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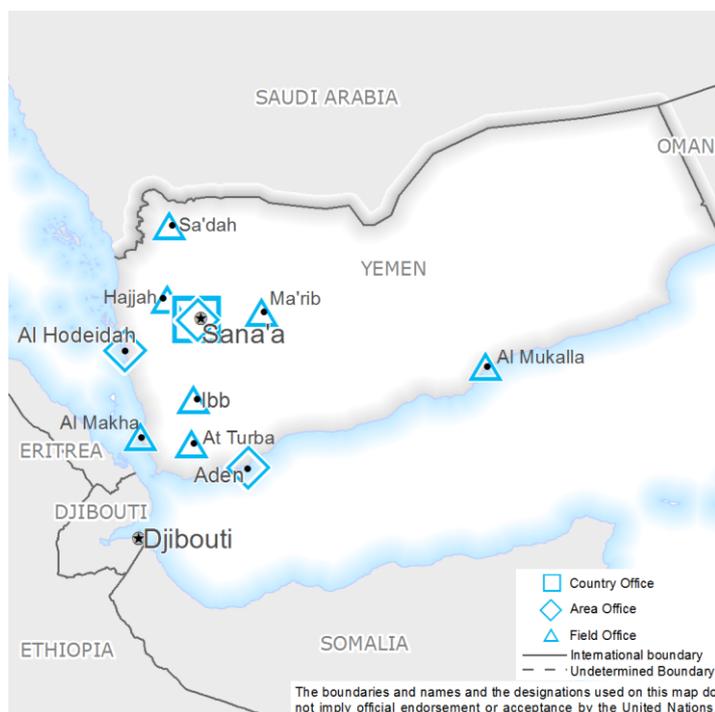
13 million people targeted

December 2021 (*general food assistance*)



WFP Yemen Interim Country Strategic Plan (ICSP)

2021 Yemen Humanitarian Response Plan	Overall requirement: US\$ 3.85 billion
	WFP requirement: US\$ 1.91 billion
WFP 6-Month Net Funding Requirement <i>(January – June 2022)</i>	US\$ 765 m <i>As of 17 December 2021</i>
WFP Yemen 2019-2022 Interim Country Strategic Plan	



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In Numbers

20.7 million people in need of humanitarian assistance

16.2 million people food insecure

47,000 people in famine-like conditions

4 million people internally displaced

Highlights

- WFP announces ration cuts affecting 8 million people as of January 2022 due to severe funding shortfalls, as food security indicators continue to deteriorate across the country.
- The Data collection for the nationwide 2021 Food Security and Livelihoods Assessment (FSLA) was completed in December. The FSLA results will inform the forthcoming Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) analysis.
- As conflict continued in Ma'rib governorate, IOM reports that more than 91,000 people were displaced in the governorate in 2021.

Situation Update

Food Security Situation

- Due to severe funding shortfalls, WFP on 22 December [announced](#) rations cuts affecting 8 million people in Yemen. Starting in January 2022, 8 million people will receive reduced rations, while 5 million people living in areas of highest concern will continue to receive monthly assistance with regular rations.
- With the reductions, the affected beneficiary households will be receiving approximately half of a minimum food basket. Unless additional funding is urgently secured, more severe reductions over the coming months will likely be unavoidable. The cuts are expected to have a negative impact on the already fragile food security situation in Yemen.

Economic Situation

- In December, the value of the Yemeni riyal (YER) fluctuated significantly in areas under the IRG. On 01 December, the riyal reached a new record low of YER 1,680/USD 1. Following the appointment of the new leadership at the Central Bank of Yemen on 06 December, the currency appreciated significantly, and by the end of the month, the Yemeni riyal had reached YER 914/USD 1.
- Before the recent appreciation, the riyal had stayed above the YER 1,000/USD 1-level for nearly four months, from late August to mid-December.
- Meanwhile, the YER remained stable in the areas under Sana'a-based authorities and averaged YER 600/USD 1, approximately the same as in January 2020.

Fuel Situation

- As of the end of December, four commercial vessels carrying a combined 111,000 mt of fuel had been held in the Saudi-led Coalition Holding Area (CHA) awaiting clearance to proceed to Al Hodeidah port.
- While there was no major interruption to WFP's operation due to the ongoing fuel crisis, a one-two day delivery delay was reported at district level where fuel is not always available.

Security Situation

- Conflict continued in Ma'rib governorate in December, and according to IOM Rapid Displacement Tracking more than 91,000 people were displaced in the governorate in 2021. WFP worked to finalize the review of the vulnerability status of internally displaced people (IDPs) in Ma'rib governorate, ahead of their possible inclusion in WFP's regular GFA activity. Concurrent with this verification process, WFP concluded a second round of food distributions to the IDPs, with 110,000 IDPs assisted.
- Flights of the United Nations and other international humanitarian organizations to and from Sana'a International Airport, including flights of the WFP-managed United Nations Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS), were temporarily suspended from 19 to 27 December due to technical issues with airport communications equipment.

COVID-19

- The number of new daily COVID-19 cases decreased slightly during December after spiking in mid-September. As of the end of the month, 10,123 cases and 1,984 deaths had been recorded by WHO.

WFP Operations



General Food Assistance (GFA)

- Under the December GFA cycle, WFP targeted 13 million people with general food assistance. Of these, 9.4 million people were targeted with in-kind food assistance, over 2.3 million people with commodity vouchers and more than 1.3 million people with cash-based transfers.



Livelihood and Resilience Projects

- In December, WFP reached around 98,300 people under its livelihoods and asset creation activities. The participants worked on rehabilitating and constructing 274 assets during the month, including rural road rehabilitation, water harvesting schemes and agricultural projects.



School Feeding Programme

- In December, around 300 mt of school feeding commodities were distributed to close to 530,000 thousand school-aged children in Yemen
- Under the Healthy Kitchen-project in Aden city, SFP distributed cooked meals to around 9,000 students across seven schools in Dar Sa'ad district, Aden governorate.



Nutrition Assistance

- In December, WFP assisted 1.7 million people with nutrition support: WFP assisted 228,300 children aged 6 to 59 months and 253,800 pregnant and lactating women and girls (PLWG), under its Targeted Supplementary Feeding Programme (TSFP) for the treatment of moderate acute malnutrition (MAM). For the prevention of MAM, WFP assisted 611,800 children aged 6 to 23 months and 572,400 PLWG Under its Blanket Supplementary Feeding Programme (BSFP).



Supply Chain

- Under the December cycle, WFP dispatched 75,100 mt of mixed food commodities under the in-kind general food assistance activity. Around 4,850 mt of nutrition commodities were dispatched for WFP's nutrition activities. Under the commodity voucher cycle, over 18,600 mt of food commodities were delivered by WFP-contracted wholesalers.
- WFP Shipping received 734 containers holding around 15,300 mt of mixed commodities.

Clusters and Common Services



Food Security and Agriculture Cluster (FSAC)

- FSAC continued to support the ongoing WFP led Food Security and Livelihoods Assessment in December. Data collection was completed for both the North and South. Data cleaning had started and is expected to be completed by late February/early March. The FSLA will feed into the forthcoming Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) analysis.



Logistics Cluster

- In December, the Logistics Cluster supported 30 partners through its coordination and logistical information management activities.



Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC)

- In December, the ETC helpdesk received and resolved 1,300 issues from responders. The ETC provided critical Internet connectivity to 870 humanitarians across 17 sites in Yemen, and communications services to a total of 2,630 responders supported by eight UNSSS-managed Security Operations Centres (SOCs) across the country.



Bilateral Service Provision (BSP)

- In December, WFP BSP delivered around 3.7 million litres of fuel to WHO and UNICEF to support the uninterrupted services of hospitals and local water and sanitation services. Additionally, WFP BSP continued to extend its support to partners by shipping around 1,300 m³ of medical supplies by sea on behalf of UN agencies. Further, around 215,250 litres of fuel were delivered to INGOs and UN facilities.

Resourcing Update

- Despite the significant amount of funding received this year, food assistance needs remain at unprecedented levels, as the underlying drivers of hunger continue to deteriorate. WFP urgently needs an additional USD 765 million to sustain operations over the next six months.

Activity	Funding requirement January – June 2022
General Food Assistance	632.7 million
Nutrition	84 million
School Feeding	27.1 million
Livelihoods	-
UNHAS	19.5 million
Logistics Cluster	0.5 million
Emergency Telecommunications Cluster	0.6 million

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	Total Requirements (in US\$)	Total Received (as of 31 December)	6-Month Net Funding Requirements (January – June 2022)	People Assisted (December 2021)	Female	Male
ICSP TOTAL¹ (2019 –2022)	8.71 bn	4.59 bn	765 m	10,263,605 ²	5,041,483	5,222,122
General Food Assistance²				9,532,278 ²	4,682,255	4,850,023
School Meals				529,799	258,992	270,807
Livelihoods				98,322	48,296	50,026
Nutrition (Prevention)³				1,184,117	872,124	311,993
Nutrition (Treatment)³				482,050	365,635	116,415

¹ The total number of people assisted per month implies an almost complete overlap between all activities.

² Note that December distributions are still ongoing at the time of writing – figures as of 24 January.

³ Nutrition Prevention and Treatment figures are based on dispatches.

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