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# SITUATION REPORT #12

Yemen interim country strategic plan (2023–2025)

Maria enjoys eating her school meal during break time at a WFP-supported school in Aden, September 2024. Photo: © WFP/Abdulkareem Hasser



**2.6 million people assisted**  
December 2024

11,700 mt food distributed

US\$ 6.3 million cash provided

## HIGHLIGHTS:

- The food security situation in Yemen remains critical, with WFP data showing that 61 percent of surveyed households are unable to access sufficient food.
- In areas under the Sana'a-based authorities, WFP is expanding its Targeted Emergency Food Assistance (TEFA) programme to 2.8 million people in 70 districts.
- Under the school feeding programme, WFP in January expanded its Healthy Kitchen-project to Hadramawt and Ta'iz governorate.
- WFP's nutrition programme is facing severe commodity shortfalls impacting the provision of life-saving moderate acute malnutrition (MAM) treatment services.

## ACTIVITY

## PEOPLE ASSISTED

Emergency food assistance	1,972,400
Nutrition assistance	496,800
School feeding	905,700
Resilience and livelihoods	50,200

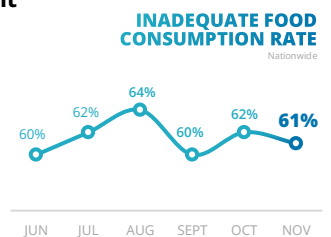
## WFP RESOURCES

FUNDING GAP NEXT SIX MONTHS: **74%**  
February – July 2025

NET FUNDING REQUIREMENT NEXT SIX MONTHS: **US\$ 532 m**  
February – July 2025

## SITUATION UPDATE:

- The latest WFP food security [data](#) show that 61 percent of surveyed households nationwide were unable to access sufficient food in November.



- While this is a slight improvement from October, this represents a 31 percent increase year-on-year.
- The deterioration is primarily related to food price increases in areas under the internationally recognized Government of Yemen (IRG, south operational area) and limited humanitarian food assistance [provided](#) in areas under the Sana'a-based authorities (SBA, north operational area), compounded by scarce income-generating activities nationwide.

## WFP ACTIVITIES:

WFP assisted an estimated 2.6 million people across its activities in Yemen in December.<sup>1</sup>

### Emergency food assistance:

- WFP provided emergency food assistance to approximately 2 million people in December:

	Food	Cash	Total
North Operational area (SBA)	175,700	0	175,700
South Operational area (IRG)	1,015,833	780,899	1,796,732
<b>Total:</b>	<b>1,191,533</b>	<b>780,899</b>	<b>1,972,432</b>

- In areas under the SBA, WFP started distributions under the first (January) assistance cycle of 2025 in mid-January, targeting 2.8 million people. WFP also completed one-off food distributions in the two targeting and registration pilot districts.
- In areas under the IRG, distributions under the fourth assistance cycle of 2024 continued into January. WFP has reduced the number of people targeted from 3.6 to

2.8 million as part of the prioritization phase of its re-targeting and registration exercise.

**IMPACT OF FUNDING SHORTFALLS - FOOD ASSISTANCE:**  
*In SBA areas, WFP continues to face severe funding shortfalls, and urgently needs additional donor support to maintain the provision of food assistance over the coming months.*

### Nutrition assistance:


- WFP assisted 496,800 children and pregnant and breastfeeding women and girls (PBWG) under its nutrition activities in December:<sup>2</sup>

	Children	PBWG	Total
Treatment of moderate acute malnutrition	175,727	189,830	365,557
Prevention of acute malnutrition	73,917	57,318	131,235
<b>Total:</b>	<b>249,644</b>	<b>247,148</b>	<b>496,792</b>

- Quality issues identified in a batch of nutrition products that arrived in November has caused significant commodity shortfalls for WFP's malnutrition treatment programme in SBA-controlled areas. WFP is working urgently to replace the affected commodities.
- In the meantime, WFP has devised a mitigation plan to ensure assistance continues to the most at-risk. The plan, which focuses assistance towards high-priority areas, is expected to remain in effect until March.

**IMPACT OF FUNDING SHORTFALLS - NUTRITION:**  
*Due to continued funding shortfalls, WFP has been forced to scale down its malnutrition prevention programme significantly, affecting 2.3 million children and PBWG, 96 percent of the plan.*

### School feeding:

- WFP assisted 905,700 schoolchildren in 1,879 schools under its school feeding programme in December.  **1,879 schools covered**
- Under its Healthy Kitchens project, WFP provided fresh meals to 31,500 children in 32 schools in Aden and Sana'a in December. In January, WFP started the first Healthy Kitchen distributions in Ta'iz and Hadramawt governorate, nearly doubling the scope of the project.

**IMPACT OF FUNDING SHORTFALLS - SCHOOL FEEDING:**  
*Due to funding shortfalls, WFP only targeted approximately one million schoolchildren out of the originally planned 2 million nationwide at the start of the 2024-2025 school year.*

### Resilience and livelihoods:

- WFP supported 50,200 people under its resilience and livelihoods programme in December, transferring US\$ 1 million in cash-based transfers to participants.
- Participants worked on 200 assets, including rural road rehabilitation, water harvesting, and agricultural projects in eight governorates.

### CLUSTERS & COMMON SERVICES:

#### UN Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS):

- The WFP-managed UN Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS),  **76 organisations** utilized UNHAS services operated 88 flights in December, carrying 1,388 passengers from 19 UN agencies and 57 non-governmental organizations.


#### Logistics Cluster:

- The WFP-led Logistics Cluster supported 75 partners in December through coordination, information management, and capacity building programmes.

#### Emergency Telecommunications Cluster

- The WFP-led ETC supported 49 partner organizations in December, providing critical data connectivity to more than 1,400 humanitarian workers as well as UN security communications services to 2,400 responders.


#### On-demand services:

- WFP delivered 2 million litres of imported fuel to international non-governmental organizations in December, facilitating the provision of life-saving services in supported Health and Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) facilities.  **2 m litres of fuel provided to partners**
- 30,000 litres of locally sourced diesel and petrol were provided by WFP to other United Nations agencies and INGOs to sustain their humanitarian activities.
- 48 m<sup>3</sup> of medical supplies were transported to Aden and Al Hodeidah port on behalf of one partner, and 1,300 m<sup>3</sup> of non-food items were in the WFP sea shipment pipeline on behalf of four partners.

<sup>1</sup> Individual activity assistance figures cannot be summed due to overlap between activities. Monthly assistance figures are estimates and subject to change pending final beneficiary reconciliation.  
<sup>2</sup> Nutrition assistance figures are based on monthly dispatches.

### TARGETING & REGISTRATION:

Beneficiary targeting and prioritization


 Faced with limited resources and to strengthen assurance measures, WFP is conducting a beneficiary re-targeting and registration exercise in Yemen.

In SBA areas, WFP has completed a pilot exercise in two districts and is preparing for a phased rollout of the exercise.

In IRG areas, the prioritization phase is ongoing, and discussions are ongoing on how to address beneficiary exclusions.

### MONITORING:

WFP Research, Assessment and Monitoring (RAM)

 WFP and its third-party monitoring partners conducted 1,100 on-site monitoring visits in December, covering all implemented activities.

Through its Beneficiary Verification Mechanism, WFP conducted 2,600 outgoing phone calls to verify assistance provision, confirm deliveries to distribution points, and to collect food security data.

WFP received 55,900 incoming phone calls to its Community Feedback Mechanism, which provides a channel for beneficiaries to interface directly with WFP.