



WFP Yemen Situation Report #45

March 2019

In Numbers

24.1 million people in need of humanitarian assistance*

3.3 million people internally displaced

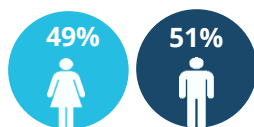
20.1 million people are food insecure

*According to the 2019 Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP)

Highlights

- WFP distributed food assistance to 10.6 million people in March, achieving 88 percent of the planned 12 million.
- WFP Yemen has a six-month net requirement of USD 609 million for the next six months (April – September 2019).
- The fourth anniversary of the conflict in Yemen was observed on 26 March. Demonstrations were held across the country, with no serious incidents reported.

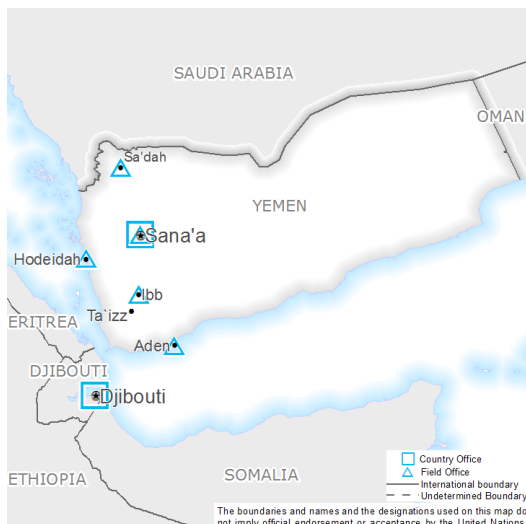
10.6 million People
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Global Humanitarian Funding	Overall: USD 4.2 million
	WFP share: USD 2.2 million
WFP Net Funding Requirements (April 2019 – September 2019)	
Interim Country Strategic Plan (ICSP)	USD 609 million

Situation Update (including security)

- In March, the Office of the United Nations Special Envoy to Yemen announced that there has been significant, yet slow, progress towards a first phase of the redeployment agreement in Hudaydah governorate. On 25 March, intensive clashes with heavy weapons, the heaviest since the ceasefire, erupted in several locations in Hudaydah City with unconfirmed casualties. WFP staff are safe and accounted for, and operations proceeded unaffected.
- WHO reports that as of 27 March, the number of suspected cholera cases in Yemen had increased to 138,000, including 266 associated deaths, since January 2019. WFP and WHO are distributing oral rehydration salts (ORS), as well as 5 litre jerry cans and aquatabs for chlorination, to over 1.7 million people in 48 districts deemed at high risk of cholera.
- On 10 March, the Saudi-led Coalition conducted airstrikes in Kushar district, Hajjah governorate with casualties reported. On 28 March, WFP received reports indicating that the humanitarian situation in the Bani Hassan area of Hayran district, Hajjah governorate had significantly deteriorated following an Internationally Recognized Government of Yemen offensive on the area. Local authorities and UN partners have confirmed that families are fleeing towards Abs city. Over 420,000 people were displaced in the last six months. In response, WFP has scaled up its assistance to Kushar district to include 22,000 households via the in-kind food distribution. Also, 8,647 rapid response mechanism (RRM) kits were distributed to newly displaced families.
- Following the assessment mission to the Red Sea Mills in Hudaydah on 26 February, it was found that thousands of metric tonnes of wheat require fumigation before being milled and safe for consumption. WFP anticipates that the original stock of 51,000 mt of wheat, enough to feed 3.7 million food insecure people for a month, will be lower due to infestation. A second mission was cancelled due to security concerns raised by Houthi authorities.



WFP Response

- During the March cycle, WFP delivered food assistance to 10.6 million people in 21 governorates. Of these, 7.9 million people received food assistance via in-kind commodities, 2.5 million people received assistance via the commodity voucher traders' network modality and almost 120,555 people received cash-based transfers.
- In response to the increased fighting in Hudaydah governorate, a Rapid Response Mechanism (IRM) was established in June 2018 to assist newly displaced persons and ensure their most basic needs are met. Displaced families are provided with Immediate Response Rations (IRR) sufficient for five days. Since the start of the large-scale IDP response in June until March, WFP has provided IRRs to 232,175 households. In response to the displacement in Hajjah governorate, WFP provided IRRs to 8,647 families, of which 5,554 families were from Kushar and Aflah, and 3,093 from Bani Hassan.
- Preparations for SCOPE registration in the northern governorates are ongoing to register 1.3 million households and is scheduled to start in April. WFP has rolled out a large-scale media campaign aimed at the public in northern governorates about WFP's mandate and its operations, the targeting and registration process and its purpose, and the entitlements for eligible beneficiaries. In the southern governorates, registration is ongoing in Aden, and has been completed in Lahj and Shabwa governorates. A total of 56,672 households have been registered as of end of March.

Livelihood and Resilience Projects

- In March, 3,600 people participated in the Food Assistance for Assets programme. Of these, 1,800 in Bani Qais district in Hajja, and 1,800 in Bilas Ar Rus in Sana'a received cash transfers, benefitting a total of 25,200 beneficiaries. Assets focused on the rehabilitation of schools and roads, as well as building/rehabilitation of water harvesting assets.

School Meals Programme

- Under the school feeding programme, in March WFP dispatched 821 mt of fortified date bars to 462,000 children attending schools in 19 districts in ten northern governorates. In the South, 598 mt of high-energy biscuits (HEBs) were dispatched. The HEBs targeted 203,000 children attending schools in 13 districts in six governorates. In total, WFP reached 665,000 schoolchildren across the country, in 1,584 schools.
- WFP is undertaking preparations for the 2019-2020 academic year and will initially target 900,000 children, to gradually increase to 1.2 million by the second semester. Additional districts will be targeted as part of the scale-up, with the targeting exercise ongoing.

Nutrition Assistance

- During February 2019, WFP scaled-up its operation to admit 31,424 children aged 6 to 59 months and 34,750 pregnant and lactating women (PLW) into its Targeted Supplementary Feeding Programme (TSFP) to treat moderate acute malnutrition (MAM) out of the total monthly target of 130,957.

For MAM prevention, WFP admitted 237,282 children aged 6 to 23 months and 277,524 PLW into its Blanket Supplementary Feeding Programme (BSFP) out of the total monthly target of 1,623,710. As the scale-up of the operation is ongoing and cooperating partners submit more distribution reports to WFP, the numbers are expected to increase in the coming months.

Supply Chain

- Under the March distribution cycle, WFP dispatched 116,626.7 mt of commodities under the general food assistance programme, representing 96 percent of the 121,413.2 mt planned dispatch target.

Clusters and Common Services

Food Security and Agriculture Cluster (FSAC)

- In March, FSAC and partners prepared to conduct a famine risk monitoring assessment in the 45 districts that contain IPC 5 populations (catastrophe). The assessment is scheduled to be conducted in April with the aim to assess whether the food security situation has improved or deteriorated following the IPC analysis in December that stated some 20 million people are food insecure

Logistics Cluster

- In March, the Logistics Cluster facilitated the overland transport of 4,593 m³ of relief items on behalf of FAO, UNDSS, UNHCR, Relief International and WFP. The Logistics Cluster facilitated the air transport of 305 m³ of relief items on behalf of MSF, PU-AMI, PFSCM, UNICEF, UNFPA and WFP.
- The current storage capacity for the different areas are as follows: 5,740 m² in Aden, 3,640 m² in Hudaydah, 320 m² in Bajil, and 2,252 m² in Sana'a. In March, the Logistics Cluster accepted 5,123 m³ of relief items into storage on behalf of FAO, IOM, UNICEF, UNFPA, UNHCR and WFP.
- The Logistics Cluster facilitates access to fuel (petrol and diesel) at WFP-managed distribution points around Sana'a, Aden and Hudaydah. Fuel is available to humanitarian organisations on a cost-recovery basis. In March, the Logistics Cluster distributed 33,446 litres of diesel and 35,364 litres of petrol to eight organisations.

Resourcing Update

- Based on the ICSP, WFP urgently needs an additional USD 609 million to ensure operations can continue unimpeded over the next six months. Of which, an immediate USD 207.9 million is needed for April and May.
- WFP's operational needs for 2019 stand at USD 2.1 billion. Pipeline breaks are anticipated for in-kind food distributions in June and nutrition interventions in May. WFP's cash-based transfer modality has already begun breaking. Given the long lead-times to bring food into the country, WFP urgently needs funds to ensure that operations can continue uninterrupted until September 2019.

WFP Interim Country Strategic Plan

	Total Requirements (in USD)	Allocated Contributions (in USD)	6-Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD) (Apr 2019 – Sep 2019)	People Assisted (Mar 2019)	Female	Male
ICSP TOTAL (Jan 2019 – Dec 2020)	3,340.5 m	598.5 m	702.7 m	10,616,519*	5,214,834	5,401,685
General Food Assistance				10,616,519	5,214,834	5,401,685
School Meals				665,000	325,085	339,915
Food for Assets (FFA)				25,200	12,378	12,822
Nutrition (Prevention)*				514,806**	393,792	121,014
Nutrition (Treatment)*				66,174	50,148	16,026

* The total beneficiary figure includes beneficiaries of all activities as there is almost a complete overlap between activities.

**Nutrition Prevention and Treatment figures are for February 2019.

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