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WFP Yemen Situation Report #3

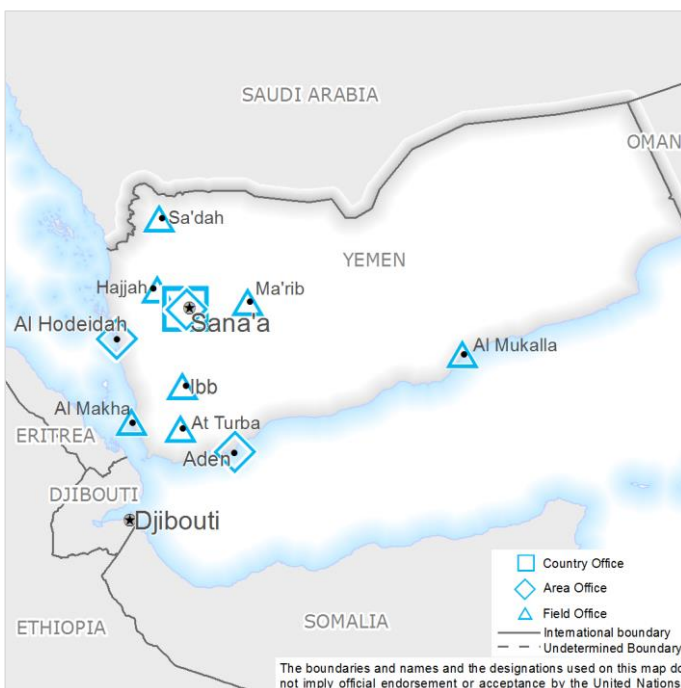
March 2022



15.6 million people targeted for WFP assistance
2022 (all activities)

WFP Yemen
2019-2022 Interim Country Strategic Plan

2022 Humanitarian Response Plan	2022 requirement: US\$ 4.27 billion
WFP Interim Country Strategic Plan	2022 requirement: US\$ 1.98 billion
WFP 6-month net funding requirement (May – October 2022)	US\$ 1.28 billion



¹ Integrated Food Security Phase Classification Acute Food Insecurity (IPC AFI) analysis, January – May 2022.
² Integrated Food Security Phase Classification Acute Malnutrition (IPC AMN) analysis, January – May 2022.
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In Numbers

17.4 million people food insecure¹

31,000 people in famine-like conditions¹

3.5 million people acutely malnourished²

11 million people assisted by WFP in March

Highlights

- WFP data show that inadequate food consumption increased significantly in Yemen in March, reaching the highest level seen since February 2018. Food prices also increased notably, with the cost of the minimum food basket reaching an all-time high in March.
- The fuel crisis worsened in March, severely delaying deliveries of WFP food and nutrition commodities.
- Yemen's warring parties in late March announced the temporary cessation of hostilities. On 01 April, UN Special Envoy for Yemen, Hans Grundberg announced that the parties had agreed to a two-month truce.

SITUATION UPDATE

Food Security Situation:

- According to the latest [WFP Food Security Update](#), the nationwide prevalence of inadequate food consumption increased significantly in March 2022, reaching the highest levels seen since February 2018: Half of all surveyed Yemeni households (50 percent) reported inadequate food consumption in March, an increase of six percentage points from February, and above the "very high" threshold of 40 percent.
- In areas under the Sana'a-based authorities the percentage of the population reporting inadequate food consumption reached 50 percent in March, (up from 43 percent in February). In areas under the internationally recognized Government of Yemen (IRG), the percentage reached 49 percent (up from 47 percent in February).
- Food prices also increased significantly in March: Food affordability, as measured by the average cost of the minimum food basket, worsened overall, reaching an all-time high in March 2022.

Fuel Situation:

- The ongoing fuel crisis continued to worsen across the country in March, significantly impacting WFP operations. While the fuel shortages are most acute in areas under the Sana'a-based authorities, fuel shortages are also being reported from areas under the IRG.
- Dispatches of WFP commodities are being severely affected by the fuel crisis, as transporters are forced to wait for up to 15 days for the provision of fuel. At the end of March, dispatches for the ongoing second general food assistance (GFA) dispatch cycle (March-April) were only halfway complete, and WFP expects continuing delays in the coming weeks.

Security Situation:

- On 05 March, two international staff members from Médecins sans frontières (MSF) were kidnapped by unknown assailants in Hadramawt governorate, according to [media reports](#). The abductions come less than a month after five UN staff members were kidnapped in Abyan governorate on 11 February.
- On 26 March, an airstrike in Sana'a city struck 30 meters from the UN Common Accommodation Facility, home to most international UN staff in Sana'a. The airstrike caused minor damage to the compound, and no staff were injured.
- Yemen's warring parties in late March announced the temporary cessation of hostilities. On 01 April, UN Special Envoy for Yemen, Hans Grundberg announced that the parties had agreed to a two-month ceasefire.
- As of the end of March, IOM Rapid Displacement Tracking [reported](#) 28,700 people displaced due to conflict across Yemen so far in 2022.

Economic Situation:

- The Yemeni riyal (YER) remained relatively stable in March in areas under the IRG. As of the end of the month, the riyal traded at YER 1,220/USD 1.
- Meanwhile, the YER remained stable in areas under the Sana'a-based authorities, averaging YER 600/USD 1.



WFP OPERATIONS

- WFP assisted approximately 11 million people across its activities in Yemen in March 2022.
- The [WFP Yemen 2021 Annual Country Report](#) was released on 31 March, showing that WFP assisted 15.5 million people in Yemen in 2021, remaining WFP's largest single-country operation.

General Food Assistance:

- In March, WFP continued dispatching general food assistance (GFA) to some 13.3 million people across Yemen. During the calendar month of March, WFP assisted 9.6 million people with GFA, in part due to the ongoing fuel crisis, which delayed the dispatch and distribution of WFP commodities. Approximately 6.7 million people were assisted with in-kind food assistance, 1.7 million people with commodity vouchers and 1.2 million people with cash-based transfers.
- Of the targeted GFA beneficiaries, eight million continue to receive [reduced](#) rations due to funding shortages.

Nutrition Support:

- WFP assisted 1.7 million children and PLWG with nutrition support in Yemen in March: Under its Prevention of Acute Malnutrition programme, WFP assisted 631,300 children aged 6 to 23 months and 633,000 PLWG. Under its Treatment of Moderate Acute Malnutrition programme, WFP assisted 120,500 children aged 6 to 59 months and 280,700 PLWG.

School Feeding:

- WFP assisted 1.6 million school-aged children in Yemen in March: WFP school feeding took place across 84 districts across all 22 governorates, with 3,800 mt of school feeding commodities distributed.
- Under the Healthy Kitchen-project in Aden city, WFP distributed cooked meals to 15,000 students across ten schools in Dar Sa'ad district, Aden governorate.

Livelihoods and Resilience:

- WFP reached 292,600 people under its livelihoods and resilience activity in March: The participants worked on rehabilitating and constructing 508 assets in 72 districts across 14 governorates, including rural road rehabilitation, water harvesting schemes and agricultural projects.



CLUSTERS AND COMMON SERVICES

UN Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS):

- In March, the WFP-managed United Nations Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS) operated 80 flights, transporting 1,812 passengers from 18 UN agencies and 55 international non-governmental organizations.

Food Security and Agriculture Cluster (FSAC):

- The FSAC National Partners Meeting was held on 31 March. The meeting discussed the 2022 IPC results and the FSAC 2022 response plan.
- FSAC continues lead the food security response planning in the ongoing discussions of the 2022 Yemen Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP), working with partners to finalise district-level targets.

Logistics Cluster:

- Across one location, the Logistics Cluster received 89 m³ of humanitarian cargo into common storage, while 18 mobile storage units remain on loan to nine partners.

Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC):

- In March, the ETC provided critical data connectivity to 1,068 humanitarians across 17 sites in Yemen, and security communications services to a total of 2,540 responders supported by eight UNDSS-managed Security Operations Centres (SOCs) across the country. The ETC helpdesk received and resolved 1,438 issues from responders.

Bilateral Service Provision (BSP):

- In March, WFP BSP delivered 2.9 million litres of fuel to WHO and UNICEF-supported hospitals and local water and sanitation (WASH) facilities.
- 100,000 litres of fuel were provided to UN agencies and international non-governmental organizations through the BSP Small-Quantity Fuel Provision-mechanism.
- Additionally, WFP BSP shipped 527 m³ of medical supplies by sea, and arranged two cargo flights carrying 449 m³ of urgently required medical items on behalf of WHO.

RESOURCING UPDATE

- WFP continues to face severe funding shortages, and in March continued to implementing [ration reductions](#) affecting approximately 8 million people.
- WFP's operation in Yemen is just 19 percent funded for the next six-month period (May-October). WFP urgently needs USD 1.28 billion to ensure operations can continue unimpeded over the next six months.

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WFP YEMEN 2019-2022 INTERIM COUNTRY STRATEGIC PLAN (ICSP)

	TOTAL REQUIREMENT (US\$)	TOTAL RECEIVED (as of 31 March)	6-MONTH NET FUNDING REQUIREMENT (May - October 2022)	PEOPLE ASSISTED (March 2022)	FEMALE	MALE
ICSP TOTAL (2019 -2022)	8.71 bn	4.95 bn	1.28 bn	10,988,906		
Activity 1: General Food Assistance			1.09 bn	9,551,993	4,691,939	4,860,054
Activity 2a: Treatment of Moderate Acute Malnutrition			94.4 m	401,203	339,730	61,473
Activity 2b: Prevention of Acute Malnutrition			1.9 m	1,264,285	942,328	321,957
Activity 4: School Feeding			17.9 m	1,568,871	766,943	801,928
Activity 5: Resilience and Livelihoods			56.4 m	292,593	143,722	148,871
Activity 6: UN Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS)			17.5 m			
Activity 7: Logistics Cluster			-			
Activity 8: Emergency Telecommunications Cluster			1.3 m			
Activity 9: Bilateral Service Provision			-			