



World Food Programme

WFP Yemen Situation Report #5

May 2024

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**WFP SIX-MONTH
NET FUNDING REQUIREMENT** **US\$ 1.29 bn**

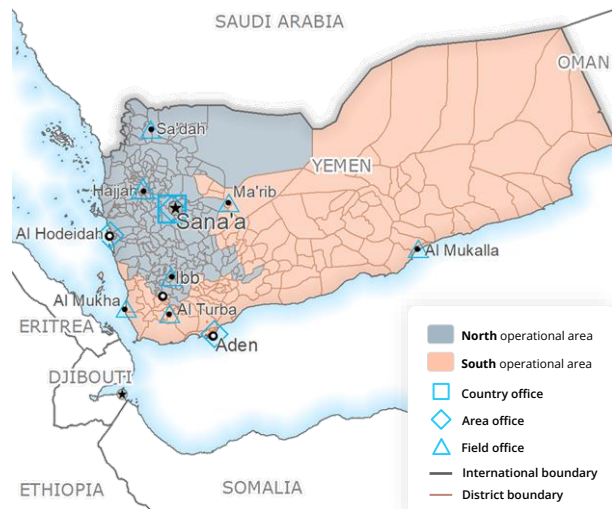
June – November 2024

2024 ANNUAL NEEDS RESOURCED

Balances carried forward and 2024 contributions, as of 31 May.

US\$ 543 m

WFP YEMEN OPERATIONAL PRESENCE



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WFP OPERATION:	Yemen interim country strategic plan 2023-2025
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
WFP YEMEN STAFF:	872
WFP YEMEN OFFICES:	10
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¹ Integrated Food Security Phase Classification Acute Food Insecurity (IPC AF) projection update, October – December 2022.

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

Photo: © WFP/ Hani Saleh. Mohammed and his son tend to their farm, under WFP resilience and livelihoods activities, in Al Ghaydah city, Al Maharah Governorate. February 2024.

In Numbers

1.1 million people assisted by WFP in Yemen in May

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

6.1 million people in Emergency (IPC Phase 4)¹

3.5 million people acutely malnourished²

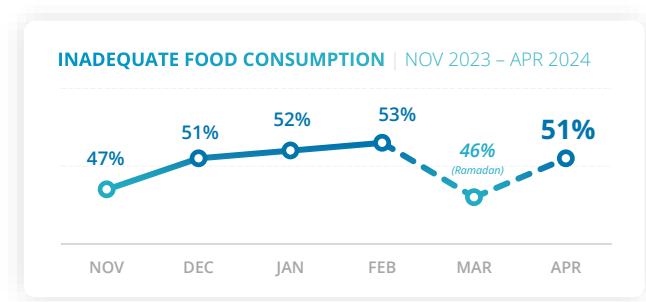
Highlights

- After a temporary reprieve during Ramadan in March, WFP data shows that food insecurity rebounded in April, with more than half of all surveyed households reporting inadequate food consumption.
- WFP's operation in Yemen remains severely underfunded and is just 7 percent funded for the June-November six-month period, with a net funding requirement of US\$ 1.29 billion.
- Working to strengthen assurance measures and enhance food security targeting, WFP in May continued the beneficiary re-targeting and registration pilot exercise in northern Yemen. In southern Yemen, the full-scale re-targeting and registration exercise continued to make progress.

SITUATION UPDATE

Food Security Situation:

- According to the latest [WFP Food Security Update](#), the nationwide rate of inadequate food consumption increased to 51 percent in April, after a temporary seasonal decrease in March due to Ramadan.
- In northern Yemen (*areas under the Sana'a-based authorities, SBA*), 49 percent of households reported inadequate food consumption. This represents a 16 percentage-point increase year-on-year, related to the ongoing [pause](#) in WFP food assistance.
- In southern Yemen (*areas under the internationally recognized government, IRG*), 55 percent of households reported inadequate food consumption. This is a 13 percent increase year-on-year, related to worsening economic conditions.



WFP OPERATIONS

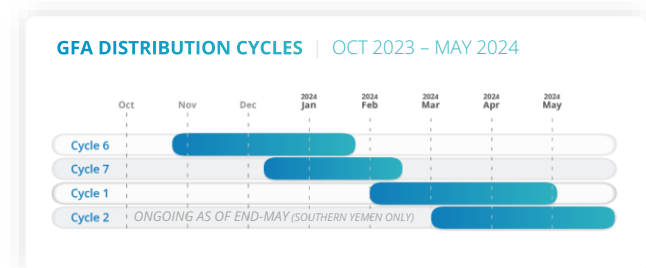
WFP assisted an estimated 1.1 million people across its activities in Yemen in May 2024:¹

General food assistance (GFA):

- Over the calendar month of May, WFP provided GFA to 686,800 people:

	Food (GFD)	Cash (CBT)	Total
North Operational area	-	-	-
South Operational area	686,802	-	686,802
Total	686,802	-	686,802

- WFP distributes GFA in cycles.² In May, distributions were conducted under cycle 2 of 2024 (as of cycle 6 of 2023, GFA has been provided in southern Yemen only):



Targeting and registration:

- Faced with limited resources, and to strengthen assurance measures, WFP is putting in place a smaller and better targeted GFA programme in Yemen. As part of these efforts, WFP is currently conducting a beneficiary re-targeting and registration exercise.
- In northern Yemen, a pilot exercise started in mid-April in three districts in Al Hodeidah, Al Mahwit and Hajjah governorate, and data collection was completed in early May. In late May, WFP received the necessary clearance to proceed with third-party validation of the collected

data of 45,000 registered households, clearing the way for the next phase of the pilot.

- In southern Yemen, data collection for 3.6 million existing beneficiaries has been completed, and data cleaning is ongoing. Preparations are now underway for the prioritization phase, which will determine a revised GFA beneficiary caseload.



Partial assistance pause | general food assistance:

In northern Yemen, WFP's GFA programme remained **paused** in May, with deliberations ongoing with authorities and key donors on a way forward that would allow for the resumption of assistance. Other activities remain operational (at reduced levels due to funding shortfalls). The pause has disrupted the GFA supply chain, and a full resumption would take several months, contingent on the successful completion of the beneficiary re-targeting and registration pilot exercise.

In southern Yemen, the GFA programme remains operational. However, WFP is facing supply shortages, with assistance prioritized towards people facing IPC Phase 4 (Emergency) levels of food insecurity. WFP urgently requires confirmation of additional funding to avoid a full interruption in food assistance in southern Yemen in the coming months.

UN Rapid Response Mechanism (RRM):

- In May, the RRM **assisted** 28,900 people, including households affected by natural disasters and conflict-induced displacement. The RRM is led by UNFPA with UNICEF and WFP as supply partners.

Nutrition assistance:

Malnutrition treatment and prevention programmes:

- WFP assisted 466,100 pregnant and breastfeeding women and girls (PBWG) and children under its Treatment of Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM) programme in May.
- WFP's Prevention of Acute Malnutrition programme remains fully suspended due to funding shortfalls.



Impact of funding shortfalls | nutrition assistance:

Due to continued funding shortfalls, 205,200 children and PBWG missed out on MAM treatment in May. Further, 2.4 million children and PBWG were **affected** by the suspension of malnutrition prevention.

School feeding:

- WFP assisted 412,800 schoolchildren in May under its School Feeding programme: School feeding took place in 921 schools across eight governorates in northern Yemen (the school year has ended in southern Yemen).
- Under the Healthy Kitchens project, WFP provided freshly prepared meals to 13,300 schoolchildren in 16 schools in Aden city.



Impact of funding shortfalls | school feeding:

WFP's school feeding programme is facing severe funding shortages for the upcoming 2024-2025 school year (starting July 2024). With a lead-time of 4-5 months for procurement and availability of school feeding

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 WFP in 2022 shifted from monthly GFA distributions (lasting approximately 30 days) to more flexible distribution cycles. These cycles might overlap in different areas.

commodities, WFP urgently needs additional funds to assist 3.4 million targeted schoolchildren across Yemen.

Resilience and livelihoods:

- WFP supported 38,600 people under its Resilience and Livelihoods activity in May, transferring US\$ 495,200 in cash-based transfers (CBT) to project participants.
- Participants worked on 146 assets, including rural road rehabilitation, and water harvesting and agricultural projects in seven governorates.

Research, assessment and monitoring (RAM):

Monitoring and evaluation:

- WFP and contracted third-party monitoring partners conducted 791 monitoring activities in May, covering all activities, including on-site monitoring visits.
- WFP's call centres conducted 10,800 outgoing calls to verify the receipt of assistance, food delivery to distribution sites, and to collect food security data.
- WFP received 24,400 incoming calls to its Community Feedback Mechanism (CFM), which provides a channel for beneficiaries to interface directly with WFP.



CLUSTERS AND COMMON SERVICES

UN Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS):

- In May, the WFP-managed UNHAS operated 85 flights, carrying 1,397 passengers from 19 UN agencies and 55 international non-governmental organizations.

Food Security and Agriculture Cluster (FSAC):

Integrated Famine Risk Reduction (IFRR):

- In May, the IFRR Coordination Group finalized an alignment exercise across the Food Security and Nutrition sectors that will allow for the convergence of programming in the 24 high priority IFRR districts. The exercise outcomes were shared with donors and the Humanitarian Country Team (HCT).

Logistics Cluster:

- The WFP-led Logistics Cluster supported 82 partners in May through coordination, information management, and capacity building programs.

Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC):

- In May, the WFP-led ETC supported 49 partner organizations, providing critical data connectivity to 1,300 humanitarians as well as security communications services to 2,600 responders across 19 sites.

On-demand services:

- In May, WFP delivered 2.3 million litres of fuel to WHO and UNICEF-supported hospitals and local water and sanitation (WASH) facilities.
- 62,000 litres of fuel were provided to UN agencies and international non-governmental organizations through the Small-Quantity Fuel Provision-mechanism.
- By the end of May, 51 m³ medical supplies were transported to Al Hodeidah port, while 50 m³ of various non-food items were in the sea shipment pipeline for two partners.



FUNDING SITUATION

- Contributions of US\$ 1.4 million were confirmed in May from Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and private donors.
- WFP's [needs-based plan](#) is just 7 percent funded for the July – December 2024 six-month period, with a net funding requirement of US\$ 1.29 billion.
- Including resources carried over from 2023, WFP had US\$ 543 million in needs resourced at the end of May. The bulk of these funds have already been spent on food and CBT for ongoing GFA distributions in southern Yemen, nutrition commodities to be distributed over the coming months, currently ongoing resilience and livelihoods activities, as well as commodities for the upcoming school year.

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

WFP EMERGENCY RESPONSE PHASE: CORPORATE ATTENTION		CARRY-OVER	2024 CONTRIBUTIONS	NEEDS RESOURCED (as of 31 May)	6-MONTH NET FUNDING REQUIREMENT (June– November 2024)	PEOPLE ASSISTED (May 2024)	FEMALE	MALE
ICSP OUTCOME	ICSP ACTIVITY	439.5 m	103.5 m	543 m	1.29 b	1,058,250¹		
OUTCOME 1	ACTIVITY 1: General food assistance				890.4 m	686,802	337,357	349,445
	ACTIVITY 2: Treatment of moderate acute malnutrition				19.2 m	466,084	320,903	145,181
OUTCOME 2	ACTIVITY 3: Prevention of acute malnutrition				121.8 m	-	-	-
	ACTIVITY 4: School feeding				62.1 m	412,759	201,777	210,982
OUTCOME 3	ACTIVITY 5: Resilience and livelihoods				177.4 m	38,577	18,949	19,628
	ACTIVITY 6: United Nations Humanitarian Air Service				16.4 m			
OUTCOME 4	ACTIVITY 7: Logistics Cluster				-			
	ACTIVITY 8: Emergency Telecommunications Cluster				1.1 m			
	ACTIVITY 9: Bilateral Service Provision				-			

