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HIGHLIGHTS

- The UN Secretary-General and WFP **Executive Director have demanded the** release of the UN staff members detained in northern Yemen. All WFP activities in northern Yemen are paused.
- As WFP food and nutrition assistance remains severely curtailed, food insecurity is surging across Yemen, with new WFP data showing unprecedented levels of food deprivation nationwide.
- WFP Yemen has finalized a new Recovery and Climate Resilience Strategy for Food Systems and Livelihoods (2026-2028), focusing on area-based, community-level livelihoods programming.





SITUATION UPDATE

Food Security Situation:

• 70 percent of the population of Yemen were <u>unable</u> to obtain their minimum food needs in July; the highest rate ever measured by WFP in Yemen for the fourth consecutive month.



- 18.1 million people are currently projected to be food insecure in Yemen, including more than 41,000 people facing catastrophic food insecurity (IPC Phase 5).
- Key drivers include curtailed humanitarian assistance and crippling economic challenges, as well as conflict, climatic hazards, and import disruptions, compounded by operational constraints and economic sanctions.

Security Situation:

- Several UN staff members, including 15 WFP staff members have been arbitrarily detained by security forces in northern Yemen since 31 August
- UN Secretary-General António Guterres and WFP Executive Director Cindy McCain have demanded the immediate and unconditional release of all detainees.
- All WFP activities in northern Yemen have been paused.

WFP ACTIVITIES

WFP assisted an estimated 3.1 million people across its activities in Yemen in August.1

Emergency food assistance:

• WFP provided emergency food assistance to approximately 3 million people in August:

	Food	Cash	Total
North Operational area (SBA)	802,879	0	802,879
South Operational area (IRG)	2,199,434	0	2,199,434
Total:	3,002,313	0	3,002,313





- In IRG areas, WFP completed the fourth food assistance cycle of 2025 in mid-September, assisting 3.4 million people. Concurrently, distributions under the fifth cycle are ongoing, also aiming to reach 3.4 million people.
- In areas under the Sana'a-based authorities (SBA),
 WFP completed the second targeted emergency food assistance (TEFA) cycle in late August. No WFP food assistance is currently ongoing.
- Since 01 August, the UNFPA-WFP-UNICEF Rapid Response Mechanism had assisted 126,000 floodaffected people across Yemen by mid-September.

IMPACT OF FUNDING SHORTFALLS – FOOD ASSISTANCE: Severe funding reductions are curtailing WFP's ability to provide food assistance at adequate levels. While advocacy continues, WFP is preparing for further assistance reductions in the months ahead.

Nutrition assistance:

 WFP assisted 112,800 children and pregnant and breastfeeding women and girls (PBWG) under its nutrition activities in August:³

	Children	PBWG	Total
Management of moderate acute malnutrition (MAM)	21,985	14,563	36,521
Prevention of acute malnutrition	43,606	32,702	76,308
Total:	65,591	47,238	112,829

IMPACT OF FUNDING SHORTFALLS - NUTRITION:

Due to continued funding shortfalls, WFP's nutrition programmes are operating at reduced levels. No WFP nutrition assistance is currently being provided in SBA-controlled areas.

School feeding:

 No WFP school feeding took place in August. Schools were closed in IRG areas and WFP school feeding remains suspended in SBA areas.

IMPACT OF FUNDING SHORTFALLS – SCHOOL FEEDING: Funding shortages have forced a significant contraction of WFP's school feeding programme. As of the 2024-2025 school year, WFP only targeted 49 prioritized districts nationwide.

Resilience and livelihoods:

- WFP supported 42,900 people under its resilience and livelihoods programme in August, transferring US\$ 900,000 in cash-based transfers to participants.
- WFP has finalized a <u>Recovery and Climate Resilience</u> <u>Strategy for Food Systems and Livelihoods</u> (2026–2028), focusing on area-based community-level programming.

CLUSTERS AND COMMON SERVICES

UN Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS):

 The WFP-managed UNHAS operated 83 flights in August, carrying 885 passengers



from 17 UN agencies and 50 non-governmental organizations.

Logistics Cluster:

 The WFP-led Logistics Cluster supported 77 partners in August through coordination, information management, and capacity building programmes.

Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC):

 The WFP-led ETC supported 41 partner organizations in August, providing critical data connectivity and security communications services.

On-demand services:

 WFP delivered 844,000 litres of imported fuel in August to INGOsupported Health and WASH facilities.



- WFP provided 40,000 litres of locally sourced fuel to United Nations and INGO partners.
- However, as of September, WFP on-demand fuel provision has been suspended in SBA-controlled areas.



WFP and its third-party monitoring partners conducted 671 on-site monitoring visits in August, covering all implemented activities.

- Through its Beneficiary Verification Mechanism and remote outcome monitoring (rM&E), WFP conducted 2,900 outgoing phone calls to verify assistance provision, confirm deliveries to distribution points, and to collect food security data.
- WFP also receives incoming phone calls to its Community
 Feedback Mechanism, which provides a channel for assistance recipients to interface directly with WFP.



To strengthen assurance measures, WFP is conducting a beneficiary re-targeting and registration exercise in Yemen.

- In SBA-controlled areas, the exercise remains on hold.
- In IRG-controlled areas, WFP continues to make progress in the ongoing re-targeting and registration exercise, with data collection ongoing in Ad Dali' and Ta'iz governorate as of mid-September.

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Emergency Food Assistance	US\$ 284 m
Management of moderate acute malnutrition	US\$ 31.2 m
Prevention of acute malnitrition	US\$ 33.6 m
School feeding	US\$ 47.5 m
Resilience and livelihoods	US\$ 24.3 m
United Nations Humanitarian Air Service	US\$ 10 m
Logistics Cluster	US\$ 0
Emergency Telecommunications Cluster	US\$ 1.4 m

