



World Food Programme

WFP Yemen Situation Report #3

March 2024

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**WFP SIX-MONTH
NET FUNDING REQUIREMENT** **US\$ 1.26 bn**

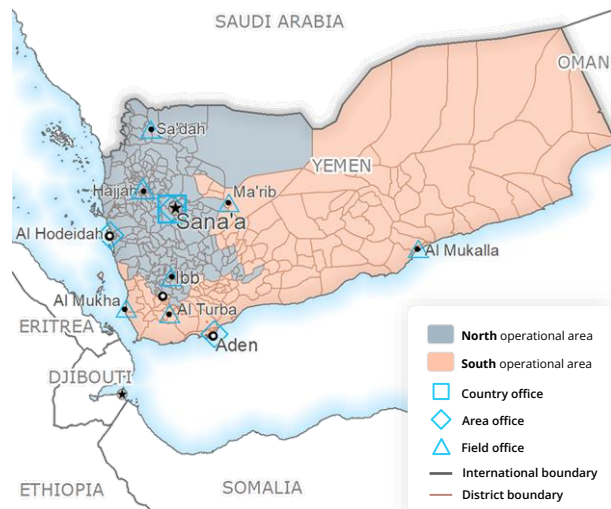
May – October 2024

2024 ANNUAL NEEDS RESOURCED

Balances carried forward and 2024 contributions, as of 31 March.

US\$ 416 m

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:	903
WFP YEMEN OFFICES:	11
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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/ Ahmed Basha. Kamal and her son on their way home after receiving their entitled food basket, under WFP's general food assistance programme, in Salah district, Ta'izz governorate, March 2024.

In Numbers

3.5 million people assisted by WFP in Yemen in March

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

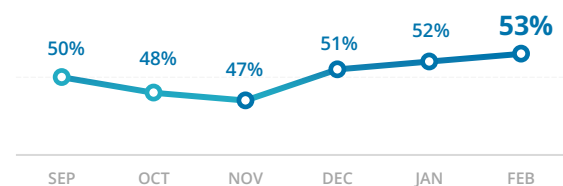
- The food security situation in Yemen continues to deteriorate, with rates of inadequate food consumption reaching the highest recorded level in 17 months.
- The WFP and FAO-led Food Security and Agriculture Cluster is developing a mitigation plan in response to growing levels of food insecurity seen in areas impacted by the ongoing food assistance pause in northern Yemen.
- As of March, WFP has fully suspended its programme for the prevention of acute malnutrition due to funding shortfalls. The programme originally targeted 2.4 million children and women.
- WFP assisted 15.3 million people in Yemen in 2023 – 47 percent of the population.

SITUATION UPDATE

Food Security Situation:

- The food security situation in Yemen continued to deteriorate in February, according to the latest WFP [Yemen Food Security Update](#) (March 2023), with rates of inadequate food consumption reaching the highest level recorded in 17 months:

INADEQUATE FOOD CONSUMPTION | SEP 2023 – FEB 2024



- In southern Yemen (areas under the internationally recognized Government of Yemen (IRG)), 57 percent of households reported inadequate food consumption,

compared to 51 percent in northern Yemen (areas under the Sana'a-based authorities (SBA).

- The deterioration in southern Yemen is associated with the worsening economic situation in IRG areas. In northern Yemen, the deterioration continues to be impacted by the ongoing [pause](#) in food assistance.



WFP OPERATIONS

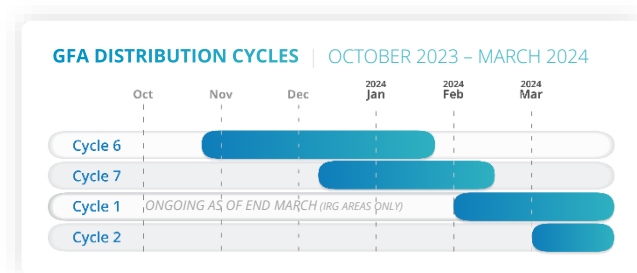
WFP assisted an estimated 3.5 million people across its activities in Yemen in March 2024:¹

General Food Assistance (GFA):

- Over the calendar month of March, WFP distributed GFA to 3.1 million people, including 1.2 million people with US\$ 8.6 million in cash-based transfers (CBT):

GFA DISTRIBUTIONS MARCH 2024			
	Food (GFD)	Cash (CBT)	Total
North Operational area	-	-	-
South Operational area	1,843,856	1,245,661	3,089,517
Total	1,843,856	1,245,661	3,089,517

- WFP distributes GFA in assistance cycles.² In March, distributions were conducted under cycles 1 and 2 of 2024 (with food assistance [paused](#) in SBA-controlled areas, food assistance as of cycle 6 of 2023 have been conducted in IRG areas only):



Targeting and Registration:

- Faced with limited resources, WFP aims to put in place a smaller and more focused GFA programme, prioritizing the most vulnerable through enhanced targeting. As part of these efforts, WFP is currently conducting a beneficiary re-targeting and registration exercise.
- In southern Yemen, beneficiary registration and data collection for existing beneficiaries was almost completed by end-March. Over the coming months, the re-targeting process will determine a revised GFA

beneficiary caseload and allow for registration of new beneficiaries in line with funding availability.

- In northern Yemen, WFP in March signed an agreement with the authorities for a re-targeting and registration pilot exercise to be conducted in three districts in Al Hodeidah, Al Mahwit and Hajjah governorates. Technical preparations for the pilot exercise were ongoing by end-March.



Partial assistance pause | general food assistance:

In SBA-controlled areas, WFP's GFA programme remained [paused](#) in March, with deliberations ongoing with authorities and key donors on a way forward that would allow for the resumption of assistance. Other activities remain operational (at reduced levels due to funding shortfalls).

The pause has disrupted the GFA supply chain, and a resumption would take several months from the moment an agreement is reached.

In IRG-controlled areas, the GFA programme remains operational. However, WFP is facing dire supply shortages, and urgently requires confirmation of additional funding to avoid full interruptions in food assistance to 2.5 million people in southern Yemen in the coming months.

UN Rapid Response Mechanism (RRM):

- In March, the RRM [assisted](#) 3,500 people, including households affected by conflict-induced displacement and natural disasters. The RRM is led by UNFPA with UNICEF and WFP as supply partners.

Nutrition Assistance:

Malnutrition Treatment and Prevention Programmes:

- WFP assisted 470,400 pregnant and breastfeeding women and girls (PBWG) and children under its Treatment of Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM) programme in March.
- No one was assisted under WFP's Prevention of Acute Malnutrition programme, which is now completely suspended due to funding shortfalls.



Impact of funding shortfalls | nutrition assistance:

Due to continued funding shortfalls, 200,800 children and PBWG missed out on MAM treatment in March. Further, 2.4 million children and PBWG were [affected](#) by the suspension of the prevention of acute malnutrition programme.

School Feeding:

- WFP assisted 458,300 schoolchildren in March under its School Feeding programme: School feeding took place in 1,166 schools across eight governorates in IRG areas only, as the school year ended in late February in areas under the SBA.
- Under the Healthy Kitchens project, WFP provided freshly prepared meals to 20,100 schoolchildren in 16 schools in Aden city.

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 WFP in 2022 shifted from monthly GFA distributions (lasting approximately 30 days) to more flexible distribution cycles. These cycles might overlap in different areas.



Impact of funding shortfalls | school feeding:

WFP's school feeding programme is facing severe funding shortages for the upcoming 2024-2025 school year (starting July 2024). With a lead-time of 4-5 months for procurement and availability of school feeding commodities, WFP urgently needs additional funds to assist 3.4 million targeted schoolchildren across Yemen.

Resilience and Livelihoods:

- WFP supported 46,800 people under its Resilience and Livelihoods activity in March, transferring US\$ 1.1 million in CBT to project participants.
- Participants worked on 455 assets, including rural road rehabilitation, and water harvesting and agricultural projects in nine governorate.

Research, Assessment and Monitoring (RAM): Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E):

- WFP and contracted third-party monitoring companies conducted 1,600 monitoring activities in March covering all activities, including on-site monitoring visits.
- WFP's call centres conducted 8,100 outgoing calls to verify the receipt of assistance, food delivery to distribution sites, and to collect food security data.
- WFP received 20,600 incoming calls to its Community Feedback Mechanism (CFM), which provides a channel for beneficiaries to interface directly with WFP.

Operational Information Management (OIM):

- The WFP Yemen [2023 Annual Country Report](#) was released in March. WFP assisted 15.3 million people across its activities in Yemen in 2023, making Yemen WFP's second-largest country operation worldwide.



CLUSTERS AND COMMON SERVICES

UN Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS):

- In March, the WFP-managed UNHAS operated 70 flights, carrying 1,286 passengers from 17 UN agencies and 52 international non-governmental organizations.

Food Security and Agriculture Cluster (FSAC):

- In March, FSAC started work on a mitigation plan in response to the food security deterioration seen due to

the continuing GFA pause in northern Yemen. Further, FSAC published an updated [Guidance Note for Humanitarian Food Assistance in Yemen](#).

Logistics Cluster:

- The WFP-led Logistics Cluster supported 80 partners in March through coordination, information management, and capacity building programmes.

Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC):

- In March, the WFP-led ETC supported 49 partner organizations, providing critical data connectivity to 1,400 humanitarians, and security communications services to 2,600 responders supported across 19 sites.

On-Demand Services:

- In March, WFP delivered 2.5 million litres of fuel to WHO and UNICEF-supported hospitals and local water and sanitation (WASH) facilities.
- 30,000 litres of fuel were provided to UN agencies and international non-governmental organizations through the Small-Quantity Fuel Provision-mechanism.
- By the end of March, 462 m³ of various non-food items were in the sea shipment pipeline for two partners.



FUNDING SITUATION

- Contributions of US\$ 10.4 million were confirmed in March from Sweden, UN Central Emergency Response Fund, and private donors.
- WFP's [needs-based plan](#) is just 8 percent funded for the May – October 2024 six-month period, with a net funding requirement of US\$ 1.26 billion.
- Including resources carried over from 2023, WFP had US\$ 416 million in needs resourced at the end of March. The bulk of these funds have already been spent on food and CBT for ongoing GFA distributions in southern Yemen, nutrition commodities to be distributed over the coming months, currently ongoing resilience and livelihoods activities, as well as commodities for the upcoming school year.

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

WFP EMERGENCY RESPONSE PHASE: CORPORATE ATTENTION		CARRY-OVER	2024 CONTRIBUTIONS	NEEDS RESOURCED (as of 31 March)	6-MONTH NET FUNDING REQUIREMENT (May–October 2024)	PEOPLE ASSISTED (March 2024)	FEMALE	MALE
ICSP OUTCOME	ICSP ACTIVITY	318 m	98 m	416 m	1.26 b	3,493,305¹		
OUTCOME 1	ACTIVITY 1: General food assistance				896.2 m	3,089,517	1,517,571	1,571,946
	ACTIVITY 2: Treatment of moderate acute malnutrition				12.6 m	470,456	392,059	78,397
OUTCOME 2	ACTIVITY 3: Prevention of acute malnutrition				117.4 m	-	-	-
	ACTIVITY 4: School feeding				39.6 m	458,348	224,063	234,285
OUTCOME 3	ACTIVITY 5: Resilience and livelihoods				177.4 m	46,811	22,994	23,817
	ACTIVITY 6: United Nations Humanitarian Air Service				14.5 m			
OUTCOME 4	ACTIVITY 7: Logistics Cluster				-			
	ACTIVITY 8: Emergency Telecommunications Cluster				893,400			
	ACTIVITY 9: Bilateral Service Provision				-			

