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Yemen

Situation Report #27

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In Numbers

18.8 million (72 percent of population) in need of humanitarian assistance *2017 Yemen Humanitarian Response Plan*

17 million food insecure, including **6.8 million** severely food insecure *Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) March 2017*

2 million internally displaced and 1 million returnees *HCT Task Force on Population Movement, 12th Report, January 2017*

111,504 refugee and migrant arrivals in Yemen from the Horn of Africa in Jan-Dec 2016 *Regional Mixed Migration Secretariat/UNHCR*

Highlights

- WFP continues its urgent countrywide assistance. In February, WFP reached a record number 5.25 million people in 17 governorates with food assistance – 5 million with food distribution (84 percent of a 6 million target) at a reduced daily household entitlement, and 249,462 people with commodity vouchers (29 percent of an 868,668 target). WFP assisted 9,106 refugees at the Kharaz camp (52 percent of a 17,500 target).
- From April 2017, WFP will assist its beneficiaries through a new 12 month emergency operation. WFP will continue to target 7 million people per month through general distribution (food and vouchers), nutrition activities, and refugee and IDP assistance.
- WFP Executive Director, Ms. Ertharin Cousins, visited Yemen on March 11 to 13. The WFP ED highlighted it is a race against time and advocated for access and the prioritisation of resources to the most vulnerable. The ED urged the international community to help prevent a famine by providing resources to meet the needs of the food insecure. The news release is available [here](#).

People assisted - February 2017



Funding Requirements

EMOP 200890 **USD 418 million**

(Net requirement for April – Sept 2017)

SO 200845 (UNHAS) **USD 25.7 million**

(funding requirements/overall project duration – May 2015–Dec 2017)

SO 200841 (Logistics and ETC) **USD 55.1 million**

(funding requirements/overall project duration – Apr 2015–Dec 2017)

Situation Update

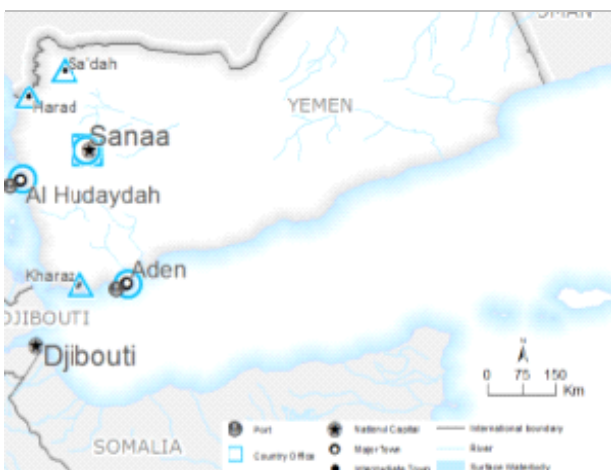
In March, WFP continues to respond to the deteriorating humanitarian and food security situation across the country. Ongoing fighting in the Mokha and Dhubab districts of Taizz governorate has displaced over 44,000 people, with most displaced civilians fleeing to other parts of Taizz governorate or to Al Hudaydah, Lahj, Ibb, Al Dhale'e or Aden governorates.

According to the 13th Task Force on Population Movement Report, as of March 2017 there are 2 million internally displaced people and 1 million returnees in Yemen. The report stated that food is the highest priority need among 75 percent of IDPs and half of returnees.

Following the escalation of tension around Al Hudaydah port, there is a concern that access to the port may be restricted and commercial shipping lines may stop calling at the port. If this development was to materialise, this would have a negative impact on the delivery of humanitarian supplies in the northern part of the country. As an immediate implication, a rise in transportation costs and an increase in delivery times are expected. To avert a situation where food assistance is unable to be delivered, WFP is developing a contingency plan to address access constraints to ensure that beneficiaries in will be not be affected by delays in the arrivals of supplies.

WFP Response

Following its distribution of emergency food assistance to 12,000 people in Mokha and Mawza districts in Taizz and 7,240 people in eight districts in Al Hudaydah, WFP has dispatched food for an additional 4,400 people in districts in Al Hudaydah.



Yemen Emergency Response

Photo: WFP Executive Director visits a WFP targeted supplementary feeding programme, Sana'a/WFP

Food Assistance

General food distribution (GFD): In March, (as of 15 March), WFP has reached 1.6 million people in 13 governorates through GFD - 27 percent of its target of 6 million beneficiaries. In February, WFP reached a record 5,064,820 people in 17 governorates – 84 percent of 6 million planned beneficiaries.

Commodity Vouchers through Traders Network (CV-TN): In the ongoing February cycle, which started on 24 February, WFP has reached 249,462 people (29 percent of planned 868,668) in Al Hudaydah, Sana'a and Amanat Al Asimah. In the January cycle, 272,490 people were assisted in Sana'a, Amanat Al Asimah and Hudaydah (31 percent of planned).

Nutrition: In January 2017, WFP provided curative (TSFP) and preventative (BSFP) activities and reached 230,000 children under 5 years, and pregnant and breastfeeding women in 14 governorates. A total of 1906 mt of specialized nutritious foods were dispatched to WFP's 14 cooperating partners.

Monitoring: WFP Yemen is engaging in different forms of monitoring and evaluation to ensure that beneficiary preferences are mainstreamed into its activities. In 2016, WFP contracted Yemen-based third party monitoring companies to conduct onsite distribution monitoring and post distribution monitoring (PDM), doubling the monthly target for distribution monitoring from 60 visits in early 2016 to up to 131 visits per month. An Amman-based call centre conducted remote PDM through mobile phone surveys in 2016, calling between 2,000 and 2,400 beneficiaries each month. Finally, in October 2016, a beneficiary feedback mechanism was launched.

Logistics

During the February dispatch cycle, 15,760 mt of 31,302 mt planned commodities were dispatched to final distribution points. In addition to the delays in dispatches to Taizz (due to the temporary detention of the vouchers by local authorities), around 661 mt of imported commodities were yet to arrive in Yemen and there were also delays in the arrival of 10,400 mt of locally purchased commodities.

On Saturday 04 March, PIL container vessel Kota Anggun - carrying 95 twenty-foot containers of WFP vegetable oil- was instructed by the Coalition warship

to be diverted to Jazan Port (Kingdom of Saudi Arabia) for inspection. The vessel had been granted UNVIM clearance to call on Al Hudaydah Port. The inspection was completed on 13 March 2017 and the final inspection report is under review.

UNHAS: On 04 March, UNHAS operated its first regular flight between Djibouti and Aden. In February, UNHAS transported 651 passengers from 56 organisations (16 UN and 40 NGOs) and 75 kg of light cargo between Sana'a, Djibouti and Amman.

Clusters

Food Security Cluster

Results of the Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) analysis, were officially released on 15 March 2017 in Amman and Sana'a and are available [here](#).

Logistics Cluster

In February, the Logistics Cluster-facilitated Djibouti-Aden passenger vessel transported 154 passengers from 23 organisations – a 12 percent increase from January.

Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC)

The ETC carried out maintenance works on ETC services deployed at the common office in Ibb.

Resourcing Update

WFP thanks Switzerland for its contribution of nearly USD 3 million in support of EMOP 200890. WFP also thanks Japan for its recent contribution of USD 13 million, its news release which is available [here](#). WFP also thanks USAID/OFDA for its support to SO 200845 of USD 1.5 million and USD 2.5 million to SO 200841.

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WFP Operations in Yemen						
	Project Duration	Planned number of people	Total requirements (in USD)	Total received (in USD)	People Assisted per month by WFP	
					Targeted	Reached
EMOP 200890	Oct 15–Mar 17	6,000,000 per month (General food assistance)	418 m (net 6-month requirement, April – Sept 2017)	658 m (for entire project duration)	February GFD : 6 million January CVTN : 868,668 March GFD : 6 million Feb CVTN : 868,668	GFD: Feb (5,064,820) CVTN: Jan (272,490) GFD: Mar (1,421,065)* CVTN: Feb (249,462)* <i>*ongoing as of 15 March, 2017</i>
SO 200841	Apr 15–Dec 17	—	55.1 m	33.8 m	—	—
SO 200845	May 15–Dec 17	—	25.7 m	13.1 m	—	—