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WFP Yemen Situation Report #8 August 2023



WFP SIX-MONTH NET FUNDING REQUIREMENT

OCT 2023 – MAR 2024
US\$ 1.23 BILLION



WFP 2023 FUNDING REQUIREMENT
Yemen interim country strategic plan (2023-2025)

US\$ 2.95 BILLION
2023 NEEDS-BASED BUDGET



WFP 2023 NEEDS RESOURCED
Balances carried forward and 2023 contributions

US\$ 1.16 BILLION
AS OF 31 AUG



WFP STAFF
991



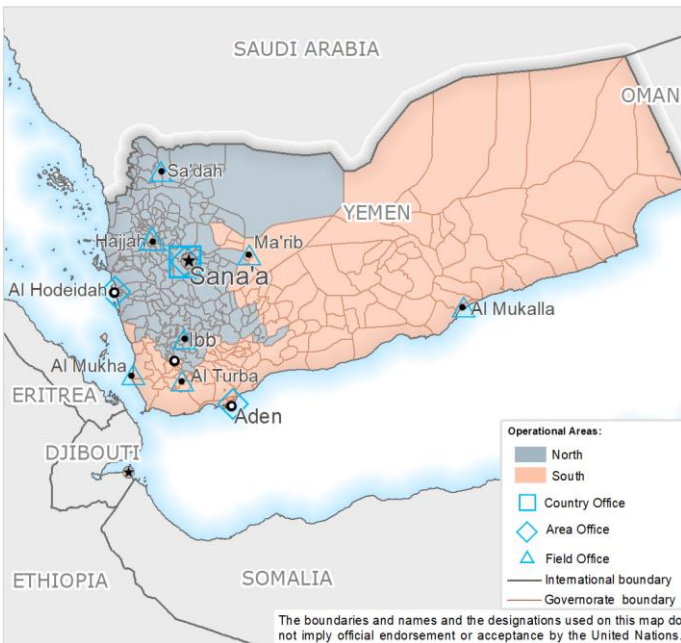
WFP OFFICES
11 (in country)



COOPERATING PARTNERS
32

WFP YEMEN OPERATIONAL AREAS

AS OF AUGUST 2023



WFP OPERATION:	Yemen interim country strategic plan (2023-2025)
APPROVED:	November 2022
NEEDS-BASED BUDGET:	US\$ 8.56 billion (2023-2025)
WFP GENDER AND AGE MARKER:	4 (fully integrates gender and age)
WFP EMERGENCY CLASSIFICATION:	Corporate Attention

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In Numbers

4.4 million people assisted by WFP in Yemen in August

17 million people food insecure (*IPC Phases 3-4*)¹

6.1 million people in Emergency (*IPC Phase 4*)

3.5 million people acutely malnourished²

Highlights

- WFP Yemen continues to face severe funding shortages, with the operation just 15 percent funded for the October 2023 – March 2024 six-month period.
- WFP on 18 August warned that critical funding shortfalls could prompt significant cuts to its provision of food assistance in Yemen.
- WFP mostly suspended its malnutrition prevention programme in Yemen in August due to a lack of funding, affecting more than 2 million people targeted for assistance.
- With the start of the school year, WFP in late August resumed school feeding in areas under the internationally recognized Government of Yemen, targeting 756,000 children.

SITUATION UPDATE

Food Security Situation:

- According to the latest [WFP Yemen Food Security Update](#) based on data covering the month of July, the food security situation in Yemen continued to deteriorate in July for the third consecutive month.
- The nationwide rate of inadequate food consumption increased by three percentage points from June to July, reaching 49 percent, the highest level seen since February 2023.
- Slightly worse outcomes continued to be seen in areas under the internationally recognized Government of Yemen (*IRG, south operational area*) at 52 percent, as compared to areas under the Sana'a-based authorities (*SBA, north operational area*), at 47 percent.

¹ Integrated Food Security Phase Classification Acute Food Insecurity (IPC AFI) projection update, October – December 2022.

² Integrated Food Security Phase Classification Acute Malnutrition (IPC AMN) analysis, January – May 2022.

Photo: © WFP/ Mehedi Rahman. Siblings Itiefa and Ramsey enjoy a packet of WFP supplementary food outside a WFP-supported nutrition centre in Ma'rib, August 2023.



WFP OPERATIONS

- WFP assisted an estimated 4.4 million people across its activities in Yemen in August 2023¹:

General Food Assistance (GFA):

- Over the calendar month of August, WFP distributed GFA to 3.4 million people: 3.4 million people with in-kind general food distributions (GFD); and 47,300 people with US\$ 546,500 in cash-based transfers (CBT):

AREA / MODALITY	Food (GFD)	Cash (CBT)	TOTAL
North Operational area	2,209,543	47,256	2,256,799
South Operational area	1,154,300	-	1,154,300
TOTAL	3,363,843	47,256	3,411,099

- WFP distributes GFA in cycles lasting approximately 45 days, currently targeting 13.1 million people each cycle. GFA distributions in August were conducted under cycle 4 of 2023, which started in July.²

WFP Supply Chain

- WFP dispatched 3,600 metric tons (mt) of GFA in August, completing dispatches for cycle 4. The low dispatch tonnage is the result of delays to the start of dispatches for cycle 5, which commenced in early September.

Impact of Funding Shortfalls:

- Due to funding shortfalls, WFP provides all GFA recipients with a reduced entitlement providing approximately 40 percent of the standard food basket.
- On 18 August, WFP issued a [news release](#) outlining further reductions on the horizon in the absence of additional funding, with as many as 4.4 million people potentially losing access to WFP food assistance.

UN Rapid Response Mechanism (RRM):

- The RRM [assisted](#) 5,500 households (approximately 38,700 people) in August, primarily households affected by floods, as well as conflict-induced displacement.
- The RRM is led by UNFPA with UNICEF and WFP as supply partners. The RRM kit provided to beneficiaries includes ready-to-eat food provided by WFP.

Nutrition Assistance:

- WFP dispatched nutrition assistance sufficient for 411,600 children and pregnant and breastfeeding women and girls (PBWG) in Yemen in August:

- Under its Treatment of Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM) programme, WFP dispatched specialised nutritious food for 283,300 people: 165,500 children aged 6-59 months and 117,700 PBWG.
- Under its Prevention of Acute Malnutrition activity, WFP dispatched assistance for 128,300 people: 71,800 children 6-23 months and 56,500 PBWG with specialized nutritious food. No cash assistance was provided due to funding shortfalls.

Impact of Funding Shortfalls:

- WFP in August mostly suspended its Prevention of Acute Malnutrition-programme due to funding shortfalls. The programme targets 2.4 million children and PBWG across Yemen.
- The only exception to the suspension is 15 districts covered under a [grant](#) from the UN Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF). WFP is assisting 71,800 children and 56,500 PBWG in these districts, where WFP will be able to continue assistance until the end of the year.
- The funding shortages are coinciding with increased admission numbers for severe and moderate acute malnutrition. WFP expects the suspension of the programme to increase the number of malnourished women and children further.
- WFP is also facing imminent funding shortfalls for its MAM treatment programme starting as of October.

School Feeding:

- WFP assisted 1.7 million schoolchildren in Yemen in August under its School Feeding programme: School feeding took place in 4,382 schools in 84 districts across 19 governorates, with 2,700 mt of food distributed.
- With the start of the 2023-2024 school year in IRG areas, WFP in late August resumed school feeding across the southern governorates, targeting 755,600 children. WFP [resumed](#) school feeding in SBA areas in late July.

Resilience and Livelihoods:

- WFP supported 13,800 people under its Resilience and Livelihoods activity in August: Participants worked on 25 assets, including rural road rehabilitation, water harvesting schemes, fishing landing sites, school rehabilitation, and agricultural projects in five districts across Hadramawt, Hajjah, and Ta'iz governorates.

¹ Individual activity assistance figures cannot be summed due to overlap between activities. Monthly distribution figures are estimates and subject to change pending final beneficiary reconciliation.

² Note that GFA assistance cycles might overlap in different areas. Note also that the relatively low GFA distribution figures for August was caused by delays to the start of GFA cycle 5, and as the bulk of cycle 4 distributions took place in July.

Research, Assessment and Monitoring (RAM):

Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E):

- WFP and contracted third-party monitoring companies (TPM) conducted 586 monitoring activities in August covering all activities, including on-site monitoring visits.
- WFP's call centres conducted 12,400 outgoing calls to verify the receipt of assistance, food delivery to distribution sites, and to collect food security data.
- WFP received 26,400 incoming calls to its Community Feedback Mechanism (CFM), which provides a direct channel for beneficiaries to interface directly with WFP.

Vulnerability Analysis and Mapping (VAM):

- WFP completed data collection for the Food Security and Livelihoods Assessment (FSLA) in SBA areas on 24 August, completing FSLA data collection nationwide.
- The FSLA outcomes will feed into an updated Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) analysis. The IPC [analysis](#) covering IRG areas was [released](#) on 25 May.



CLUSTERS AND COMMON SERVICES

UN Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS):

- In August, the WFP-managed UNHAS operated 83 flights, carrying 1,554 passengers from 17 UN agencies and 54 international non-governmental organizations.

Food Security and Agriculture Cluster (FSAC):

Integrated Famine Risk Reduction (IFRR):

- In August, The IFRR coordination group collected data on partner organization presence across the 96 [IFRR Priority Districts](#) to analyse how existing projects are integrated. The results of the analysis will inform the 2024 Yemen [Humanitarian Programme Cycle](#) (HPC).
- Related to the ongoing preparations for the 2024 HPC, a IFRR [Guiding Note](#) on how to promote an integrated approach in the 2024 Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP) was finalized and published in August.

Logistics Cluster:

- The WFP-led Logistics Cluster supported 30 partners in August through coordination, information management, and access to common storage.
- 326 m³ of cargo was received in common storage in August on behalf of three partners, while 336 m³ of humanitarian cargo in common storage was released on behalf of three partners.

Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC):

- In August, the WFP-led ETC [provided](#) critical data connectivity to 1,500 humanitarians across 20 sites in Yemen, and security communications services to a total of 2,400 responders supported by eight UNDSS-managed Security Operations Centres (SOCs).

Bilateral Service Provision (BSP):

- In August, WFP BSP delivered 1.9 million litres of fuel to WHO and UNICEF-supported hospitals and local water and sanitation (WASH) facilities.
- 76,000 litres of fuel were provided to UN agencies and international non-governmental organizations through the BSP Small-Quantity Fuel Provision-mechanism.
- 336 m³ of non-food items (NFIs) were transported to Al Hodeidah port on behalf of four partners, with 999 m³ of various NFIs in the pipeline for four partners.



FUNDING SITUATION

- Contributions totaling US\$ 700,000 towards WFP Yemen were confirmed in August from private donors.
- WFP's [needs-based plan](#) is just 15 percent funded for the October 2023 – March 2024 six-month period, with a six-month net funding requirement of US\$ 1.23 billion.

2023 Donors (AS OF AUGUST 2023)

Australia, Austria, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF), Czech Republic, Denmark, European Union, Estonia, France, Germany, Iceland, Japan, Republic of Korea, Luxembourg, Mauritius, Norway, Poland, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, United States of America, Yemen Humanitarian Fund (YHF), WFP multilateral funds, World Bank, and private donors.

WFP YEMEN 2023-2025 INTERIM COUNTRY STRATEGIC PLAN (ICSP)

WFP EMERGENCY RESPONSE PHASE: CORPORATE ATTENTION		CARRY-OVER	2023 CONTRIBUTIONS	NEEDS RESOURCED (as of 31 August)	6-MONTH NET FUNDING REQUIREMENT (October 2023 – March 2024)	PEOPLE ASSISTED (August 2023)	FEMALE	MALE
ICSP OUTCOME	ICSP ACTIVITY	639 m	517 m	1.16 b	1.23 b	4,372,743¹		
OUTCOME 1	ACTIVITY 1: General food assistance				783.3 m	3,411,099	1,675,532	1,735,567
	ACTIVITY 2: Treatment of moderate acute malnutrition				49.9 m	283,253	198,835	84,418
OUTCOME 2	ACTIVITY 3: Prevention of acute malnutrition				119.1 m	128,300	91,682	36,618
	ACTIVITY 4: School feeding				102 m	1,701,052	831,560	869,492
OUTCOME 3	ACTIVITY 5: Resilience and livelihoods				160.4 m	13,804	6,781	7,023
	ACTIVITY 6: United Nations Humanitarian Air Service				15.2 m			
OUTCOME 4	ACTIVITY 7: Logistics Cluster				-			
	ACTIVITY 8: Emergency Telecommunications Cluster				1.5 m			
	ACTIVITY 9: Bilateral Service Provision				-			

