

WFP Yemen Situation Report #08

August 2020



In Numbers

24.3 million people in need of humanitarian assistance*

3.6 million people internally displaced

20.1 million people are food insecure

*According to the Jun-Dec Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP) extension

Highlights

- WFP targeted 8.9 million Yemeni people with general food assistance under the August distributions.
- 1,962 confirmed cases of COVID-19 were reported by the end of August.
- WFP requires USD 427 million to continue operations unimpeded over the next six months (October 2020 – March 2021).

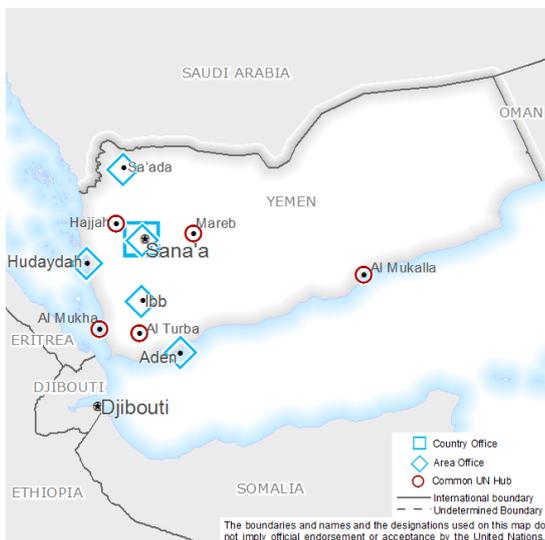
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Yemen Humanitarian Response Plan Needs	Overall: USD 4.2 billion
	WFP: USD 2.3 billion
WFP Net Funding Requirements (October 2020 – March 2021)	
Interim Country Strategic Plan (ICSP)	USD 427 million

Situation Update (including security)

- As of 31 August, WHO [reported](#) 1,962 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Yemen and 567 deaths, with a case fatality rate of 29 percent. During the month, it was observed that the number of reported cases decreased, but indicators suggest that the virus continues to spread. Reported cases are likely to be undercounted due to limited testing capacity, fear of stigma, and difficulties accessing treatment centres.
- The fuel crisis that started in the first half of June 2020 in areas under the Sana'a-based authorities continued in August. As of 30 August, 21 commercial vessels carrying 506,821 mt of fuel continued to be held in the Saudi-led Coalition (SLC) holding area. Four vessels were permitted to discharge a total of 83,699 mt of fuel during August.
- Since mid-April, heavy rains and severe weather conditions continued in Yemen, resulting in flash floods with [reported](#) fatalities and repeated displacement of households as well as damages to infrastructure, homes and shelters. Most affected governorates include Dhamar, Amran, Ma'rib, Sana'a City, Al Hodeidah, Hajjah, Al Mahwit, Ibb, Ad Dali', Abyan and Aden.
- On the northern frontlines fighting between the Internationally Recognized Government of Yemen (IRG) and Sana'a-based forces continued in August, especially in Sa'dah, Al Jawf, Ad Dali', Hajjah, Al Hodeidah and Sana'a governorates. Cross-border tension also continued in August, with multiple reports of drones launched by the Sana'a-based forces towards southern Saudi Arabia. In the south, despite mediation efforts to implement the Riyadh Agreement, clashes between the IRG and the Southern Transitional Council (STC) forces continued in Abyan governorate.
- The Office of the Humanitarian Coordinator in Yemen [released](#) a statement following SLC airstrikes on 06 August that resulted in at least nine civilian fatalities, including children, in Al Jawf governorate.
- In August, two major disruptions to the internet services were experienced, causing almost 60 percent of the country's internet capacity to be out of service. The first instance lasted a few days



while the second continued through the end of August.

- On 14 August, the spokesperson for the UN Secretary-General, Stephane Dujarric said that the Secretary-General [expressed](#) concern about the condition of the decaying SAFER oil tanker, calling for granting independent technical experts unconditional access to the tanker to assess its condition and conduct any possible initial repairs. The tanker is moored off the coast of Yemen with more than one million barrels of crude oil. An oil spillage may significantly affect commercial and humanitarian shipping activities in Al Hodeidah and As Salif ports. Any spread of the spillage could affect shipping operations in Bab Al Mandab strait, one of the most active global shipping routes.

WFP Response

- Under the August cycle, WFP targeted 8.7 million people with food assistance. Of these, 6.5 million people were targeted with in-kind food assistance, 1.7 million people with commodity vouchers and some 670,000 people with cash-based transfers.
- In response to the increased fighting and large-scale population displacement in Al Hodeidah governorate in 2018, the UN established a Rapid Response Mechanism (RRM) in June 2018 to assist newly displaced persons and ensure their most immediate needs are met. Displaced families are provided with WFP Immediate Response Rations (IRR) sufficient for five days. In August, WFP distributed 9,628 RRM kits to UNFPA and its cooperating partners.



Livelihood and Resilience Projects

- In August, WFP reached 89,257 beneficiaries with cash transfers for their participation in food assistance for assets (FFA). Participants worked on over 261 assets, including rural road rehabilitation, water harvesting schemes and agricultural projects. Food for training (FFT) activities resumed in Sana'a governorate. Two hundred women were enrolled in a skills development and managerial training programme. WFP took precautionary measures to limit the risk of contagion among FFA participants by reducing the number of participants working at the same time in the same location and by spreading awareness information.



School Feeding Programme

- Nothing significant to report as schools are closed for the summer vacation. The new academic year is expected to start in October 2020.



Nutrition Assistance

- In August, WFP reached 198,240 children aged 6 to 59 months and 191,954 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 558,870 children aged 6 to 23 months with its Blanket Supplementary Feeding Programme (BSFP).



Supply Chain

- Under the August distribution plan, WFP dispatched 81,745 mt of food under the general food assistance programme.
- During August, supply chain has locally procured a total of 3,305 mt of mixed commodities under the August and September cycles.
- Shipping operations have managed to bring 99,000 mt of cereals

into the country in August. Shipping also received 194 containers holding 4,131 mt of mixed commodities.

Clusters and Common Services



Food Security and Agriculture Cluster (FSAC)

- The FSAC and partners (led by WFP and FAO) are currently undertaking a prioritization of ongoing humanitarian activities in Yemen due to the challenging operational environment, defunding situation, and to maximize the impact of ongoing programmes.
- The FSAC has revised its information management products and now produces interactive maps, which allow partners to access district level needs and gaps for the cluster's two main activities (emergency food assistance and livelihoods assistance).



Logistics Cluster

- The Logistics Cluster supported 34 partners in August. It facilitated the inland transport of 1,040 m³ of relief items to three locations across two governorates on behalf of four partners.
- Across three locations, the Logistics Cluster received into storage 3,112 m³ of cargo, on behalf of four partners.
- The WFP-chartered vessel VOS Theia continues to be on standby in Aden to provide emergency evacuation should the need arise.

Bilateral Service Provision (BSP)

- In August, BSP delivered around 1 million litres of fuel to WHO and 1.5 million litres to UNICEF to support the uninterrupted services of hospitals and local water and sanitation services, respectively. Also, BSP shipped 89 containers (3,298 m³) of cargo from Jeddah to Al Hodeidah on behalf of WHO, IOM and UNOPS, including 326 m³ of critical items for the COVID response. 280,147 litres of diesel were delivered to NGOs and UN facilities.

Resourcing Update

- Based on the Interim Country Strategic Plan, WFP urgently needs an additional USD 427 million to ensure operations can continue unimpeded over the next six months as per the following:

Activity	Funding requirement in USD
General food assistance	328 million
Nutrition	39 million
School Feeding	15 million
Livelihoods	32 million
UNHAS	8 million
Logistics Cluster	2.1 million
Emergency Telecommunications Cluster	1.6 million

WFP Interim Country Strategic Plan

	Total Requirements (in US\$)	Allocated Contributions (in US\$)	6-Month Net Funding Requirements (in US\$) (Oct 2020 – Mar 2021)	People Assisted (August 2020)	Female	Male
ICSP TOTAL* (Jan 2019 – Dec 2020)	4.82 b	2.60 b	427 m	5,767,737	2,833,112	2,934,625
General Food Assistance**				5,767,737	2,833,112	2,934,625
School Meals				-	-	-
Food for Assets (FFA)				89,257	43,843	45,414
Nutrition (Prevention)***				558,870	273,846	285,024
Nutrition (Treatment)***				390,194	289,092	101,102

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

** General food assistance figures and ICSP total are for July. August distributions are ongoing.

***Nutrition Prevention and Treatment figures are based on dispatches.

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