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SITUATION REPORT #4

Yemen interim country strategic plan (2023–2025)

Noor (70) collects her WFP food basket at a food distribution point in Al-Da district, Hadramawt governorate, March 2025. Photo © WFP/Hussein Saied



2.1 million people assisted
April 2024

21,600 mt food distributed

US\$ 2.7 million cash provided

HIGHLIGHTS

- Despite a temporary improvement in March due to Ramadan, the food security situation in Yemen remains critical, with a significant deterioration seen over the past year.
- In areas under the Internationally Recognized Government of Yemen (IRG), a new Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) analysis is being finalized.
- WFP has been forced to halt shipments to areas controlled by the Sana'a-based authorities, disrupting the provision of food and nutrition assistance.
- While WFP continues to provide food assistance in IRG-controlled areas, unanticipated funding cuts are jeopardizing WFP's ability to sustain life-saving assistance.

PEOPLE ASSISTED

April 2025

Food assistance:	1,718,600
Nutrition assistance:	529,700
School feeding:	373,300
Resilience and livelihoods:	46,900

WFP RESOURCES

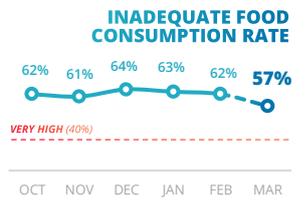
June – November 2025

Funding gap:	85%
Net funding requirement:	602 m

SITUATION UPDATE

Food Security Situation:

- The latest WFP food security monitoring [data](#) show that 57 percent of surveyed households were unable to obtain their minimum food needs in March.
- Despite a temporary improvement due to Ramadan, the food security situation has deteriorated significantly over the past year: In March 2025, the prevalence of *inadequate* food consumption was 25 percent higher than in March 2024. Severe levels of food deprivation (*poor* food consumption) increased from 21 percent in March 2024 to 33 percent in March 2025.
- Airstrikes in April and May resulted in significant damage to port infrastructure in northern Yemen. This may compound food insecurity due to reduced capacity to handle humanitarian and commercial cargo.



WFP ACTIVITIES

WFP assisted an estimated 2.1 million people across its activities in Yemen in April.^{1,2}

Food assistance:

- WFP provided food assistance to approximately 1.7 million people in April:

	Food	Cash	Total
North Operational area (SBA)	34,223	0	34,223
South Operational area (IRG)	1,661,526	22,853	1,684,379
Total:	1,695,749	22,853	1,718,602

- In IRG areas, WFP has completed food dispatches for the second food assistance cycle of 2025 and started in-kind food dispatches under cycle 3 in early May.
- In SBA areas, no food distributions have taken place since early April, as incoming shipments to northern Yemen remain temporarily **halted**.

¹ As instructed by the UN Secretary-General on 10 February, all UN activities remain paused in Sada'ah governorate.

IMPACT OF FUNDING SHORTFALLS – FOOD ASSISTANCE:

In IRG areas, unanticipated funding reductions are jeopardizing WFP's ability to sustain food assistance at current levels. If ongoing advocacy efforts are unsuccessful, WFP will likely be forced to scale down assistance, reducing food assistance rations and/or geographic coverage.

Nutrition assistance:

- WFP assisted 529,700 children and pregnant and breastfeeding women and girls (PBWG) under its nutrition activities in April:³

	Children	PBWG	Total
Management of moderate acute malnutrition (MAM)	166,698	192,122	358,820
Prevention of acute malnutrition	90,450	80,397	170,847
Total:	257,148	272,519	529,667

IMPACT OF FUNDING SHORTFALLS - NUTRITION:

Due to continued funding shortfalls, WFP's malnutrition prevention programme operates at reduced levels, affecting 654,000 children and PBWG, 80 percent of the 2025 plan.

WFP's MAM management programme faces complete commodity shortages in SBA areas, as no replenishment is incoming. As such, the programme will operate at reduced levels until commodities have been exhausted (expected end-June), at which point UNICEF will take over high-risk MAM cases in prioritized districts.

School feeding:

- WFP assisted 202,200 schoolchildren in 411 schools under its school feeding programme in April.
- Additionally, as the school year ended in SBA areas in February, 171,100 schoolchildren received a one-off take-home school feeding ration in April.



IMPACT OF FUNDING SHORTFALLS – SCHOOL FEEDING:

When schools reopen, funding shortfalls mean that WFP expects to be able to assist approximately 950,000 students, less than half of the originally planned 2 million students.

Resilience and livelihoods:

- WFP supported 46,900 people under its resilience and livelihoods programme in April, transferring US\$ 700,000 in cash-based transfers to participants.

- Participants worked on 110 assets, including rural road rehabilitation, water harvesting, and agricultural projects in four governorates.

CLUSTERS AND COMMON SERVICES

UN Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS):

- The WFP-managed UNHAS operated 71 flights in April, carrying 837 passengers from 18 UN agencies and 51 non-governmental organizations.



IMPACT OF FUNDING SHORTFALLS - UNHAS:

UNHAS Yemen faces critical funding shortfalls. To stretch limited resources, WFP discontinued flight services for Addis Ababa and increased ticket fees as of 01 March.

Logistics Cluster:

- The WFP-led Logistics Cluster supported 76 partners in April through coordination, information management, and capacity building programmes.

Emergency Telecommunications Cluster

- The WFP-led ETC supported 49 partner organizations in April, providing critical data connectivity to more than 1,300 humanitarian workers as well as UN security communications services to 2,400 responders.

On-demand services:

- WFP delivered 771,000 litres of imported fuel to INGOs in April, to facilitate services in Health and Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) facilities.
- 14,000 litres of locally sourced diesel and petrol were provided by WFP to other United Nations agencies and INGOs to sustain their humanitarian activities.
- 416 m³ of medical supplies were transported to Aden and Al Hodeidah port on behalf of two partner, and 68 m³ of non-food items were in the WFP sea shipment pipeline on behalf of two partners.



¹ Individual activity assistance figures cannot be summed due to overlap between activities. Monthly assistance figures are estimates and subject to change pending final beneficiary reconciliation. ² Nutrition assistance figures are based on monthly dispatches.

TARGETING AND REGISTRATION

Beneficiary targeting and prioritization



Faced with limited resources and to strengthen assurance measures, WFP is conducting a beneficiary re-targeting and registration exercise in Yemen.

In SBA areas, the roll-out of the full-scale exercise remains on hold considering the current operating environment.

In IRG areas, the prioritization phase is ongoing. WFP is piloting a new community-based prioritization approach in Ta'iz governorate.

MONITORING

WFP Research, Assessment and Monitoring (RAM)



WFP and its third-party monitoring partners conducted 878 on-site monitoring visits in April, covering all implemented activities.

Through its Beneficiary Verification Mechanism, WFP conducted 3,800 outgoing phone calls to verify assistance provision, confirm deliveries to distribution points, and to collect food security data.

WFP received 12,500 incoming phone calls to its Community Feedback Mechanism, which provides a channel for beneficiaries to interface directly with WFP.

