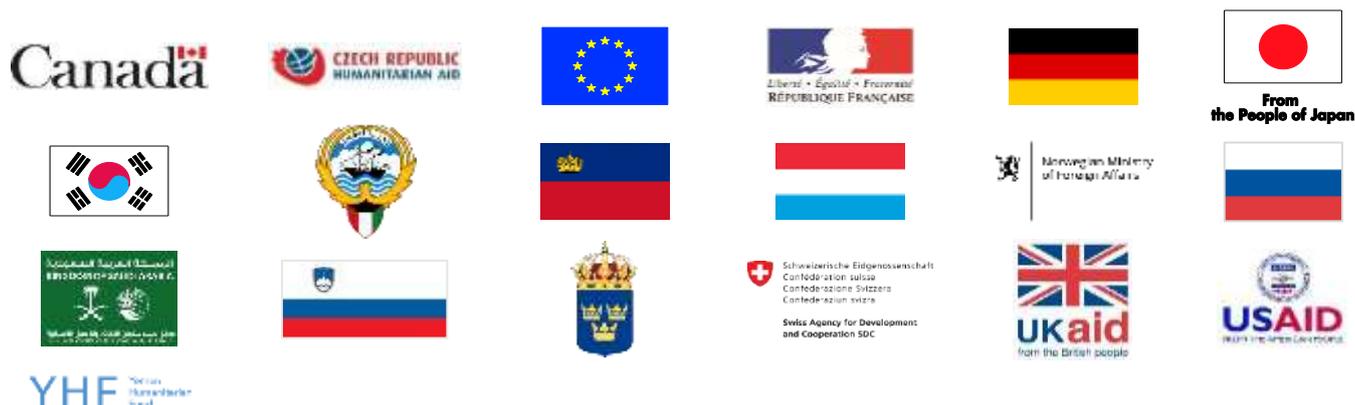
	Total Requirements (in US\$)	Allocated Contributions (in US\$)	6-Month Net Funding Requirements (in US\$) (Dec 2020 – May 2021)	People Assisted (October 2020)	Female	Male
ICSP TOTAL* (Jan 2019 – Dec 2020)	4.82 b	3.06 b	442 m	8,090,117	3,973,865	4,116,252
General Food Assistance**				8,090,117	3,973,865	4,116,252
School Meals				589,928	288,386	301,542
Food for Assets (FFA)				74,396	36,543	37,853
Nutrition (Prevention)***				496,854	243,458	253,396
Nutrition (Treatment)***				325,067	224,400	100,667

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

** General food assistance figures and ICSP total are for September. October distributions are ongoing.

***Nutrition Prevention and Treatment figures are based on dispatches.

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