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WFP Yemen Situation Report #10

October 2023



WFP SIX-MONTH NET FUNDING REQUIREMENT **US\$ 1.27 bn**

December 2023 – May 2024

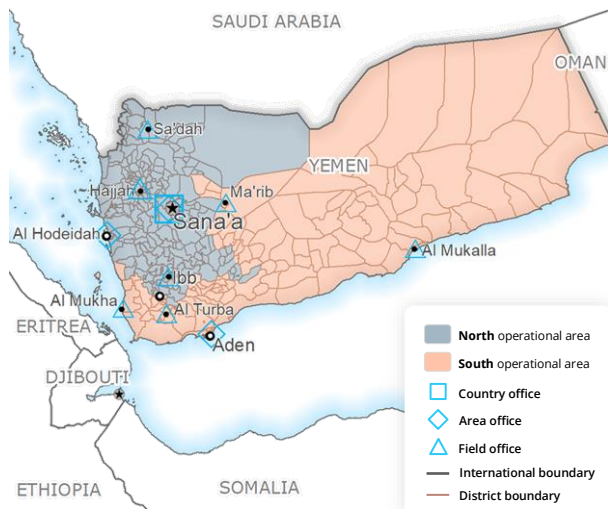
2023 ANNUAL FUNDING REQUIREMENT **US\$ 2.95 bn**

2023 needs-based budget

2023 ANNUAL NEEDS RESOURCED **US\$ 1.02 bn**

Balances carried forward and 2023 contributions, as of 31 October.

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:	986
WFP YEMEN OFFICES:	11
WFP YEMEN COOPERATING PARTNERS:	32

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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/ Alaa Noman, 9-year-old student Marina Basheer in her classroom at WFP-supported Al-Emad school in Aden, October 2023.

In Numbers

7.8 million people assisted by WFP in Yemen in October

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

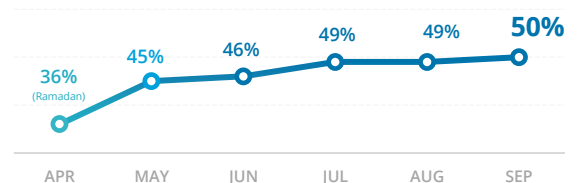
- WFP has paused its general food assistance (GFA) programme in northern Yemen in the absence of an agreement with the Sana'a-based authorities on planned operational reforms, halting food assistance to 9.5 million people.
- WFP Yemen continues to face severe funding shortfalls, and is just 11 percent funded for the December 2023 - May 2024 six-month period.
- More than 200,000 children will lose access to life-saving moderate acute malnutrition (MAM) treatment as of November due to funding shortfalls.

SITUATION UPDATE

Food Security Situation:

- According to the [WFP Yemen Food Security Update \(October 2023\)](#), the food security situation in Yemen saw only a marginal change in September, with half of all surveyed households reporting inadequate levels of food consumption:

INADEQUATE FOOD CONSUMPTION | APR – SEP 2023



- In areas under the internationally recognized Government of Yemen (IRG, south operational area), inadequate food consumption decreased by 2 percentage-points (reaching 56 percent). In areas under the Sana'a-based authorities (SBA, north operational area) inadequate food consumption increased by 2 percentage-points (reaching 47 percent).



WFP OPERATIONS

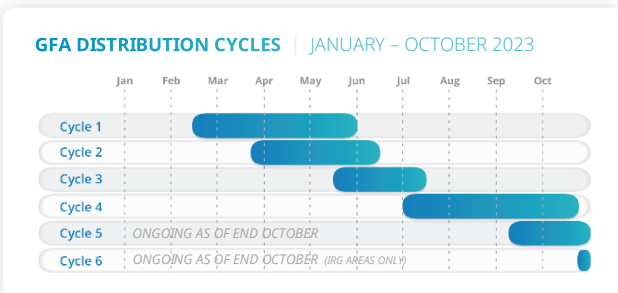
WFP assisted an estimated 7.8 million people across its activities in Yemen in October:¹

General Food Assistance (GFA):

- Over the calendar month of October, WFP distributed GFA to 6.8 million people in Yemen:

GFA DISTRIBUTIONS OCTOBER 2023			
	Food (GFD)	Cash (CBT)	Total
North Operational area	3,655,631	46,871	3,702,502
South Operational area	2,899,582	166,918	3,066,500
Total	6,555,213	213,789	6,769,002

- WFP distributes GFA in assistance cycles, currently targeting 13.1 million people each cycle. Distributions in October were conducted under cycles 4, 5, and 6.²
- By the end of October, cycle 4 distributions had been completed, cycle 5 was 69 percent complete, and cycle 6 distributions had started in areas under the IRG.



Partial assistance pause | general food assistance:

Following months of negotiations with the SBA over planned operational reforms with no agreement reached, WFP has **paused** its GFA programme across northern areas of Yemen as of cycle 6, halting food assistance to 9.5 million people.

Operational reforms have been necessitated by the fiscal constraints of the current humanitarian landscape, as well as the need to ensure the integrity of WFP assistance by improving beneficiary targeting.

As negotiations continue, WFP is working to resume food assistance as soon as an agreement is reached. However, the pause has now disrupted the GFA supply chain, and a full resumption could take up to four months from the moment an agreement is reached. In IRG areas, the GFA programme remains operational.

UN Rapid Response Mechanism (RRM):

- The UNFPA-WFP-UNICEF RRM **assisted** 24,600 people in October. These include households affected by natural disasters and conflict-induced displacement.

Nutrition Assistance:

- WFP dispatched nutrition assistance sufficient for 434,000 children and pregnant and breastfeeding women and girls (PBWG) in October:
- Under its Treatment of Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM) programme, WFP dispatched specialised nutritious food for 305,700 people: 147,300 children aged 6-59 months and 158,400 PBWG.
- WFP's Prevention of Acute Malnutrition programme remains mostly **suspended**. WFP dispatched specialized nutritious food for just 128,300 people in October: 71,800 children 6-23 months and 56,500 PBWG.



Impact of funding shortfalls | nutrition assistance:

While WFP's MAM treatment programme continues to face funding shortfalls in SBA areas, an improved availability of commodities has partially reversed the significant reductions **foreseen** in October. However, of the originally targeted 671,300 children and PBWG, 30 percent will still be affected. This includes 202,000 children who will miss out on MAM treatment in November.

School Feeding:

- WFP assisted 1.7 million schoolchildren in October under its School Feeding programme: School feeding took place in 4,382 schools in 84 districts across 19 governorates, with 3,300 mt of food distributed.
- Under the Healthy Kitchens project, WFP provided freshly prepared meals to 26,800 schoolchildren in 13 schools in Aden city, and 11 schools in Sana'a city.

Resilience and Livelihoods:

- WFP supported 35,600 people under its Resilience and Livelihoods activity in October, transferring US\$ 647,000 in cash-based transfers: Participants worked on 41 assets, including rural road rehabilitation, and water harvesting and agricultural projects in Al Jawf, Hadramawt, and Sa'dah. 1,350 women received food assistance for training (FFT) in Hajjah and Al Hodeidah.

Research, Assessment and Monitoring (RAM):

Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E):

- WFP and contracted third-party monitoring companies conducted 2,200 monitoring activities in October covering all activities, including on-site monitoring visits.
- WFP's call centres conducted 11,500 outgoing calls to verify the receipt of assistance, food delivery to distribution sites, and to collect food security data.
- WFP received 22,700 incoming calls to its Community Feedback Mechanism (CFM), which provides a channel for beneficiaries to interface directly with WFP.

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 GFA assistance cycles might overlap in different areas.

Vulnerability Analysis and Mapping (VAM):

- The 2023 Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) analysis exercise started in October. The IPC workshop covering IRG-controlled areas was completed in Aden on 16 October. The IPC workshop covering SBA-controlled areas was completed in November.

- 106,000 litres of fuel were provided to UN agencies and international non-governmental organizations through the BSP Small-Quantity Fuel Provision-mechanism.
- 217 m³ of non-food items (NFIs) were transported to Al Hodeidah port on behalf of four partners, with 873 m³ of various NFIs in the pipeline for five partners.



CLUSTERS AND COMMON SERVICES

UN Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS):

- In October, the WFP-managed UNHAS operated 89 flights, carrying 1,429 passengers from 19 UN agencies and 56 international non-governmental organizations.

Food Security and Agriculture Cluster (FSAC):

- Preparations continued for the 2024 Humanitarian Programme Cycle (HPC), with the draft narrative of the 2024 Humanitarian Needs Overview (HNO) submitted.

Integrated Famine Risk Reduction (IFRR):

- The IFRR Coordination Group in October continued work on an updated IFRR [Combined Severity map](#) and table. This also includes an interactive map of historical IFRR combined severity outcomes.

Logistics Cluster:

- The WFP-led Logistics Cluster supported 29 partners in October through coordination, information management, and access to common storage.
- 52 m³ of cargo was received in common storage on behalf of two partners, while 98 m³ of humanitarian cargo was released on behalf of three partners.

Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC):

- In October, the WFP-led ETC [supported](#) 49 partner organizations, providing critical data connectivity to 1,500 humanitarians, and security communications services to 2,400 responders supported across 20 sites.

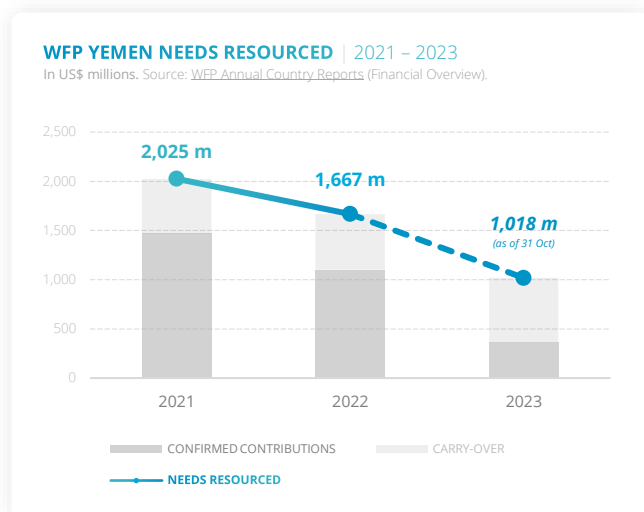
Bilateral Service Provision (BSP):

- In October, WFP BSP delivered 2.2 million litres of fuel to WHO and UNICEF-supported hospitals and local water and sanitation (WASH) facilities.



FUNDING SITUATION

- WFP's [needs-based plan](#) is just 11 percent funded for the December 2023 – May 2024 six-month period, with a net funding requirement of US\$ 1.27 billion.
- US\$ 51.5 million were contributed in October from France, Germany, Sweden, the United Kingdom, the Yemen Humanitarian Fund (YHF), and private donors.
- WFP Yemen is facing significantly reduced funding this year. As of 31 October, WFP's 2023 annual needs resourced were close to 40 percent below 2022 levels:



Partial GFA pause | funding situation:

The 2023 available resources have decreased from what was reported in the [September Situation Report](#), as some previously confirmed contributions have been held by donors pending an agreement with authorities on planned operational reforms.

WFP YEMEN INTERIM COUNTRY STRATEGIC PLAN 2023-2025 (ICSP)

WFP EMERGENCY RESPONSE PHASE: CORPORATE ATTENTION		CARRY-OVER	2023 CONTRIBUTIONS	NEEDS RESOURCED (as of 31 October)	6-MONTH NET FUNDING REQUIREMENT (December 2023 – May 2024)	PEOPLE ASSISTED (October 2023)	FEMALE	MALE
ICSP OUTCOME	ICSP ACTIVITY	652 m	366 m	1.02 b	1.27 b	7,761,364¹		
OUTCOME 1	ACTIVITY 1: General food assistance				863.5 m	6,769,002	3,324,934	3,444,068
	ACTIVITY 2: Treatment of moderate acute malnutrition				40.6 m	305,666	230,526	75,140
OUTCOME 2	ACTIVITY 3: Prevention of acute malnutrition				117.9 m	128,300	91,682	36,618
	ACTIVITY 4: School feeding				62.6 m	1,705,441	833,705	871,736
OUTCOME 3	ACTIVITY 5: Resilience and livelihoods				167.1 m	35,616	17,495	18,121
	ACTIVITY 6: United Nations Humanitarian Air Service				13 m			
OUTCOME 4	ACTIVITY 7: Logistics Cluster				-			
	ACTIVITY 8: Emergency Telecommunications Cluster				1.4 m			
	ACTIVITY 9: Bilateral Service Provision				-			

