



WFP Yemen Situation Report #10

October 2021



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October 2021 (*general food assistance*)



WFP Yemen Interim Country Strategic Plan (ICSP)

<p>2021 Yemen Humanitarian Response Plan</p>	<p>Overall requirement: US\$ 3.85 billion</p>
	<p>WFP requirement: US\$ 1.91 billion</p>
<p>WFP 6-Month Net Funding Requirement (November 2021 – April 2022)</p> <p>WFP Yemen 2019-2021 Interim Country Strategic Plan</p>	<p>US\$ 802.4 m As of 17 October 2021</p>

In Numbers

20.7 million people in need of humanitarian assistance

16.2 million people food insecure

47,000 people in famine-like conditions

4 million people internally displaced

Highlights

- WFP targeted 11.9 million people in Yemen with general food assistance in October.
- WFP data released in October show that the food security situation in Yemen remains critical, as the underlying drivers of food insecurity continue to worsen.
- The depreciation of the Yemeni riyal continued in October in areas under the Internationally Recognized Government of Yemen, with the riyal reaching a new record low of close to YER 1,400/USD 1 in late October.
- Military escalation continued in Ma'rib governorate in October. In late October WFP was able to distribute food to the most vulnerable in Al Abdiyah district, where conflict had limited humanitarian access.

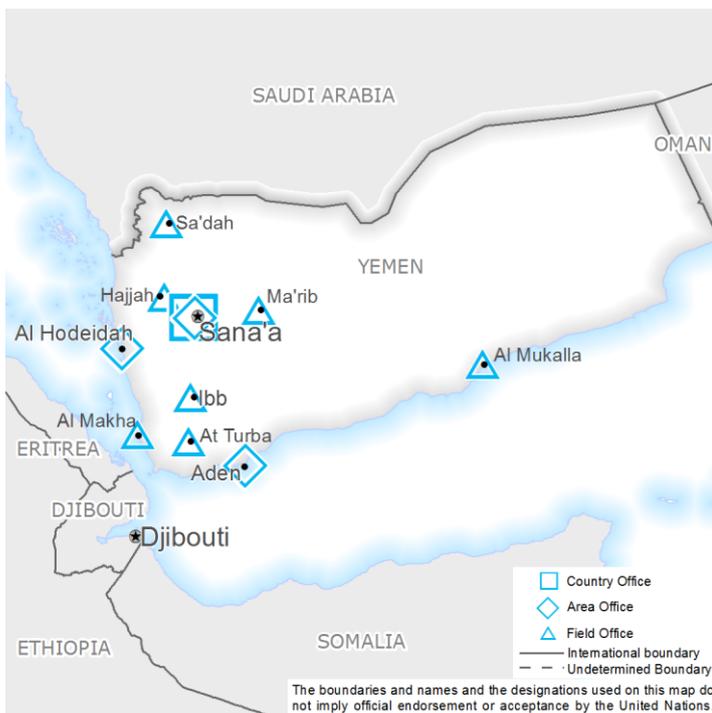
Situation Update

Food Security Situation

- According to the latest [WFP data](#) released in October, the nationwide average rate of inadequate food consumption in Yemen reached 41.5 percent in September, above the “very high” threshold of 40 percent. The rate of inadequate food consumption remains notably higher in areas under the IRG (46 percent) as compared to areas under the Sana'a-based authorities (39 percent). This is likely related to the continued worsening of the underlying drivers of food insecurity, including the continued depreciation of the Yemeni riyal (which has been especially pronounced in areas under the IRG), the related growth in food prices, as well as conflict escalation and population displacement.
- Food affordability, as measured by the average cost of the Minimum Food Basket (MFB) continued to worsen in October, and the average cost of the MFB has now increased by 69 percent since January 2021 in areas under the IRG, and by 30 percent in areas under the Sana'a-based authorities.

Economic Situation

- The depreciation of the Yemeni riyal (YER) in areas under the Internationally Recognized Government of Yemen (IRG) continued in October. After breaking the YER 1,200/USD 1 barrier for the first time on 06 October, the riyal briefly spiked at YER 1,373/USD 1 on 16 October, and



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had by the end of the month reached a new record low of YER 1,383/USD 1 as of 31 October. In areas under the Sana'a-based authorities, the riyal remains stable at YER 600/USD 1.

- WFP, FAO, and the inter-agency Minimum Food Basket (MFB) Technical Working Group are currently undertaking an analysis of the deteriorating USD to YER exchange rate in areas under the IRG, and its potential implications for the transfer value of the Food Security and Agriculture Cluster (FSAC) MFB.

Fuel Situation

- In October, three fuel vessels carrying 82,700 mt of fuel completed its discharge at Al Hodeidah port, while a total of two vessels carrying 50,600 mt of fuel continued to be held in the Saudi-led Coalition (SLC) holding area.
- While there was no major interruption to WFP's operation due to the ongoing fuel crisis, a one-two day delivery delay was reported at district level where fuel is not always available.

Security Situation

- Military escalation continued to be reported from the central governorates of Ma'rib, Shabwah, and Al Bayda in October. According to IOM Rapid Displacement Tracking, close to 50,000 people have been displaced since the beginning of the year across the three governorates.

COVID-19

- The number of new daily COVID-19 cases decreased slightly during October after spiking in mid-September. As of the end of the month, 9,751 cases and 1,874 deaths had been recorded by WHO.

WFP Operations



General Food Assistance (GFA)

- Under the October GFA cycle, WFP targeted 11.9 million people with general food assistance. Of these, 8.6 million people were targeted with in-kind food assistance, over 2 million people with commodity vouchers and more than 1.3 million people with cash-based transfers.
- In late September, WFP commenced a one-off food distribution round targeting 133,500 internally displaced people (IDPs) in Ma'rib governorate ahead of their registration and possible inclusion in WFP's regular GFA activity. By the end of October, close to 110,000 people have been reached in four districts of the governorate. Under the regular GFA cycle, WFP is targeting some 526,100 people in Ma'rib under the October GFA cycle.



Livelihood and Resilience Projects

- In October, WFP reached around 77,000 people under its livelihoods and asset creation activities. The participants worked on rehabilitating and constructing 154 assets during the month, including rural road rehabilitation, water harvesting schemes and agricultural projects.



School Feeding Programme

- In October, around 512 mt of high-energy biscuits (HEBs) were distributed to more than 525,000 students in 34 districts in eight governorates in areas

under the IRG.

- Healthy kitchen activities in Aden city resumed as of 27 October, covering around 6,300 students across seven schools in Dar Sa'ad district.



Nutrition Assistance

- In October, WFP assisted over 1.7 million people with nutrition support: WFP assisted 217,800 children aged 6 to 59 months and 244,100 pregnant and lactating women and girls (PLWG), under its Targeted Supplementary Feeding Programme (TSFP) for the treatment of moderate acute malnutrition (MAM). For the prevention of MAM, WFP assisted 747,900 children aged 6 to 23 months and 550,500 PLWG Under its Blanket Supplementary Feeding Programme (BSFP).



Supply Chain

- Under the October cycle, WFP dispatched 109,300 mt of mixed food commodities under the in-kind general food assistance activity. 4,900 mt of nutrition commodities were dispatched for WFP's nutrition activities. Under the October commodity voucher cycle, over 15,600 mt of food commodities were delivered by WFP-contracted wholesalers.
- WFP shipping operations brought 92,200 mt of break bulk cereals and wheat flour into the country in October. WFP also received 1,089 containers holding around 24,600 mt of mixed commodities.

Clusters and Common Services



Food Security and Agriculture Cluster (FSAC)

- In October, FSAC supported the ongoing nationwide WFP-led Food Security and Livelihoods Assessment (FSLA). As of early November, data collection was 48 percent complete in areas under the Sana'a-based authorities, and 36 percent complete in areas under the IRG. The FSLA will feed into the forthcoming Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) analysis.



Logistics Cluster

- In October, the Logistics Cluster supported 16 partners through its coordination and logistical information management activities.



Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC)

- In October, the ETC helpdesk received and resolved 1,294 issues from responders. The ETC provided critical Internet connectivity to 776 humanitarians across 16 sites in Yemen, and communications services to a total of 2,568 responders supported by eight UNDS managed Security Operations Centres (SOCs) across the country.
- The ETC is funding and supporting the five kilometres extension of a fiber link in 90 District in Aden to provide stable connectivity services to INGOs based in the area.



Bilateral Service Provision (BSP)

- In October, WFP BSP delivered 3.3 million litres of fuel to WHO and UNICEF to support the uninterrupted services of hospitals and local water and sanitation services.

Additionally, WFP BSP continued to extend its support to partners by shipping over 2,700 m³ of medical supplies by sea on behalf of UN agencies. Further, 147,900 litres of fuel were delivered to INGOs and UN facilities.

Resourcing Update

- Despite the significant amount of funding received this year, food assistance needs remain at unprecedented levels, as the underlying drivers of hunger continue to deteriorate. WFP urgently needs an additional USD 802.4 million to sustain operations over the next six months.

Activity	Funding requirement November 2021 – April 2022
General Food Assistance	642.9 million
Nutrition	100.6 million
School Feeding	38.1 million
Livelihoods	4.4 million
UNHAS	16 million
Logistics Cluster	-
Emergency Telecommunications Cluster	0.4 million

WFP Yemen 2019-2021 Interim Country Strategic Plan (ICSP)

	Total Requirements (in US\$)	Total Received	6-Month Net Funding Requirements (Nov 2021 – Apr 2022)	People Assisted (October 2021)	Female	Male
ICSP TOTAL¹ (2019 –2021)	6.73 b	4.29 b	802.4 m	10,385,479 ²	5,101,347	5,284,132
General Food Assistance²				9,660,894 ²	4,745,431	4,915,463
School Meals				525,256	256,771	268,485
Livelihoods				77,000	37,822	39,178
Nutrition (Prevention)³				1,298,544	917,069	381,475
Nutrition (Treatment)³				461,938	350,847	111,091

¹ The total number of people assisted per month implies an almost complete overlap between all activities.

² Note that October distributions are still ongoing at the time of writing – figures as of 14 November.

³ Nutrition Prevention and Treatment figures are based on dispatches.

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