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WFP Yemen Situation Report #4

April 2024



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

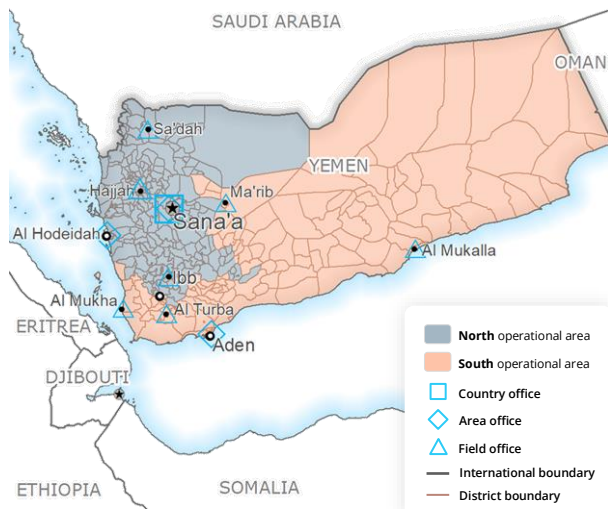
June – November 2024

2024 ANNUAL NEEDS RESOURCED

Balances carried forward and 2024 contributions, as of 30 April.

US\$ 427 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:	896
WFP YEMEN OFFICES:	11
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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/ Hani Saleh. Abdul Jali at a WFP food distribution point in Sayun district, Hadramawt governorate, February 2024.

In Numbers

1.3 million people assisted by WFP in Yemen in April

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

- A WFP study shows a significant food security deterioration in northern Yemen as a result of the ongoing food assistance pause. In southern Yemen, a worsening economic situation is putting upwards pressure on food and fuel prices.
- To mitigate the most severe impacts of the food assistance pause, WFP has designed a Rapid Emergency Response targeting 1.1 million people in eight governorates of northern Yemen.
- Working to strengthen assurance measures and enhance targeting, WFP in April started a beneficiary re-targeting and registration pilot exercise in northern Yemen. In southern Yemen, the registration of 3.6 million beneficiaries has been completed.

SITUATION UPDATE

Food Security Situation:

- While [WFP data](#) shows a temporary improvement in nationwide food security indicators in March (related to social solidarity and community support during the holy month of Ramadan), the progress seen was lower than Ramadan of the previous year. The negative food security trends observed in southern Yemen are associated with the worsening economic situation in IRG areas.

Northern Yemen food assistance pause:

- According to the findings of a [remote monitoring study](#) conducted by WFP, the ongoing food assistance [pause](#) in northern Yemen is significantly impacting the food security situation of affected households.

- The proportion of (ex-) beneficiaries experiencing severe food deprivation increased from 23 percent in November 2023 to 38 percent in February 2024.

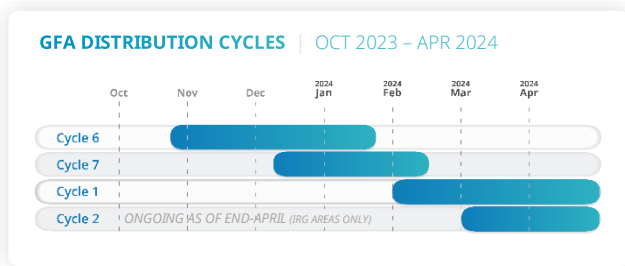


WFP OPERATIONS

WFP assisted an estimated 1.3 million people across its activities in Yemen in April 2024:¹

General Food Assistance (GFA):

- Over the calendar month of April, WFP distributed GFA to 815,600 people:



- WFP distributes GFA in assistance cycles.² In April, distributions were conducted under cycles 1 and 2 of 2024 (food assistance as of cycle 6 of 2023 have been conducted in IRG areas only):

GFA DISTRIBUTIONS | APRIL 2024

	Food (GFD)	Cash (CBT)	Total
North Operational area	-	-	-
South Operational area	815,563	-	815,563
Total	815,563	-	815,563

Targeting and Registration:

- Faced with limited resources, and to strengthen assurance measures, WFP aims to put 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, WFP on 21 April started a re-targeting and registration pilot exercise in three districts in Al Hodeidah, Al Mahwit and Hajjah governorates. Data collection was completed by 02 May.
- In southern Yemen, registration and data collection for 3.6 million existing beneficiaries has been completed, and data cleaning is ongoing. Over the coming months, the re-targeting process will determine a revised GFA

beneficiary caseload, and allow for the registration of new beneficiaries in line with funding availability.



Partial assistance pause | general food assistance:

In SBA-controlled areas, WFP's GFA programme remained **paused** in April, 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, dependent on the successful completion of the beneficiary re-targeting and registration pilot exercise.

In IRG-controlled areas, 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 April, the RRM **assisted** 2,600 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 507,800 pregnant and breastfeeding women and girls (PBWG) and children under its Treatment of Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM) programme in April.
- WFP's Prevention of Acute Malnutrition programme is completely suspended due to funding shortfalls.



Impact of funding shortfalls | nutrition assistance:

Due to continued funding shortfalls, 163,500 children and PBWG missed out on MAM treatment in April. Further, 2.4 million children and PBWG were **affected** by the suspension of the prevention of acute malnutrition programme.

School Feeding:

- WFP assisted 542,900 schoolchildren in April under its School Feeding programme: School feeding took place in 1,042 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 14,700 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 commodities, WFP urgently needs additional funds to assist 3.4 million targeted schoolchildren across Yemen.

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.

Resilience and Livelihoods:

- WFP supported 48,300 people under its Resilience and Livelihoods activity in April, transferring US\$ 800,000 in cash-based transfers (CBT) to project participants.
- Participants worked on 355 assets, including rural road rehabilitation, and water harvesting and agricultural projects in eight governorates.

Research, Assessment and Monitoring (RAM): Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E):

- WFP and contracted third-party monitoring partners conducted 633 monitoring activities in April covering all activities, including on-site monitoring visits.
- WFP's call centres conducted 11,300 outgoing calls to verify the receipt of assistance, food delivery to distribution sites, and to collect food security data.
- WFP received 19,000 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 April, the WFP-managed UNHAS operated 71 flights, carrying 1,164 passengers from 17 UN agencies and 48 international non-governmental organizations.

Food Security and Agriculture Cluster (FSAC):

- In April, FSAC finalized a [mitigation plan](#) for alleviating the most severe impacts of the GFA pause in northern Yemen. The plan outlines an immediate response to 1.7 million people in areas where a rapid food security deterioration has been observed.

Logistics Cluster:

- The WFP-led Logistics Cluster supported 81 partners in April through coordination, information management, and capacity building programs.
- 41 m³ of cargo was received in common storage and released on behalf of one partner.

Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC):

- In April, the WFP-led ETC [supported](#) 49 partner organizations, providing critical data connectivity to 1,300 humanitarians, and security communications services to 2,500 responders supported across 19 sites.

On-Demand Services:

- In April, WFP delivered 2.1 million litres of fuel to WHO and UNICEF-supported hospitals and local water and sanitation (WASH) facilities.
- 30,000 litres of fuel were provided to UN agencies and international non-governmental organizations through the Small-Quantity Fuel Provision-mechanism.
- By the end of April, 352 m³ medical supplies were transported to Al Hodeidah port, while 270 m³ of various non-food items were in the sea shipment pipeline for two partners.



FUNDING SITUATION

- Contributions of US\$ 4.4 million were confirmed in April from Austria, Iceland, Luxembourg, the United States, and private donors.
- WFP's [needs-based plan](#) is just 7 percent funded for the June – November 2024 six-month period, with a net funding requirement of US\$ 1.29 billion.
- Including resources carried over from 2023, WFP had US\$ 427 million in needs resourced at the end of April. 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 30 April)	6-MONTH NET FUNDING REQUIREMENT (June- November 2024)	PEOPLE ASSISTED (April 2024)	FEMALE	MALE
ICSP OUTCOME	ICSP ACTIVITY	325 m	102 m	427 m	1.29 b	1,274,264¹		
OUTCOME 1	ACTIVITY 1: General food assistance				890.4 m	815,563	400,605	414,958
	ACTIVITY 2: Treatment of moderate acute malnutrition				19.2 m	507,796	389,573	118,223
OUTCOME 2	ACTIVITY 3: Prevention of acute malnutrition				121.8 m	-	-	-
	ACTIVITY 4: School feeding				62.1 m	542,875	265,385	277,490
OUTCOME 3	ACTIVITY 5: Resilience and livelihoods				177.4 m	48,259	23,705	24,554
	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				-			

