



WFP Yemen Situation Report #5

May 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 8.4 million Yemeni people with general food assistance under May distributions.
- 6,737 confirmed cumulative cases of COVID-19 were reported by the end of May.
- WFP requires USD 425 million to continue operations unimpeded over the next six months (June 2021 - November 2021).

8.4 million people targeted May 2021





Interim Country Strategic Plan (ICSP 2019-2021) Funding Requirements	Overall: USD 6.73 billion
	2021: USD 1.9 billion
Net Funding Requirements (June 2021 – November 2021)	USD 425 million



Situation Update (including security)

- The COVID-19 vaccination campaign in the areas under the Internationally Recognised Government of Yemen (IRG) which stared on 20 April continued in May with a total of 104,070 vaccine doses administered during the month. On 31 March, Yemen received the first batch of vaccine doses through the global vaccine sharing scheme COVAX, including 360,000 AstraZeneca vaccine doses, which is part of 1.9 million doses it is supposed to receive in 2021. The 1.9 million doses, required in two shots, are for a population of nearly 30 million people.
- In the areas under the Sana'a-based authorities, the fuel crisis slightly improved as few fuel stations reopened in the second week of May, with a price of 95 percent higher than the official rate. As of 31 May, a total of 11 vessels completed discharge of 157,394 mt of fuel at Al Hodeidah port since the beginning of 2021, and a total of six vessels carrying 148,654 mt of fuel continue 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-fourday delay was reported at the district level where fuel was not always available.
- Torrential rains and flooding which started in mid-April continued into May. The flash floods resulted in a number of fatalities and caused large-scale damage in many Yemeni governorates. The majority of the areas affected are those occupied by internally displaced persons (IDPs). Needs assessed include food, shelter, nonfood items (NFI) and water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) assistance after the heavy rains destroyed shelters. WFP and humanitarian partners continue to scale up the flood response during the rainy season in Yemen which runs from April to August.
- The military escalation in Ma'rib governorate that started in February continued during May and led to the displacement of more than 20,000 people, while numbers remain dynamic with high population movement reported in different parts of the governorate. In an initial response plan, WFP will support the provision of emergency food assistance for 15,000 households (105,000 people) for three months. Under the May cycle, WFP is assisting around 2,600 IDP households.

WFP Response

- Under the May cycle, WFP targeted 8.4 million people with food assistance. Of these, 5.5 million people were targeted with in-kind food assistance, over 1.7 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 May. By the end of May, over 1.72 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 May, nearly 50,000 people were biometrically registered and activities were completed in three districts in Sana'a city, with over 141,000 people retargeted within the first phase.



Livelihood and Resilience Projects

In May, WFP reached over 107,800 beneficiaries with cash transfers for their participation in food assistance for assets (FFA). The participants worked in rehabilitating and constructing 400 assets during the month, including rural road rehabilitation, water harvesting schemes and agricultural projects. WFP started new livelihoods activities with one implementing partner in Amran and Sa'dah governorates, targeting 1,200 individuals, of which nearly 50 percent are women, with business trainings, start-up grants and referrals and coaching support over a period of two months.



School Feeding Programme

No distributions were conducted during May as schools were closed for the summer break. The academic year (2021-2022) is scheduled to begin in September.



Nutrition Assistance

In May, WFP reached over 360,800 beneficiaries, 152,800 children aged 6 to 59 months and 208,000 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 130,800 children aged 6 to 23 months and 208,000 PLWG with its Blanket Supplementary Feeding Programme (BSFP).







Supply Chain

- Under the May distribution cycle, WFP dispatched around 84,900 mt of mixed food commodities under the in-kind food assistance, and 3,300 mt under the nutrition activity. May cycle deliveries for commodity vouchers reached 66 percent by WFP contracted wholesalers with a total of 17,000 mt. The remaining balance is expected to be delivered by 15 June.
- Shipping operations have brought 79,500 mt of break bulk cereals and wheat flour into the country in May. Shipping also received 1,326 containers holding over 25,600 mt of mixed commodities.
- On behalf of UN agencies, WFP imported 39 containers holding various commodities.
- The delivery of around 43,600 mt of locally procured mixed food commodities continued during May. Additionally, the Supply Chain is on the process of establishing a Food Supply Agreement to supply and a total of 2,300 mt of high energy biscuits (HEB), which will be delivered starting July.



Clusters and Common Services

Food Security and Agriculture Cluster (FSAC)

- The proposed enhanced vulnerability and targeting guidance was endorsed by the Technical Working Group, and the revision of the Minimum Food Basket (MFB) was completed during May.
- In May, FSAC convened a national cluster meeting on the first Yemen Humanitarian Fund (YHF) Standard Allocation, to ensure that all vulnerable groups in Yemen are adequately assisted and their needs adequately reflected in humanitarian programmes.



Logistics Cluster

- In May, the Logistics Cluster has received around 90 m³ of cargo in common storage on behalf of four partners and transported by road over 30 m³ of cargo on behalf of two partners.
- Through its different activities, the Logistics Cluster supported 13 partners during May.

Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC)

• In May, the ETC started the process of reactivating the ETC hub in Action Against Hunger Organization, as well as the work on extending the network infrastructure for providing ETC internet connectivity to the new WHO guesthouse.

Bilateral Service Provision (BSP)

In May, BSP delivered around 2.6 million 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 550 m³ of medical supplies by sea on behalf of UN agencies. Around 20,000 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 425 million to ensure operations can continue unimpeded over the next six months as per the following:

Activity	Funding requirement in USD
General Food Assistance	287 million
Nutrition	98 million
School Feeding	-
Livelihoods	27 million
UNHAS	9 million
Logistics Cluster	4 million
Emergency Telecommunications Cluster	0.01 million

WFP Interim Country Strategic Plan								
	Total Requirements (in US\$)	Allocated Contributions (in US\$)	6-Month Net Funding Requirements (in US\$) (June 2021 – Nov 2021)	People Assisted (May 2021)	Female	Male		
ICSP TOTAL* (Jan 2019 – Dec 2021)	6.73 b	3.3 b	425 m	9,029,634	4,435,356	4,594,278		
General Food Assistance**				9,029,634	4,435,356	4,594,278		
School Meals				-	-	-		
Food for Assets (FFA)				107,849	52,975	54,874		
Nutrition (Prevention)***				599,816	533,123	66,693		
Nutrition (Treatment)***				360,758	282,838	77,920		

^{*} The total number of people assisted per month implies an almost complete overlap between activities. Therefore, only GFA beneficiaries are reported in ICSP total.

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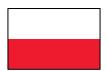




























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^{**} General food assistance figures are for **April**, May distributions are ongoing.

^{***}Nutrition Prevention and Treatment figures are based on dispatches.