



# WFP Yemen Situation Report #3

March 2021

## In Numbers

**20.7 million** people in need of humanitarian assistance\*

**4 million** people internally displaced

**16.2 million** people are food insecure (IPC 3+)

\*According to the Humanitarian Needs Overview (HNO) 2021

## Highlights

- WFP targeted 8.3 million Yemeni people with general food assistance under March distributions.
- 4,251 confirmed cumulative cases of COVID-19 were reported by the end of March.
- WFP requires USD 344.3 million to continue operations unimpeded over the next six months (May 2021 – October 2021).

**8.3 million people targeted**  
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<b>Interim Country Strategic Plan (ICSP 2019-2021) Funding Requirements</b>	<b>Overall:</b> <b>USD 6.73 billion</b>
	<b>2021:</b> <b>USD 1.9 billion</b>
<b>Net Funding Requirements</b> (May 2021 – October 2021)	<b>USD 344.3 million</b>

## Situation Update (including security)

- On 23 March, the Internationally Recognized Government of Yemen (IRG) declared a health emergency in areas under its control, as infections in a second wave of the COVID-19 pandemic increase. A total of 1,978 cases were reported during March. Additionally on 31 March, Yemen received 360,000 COVID-19 vaccine doses shipped via the COVAX Facility. This first batch is part of 1.9 million doses that Yemen will initially receive throughout 2021.
- In the areas under the Sana'a-based authorities, the fuel crisis continued in March. On 24 March, four vessels carrying a total of 72,300 mt fuel were granted permission to proceed to Al Hodeidah port, marking the first shipments of fuel since 03 January 2021. As of 31 March, ten commercial vessels carrying 237,519 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 fuel crisis, a three-four-day delay was reported at the district level where fuel was not always available.
- On 16 March, the 2021 Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP) for Yemen was published. Collectively, the humanitarian community is seeking USD 3.85 billion to provide principled assistance to 16 million people. The response in 2021 is centred around three strategic objectives: 1) preventing disease outbreaks and reducing morbidity and mortality, 2) preventing famine, malnutrition and restoring livelihoods and 3) protecting and assisting civilians.
- Since the beginning of March, Ansar Allah forces have claimed a series of cross-border missile and drone strikes against Saudi Arabia and the Saudi-led Coalition (SLC) conducted a series of airstrikes that targeted several military locations in Sa'dah governorate and in Sana'a City. On 22 March, Saudi Arabia proposed a new peace plan to end the war in Yemen. It suggests a UN-supervised ceasefire between the IRG and Ansar Allah forces. The plan also includes the reopening of vital air and sea links, and the start of political negotiations.
- The military escalation in Ma'rib governorate that started in February continued during March and led to the displacement of more than 29,600 people. In an initial response plan, WFP will support the provision of emergency food assistance for 15,000 households (105,000 people) for three months.



## WFP Response

- Under the March cycle, WFP targeted 8.3 million people with food assistance. Of these, 5.5 million people were targeted with in-kind food assistance, over 1.6 million people with commodity vouchers and more than 1.2 million people with cash-based transfers.
- Targeting and biometric registration activities in Yemen continued throughout March. By the end of March, over 1.7 million beneficiaries in IRG areas have been biometrically registered. In areas under the Sana'a-based authorities, following the start of biometric registration activities in Sana'a city in November 2020, WFP launched the provision of general food assistance through cash transfers. As of the end of March, a total of 27,500 beneficiaries were registered with plans to complete registration of over 141,000 people in three districts of Sana'a City within the first phase.



### Livelihood and Resilience Projects

- In March, WFP reached over 245,000 beneficiaries with cash transfers for their participation in food assistance for assets (FFA). Two implementing partners completed all the field activities for 160 assets in Hadramawt, Dhamar, Ibb and Al Mahwit governorates. This brings the total of completed sites during the month to 230, including rural road rehabilitation, water harvesting schemes and agricultural projects. Food for training (FFT) activities were completed in Hadramawt and Lahj governorates where 400 women were enrolled in sewing, first aid and primary care provision, incense and perfumes production and henna decoration trainings.



### School Feeding Programme

- The Ministry of Education (MoE) under the IRG announced that the current academic year closes on 29 March. Similarly, in the areas under the Sana'a-based authorities, the academic year will also end early, final examinations are scheduled in the first half of April. Consequently, WFP and MoE have agreed to increase daily ration distributions during the remaining school and examination days. The remaining stocks will be distributed as one-off take-home rations.
- Under the March cycle, WFP reached around 1.29 million students with the school feeding programme. Additionally, around 6,300 students were supported with freshly prepared meals via the healthy kitchens programme in Aden.



### Nutrition Assistance

- In March, WFP started the gradual resumption of the blanket supplementary feeding programme (BSFP) across the country. Nutrition programmes were experiencing shortfalls, affecting 1.4 million children and pregnant and lactating women (PLW) from August 2020 until February 2021 due to global shortages in the production and availability of wheat soya blend (WSB+) and specialized nutritious foods.
- In March, WFP reached over 278,700 beneficiaries, 115,500 children aged 6 to 59 months and 163,200 pregnant and lactating women and girls (PLWG), with its Targeted Supplementary Feeding Programme (TSFP) to treat moderate acute malnutrition (MAM). For MAM prevention, WFP reached 232,600 children aged 6 to 23 months and 326,400 PLWG with its Blanket Supplementary Feeding Programme (BSFP).



### Supply Chain

- Under the March distribution cycle, WFP dispatched around 68,500 mt of commodities under the general food assistance, school feeding, and nutrition programmes. In addition, WFP contracted

wholesalers completed the deliveries of 22,100 mt of commodities for commodity vouchers assistance.

- Shipping operations have brought 12,600 mt of cereals into the country in March. Shipping also received around 650 containers holding around 12,700 mt of mixed commodities.
- On behalf of WHO, UNHCR and MSF, WFP received 68 containers holding various medicines and non-food items.
- In March, Supply Chain awarded around 35,000 mt of wheat flour and 10,400 mt of sugar, salt, high-energy biscuits, Immediate Response Rations (IRR) and other commodities to various suppliers across the country to meet the anticipated pipeline requirements.

## Clusters and Common Services



### Food Security and Agriculture Cluster (FSAC)

- On 25 March, in Aden, the FSAC led a consultative workshop on the food security response strategy as part of the 2021 Yemen HRP on 25 March 2021. The workshop provided a forum for detailed discussions and consultations with UN agencies, NGOs, and relevant technical line ministries in the areas under the IRG on the key achievements, the challenges, and the lessons learned in 2020 and the plans for 2021.



### Logistics Cluster

- In March, the Logistics Cluster has received around 729 m<sup>3</sup> of cargo in common storage on behalf of four partners and transported by road over 197 m<sup>3</sup> of cargo on behalf of two partners.
- Through its different activities, the Logistics Cluster supported 33 partners during March.

### Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC)

- The ETC completed the setup of a dedicated server room at the United Nations Common Accommodation Facility (UNCAF) in Sana'a.
- During March, ETC and United Nations Department for Safety and Security (UNDSS) conducted a joint mission to Al Makha UN site for preventive and corrective maintenance for Security Communication System (SOC).

### Bilateral Service Provision (BSP)

- In March, BSP delivered around 632,000 litres of fuel to WHO and UNICEF to support the uninterrupted services of hospitals and local water and sanitation services. Additionally, BSP continued to extend its support to partners by shipping over 2,600 m<sup>3</sup> of medical supplies by sea on behalf of UN agencies. Around 33,500 litres of fuel were delivered to NGOs and UN facilities.

## Resourcing Update

- Based on the Interim Country Strategic Plan, WFP urgently needs an additional USD 344.3 million to ensure operations can continue unimpeded over the next six months as per the following:

Activity	Funding requirement in USD
General Food Assistance	231.4 million
Nutrition	83.5 million
School Feeding	3.1 million
Livelihoods	13.6 million
UNHAS	8.2 million
Logistics Cluster	4.5 million
Emergency Telecommunications Cluster	-

## WFP Interim Country Strategic Plan

	Total Requirements (in US\$)	Allocated Contributions (in US\$)	6-Month Net Funding Requirements (in US\$) (May 2021 – Oct 2021)	People Assisted (March 2021)	Female	Male
<b>ICSP TOTAL*</b> (Jan 2019 – Dec 2021)	6.73 b	3.3 b	344.3 m	8,876,599	4,360,185	4,516,414
<b>General Food Assistance**</b>				8,876,599	4,360,185	4,516,414
<b>School Meals</b>				1,288,587	629,926	658,661
<b>Food for Assets (FFA)</b>				244,000	119,853	124,147
<b>Nutrition (Prevention)***</b>				558,967	440,351	118,616
<b>Nutrition (Treatment)***</b>				278,378	219,810	58,928

\* The total beneficiary figure includes beneficiaries of all activities as there is almost a complete overlap between activities.

\*\* General food assistance figures and ICSP total are for February, March distributions are ongoing.

\*\*\*Nutrition Prevention and Treatment figures are based on dispatches.

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