



# YEMEN – COMPLEX EMERGENCY

## KEY DEVELOPMENTS

- On July 23, the U.N. released the updated Yemen Humanitarian Response Plan (YHRP), a consolidated appeal that responds to humanitarian needs in Yemen. The revised YHRP requests \$586 million in funding for the remainder of 2012—an increase of 31 percent from the original YHRP—and targets six million people. As of August 14, donors had provided more than \$264 million to the updated YHRP. The U.S. Government (USG) is the largest contributor to the appeal, providing more than 34 percent of international contributions to date, according to the U.N. Financial Tracking Service.
- Between mid-July and mid-August, USAID’s Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance (USAID/OFDA) provided nearly \$9 million in additional humanitarian assistance to Yemen. The funding includes more than \$7 million to support health, nutrition, and water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) initiatives; \$1 million to support humanitarian coordination and information management; and \$750,000 for protection activities, including mine-risk education.
- To date in FY 2012, the USG has provided nearly \$116.7 million in humanitarian assistance to Yemen, including more than \$29 million from USAID/OFDA, nearly \$67.9 million from USAID’s Office of Food for Peace (USAID/FFP), and approximately \$19.7 million from the U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (State/PRM). USG humanitarian assistance addresses the needs of internally displaced persons (IDPs), refugees, and other vulnerable individuals throughout the country.

NUMBERS AT A GLANCE		Source
IDPs in Sa’dah Governorate	110,000	UNHCR – July 2012
IDPs in Hajjah Governorate	121,697	UNHCR – July 2012
IDPs in Amran Governorate	40,378	UNHCR – July 2012
IDPs in Sana’a Governorate	38,640	UNHCR – July 2012
IDPs in Al Jawf Governorate	24,700	UNHCR – July 2012
IDPs in Abyan Governorate	25,572	UNHCR – July 2012
IDPs in Aden Governorate	150,411	UNHCR – July 2012
IDPs in Lahij Governorate	25,961	UNHCR – July 2012
IDPs in Shabwah Governorate	2,108	UNHCR – July 2012
IDPs in Hadramawt Governorate	4,194	UNHCR – July 2012
IDPs in Al Bayda’ Governorate	1,649	UNHCR – July 2012
<b>Total Number of IDPs in Yemen</b>	<b>545,318</b>	<b>UNHCR – July 2012</b>
<b>Total Number of Refugees in Yemen</b>	<b>225,618</b>	<b>UNHCR – July 2012</b>

HUMANITARIAN FUNDING PROVIDED IN FY 2012 <sup>1</sup>	
USAID/OFDA Assistance to Yemen	\$29,081,056
USAID/FFP Assistance to Yemen	\$67,856,201
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<b>Total USAID and State Assistance to Yemen</b>	<b>\$116,675,435</b>

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## **Context**

- Since 2004, conflict between the Republic of Yemen Government (RoYG) and al-Houthi opposition forces has affected more than 1 million people and has repeatedly displaced populations in northern Yemen, resulting in the need for humanitarian assistance. Sporadic clashes and isolated violent incidents continue to result in insecurity and limited humanitarian access, hindering large-scale population returns to Sa'dah and Al Jawf governorates, as well as northern areas of Amran Governorate.
- Increased fighting between RoYG military forces and rival tribal and militant groups in the wake of the Arab Spring has limited the capacity of the RoYG to provide basic services, exacerbated deteriorating humanitarian conditions among chronically impoverished populations, and resulted in displacement in northern, central, and southern Yemen.
- The RoYG regained effective control of Abyan Governorate in mid-June. Conflict displaced more than 45,000 households from Abyan since May 2011.
- The recent political instability and economic crisis, rising fuel and food prices, high rates of unemployment, conflict, and conflict-related displacement have left as many as half of Yemen's 24 million people food insecure. Of these individuals, 22 percent—or 5.3 million people—are severely food insecure, with 1 million children nationwide suffering from acute malnutrition.
- Yemen hosts a significant number of refugees and migrants, the majority from the Horn of Africa, who are also in need of humanitarian assistance. More than 220,000 Somali refugees reside in Yemen as of July 2012. More than 100,000 migrants and asylum seekers from the Horn of Africa arrived in Yemen in 2011 and during the first five months of 2012, more than 51,000 individuals arrived to Yemen, with the majority from Ethiopia.

## **Security, Humanitarian Access, and Population Displacement**

- The Office of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) reports a limited number of IDPs have returned to Abyan Governorate and returns may increase in the coming months despite ongoing concerns, such as landmines and unexploded ordnance, extensive damage to infrastructure, and lack of security, basic services, and employment opportunities. As the region becomes more conducive for returns, UNHCR plans to address protection and shelter needs.
- USAID/OFDA provided \$700,000 to UNICEF to provide mine-risk education to inform conflict-affected people and IDPs about the threats posed by landmines and explosive remnants of war.

## **Food Security and Nutrition**

- Populations in southern Yemen's Lahij Governorate are experiencing global acute malnutrition (GAM) levels of approximately 23 percent, exceeding the U.N. World Health Organization (WHO) emergency threshold level of 15 percent, according to a recent U.N. Children's Fund (UNICEF) survey. UNICEF also found severe acute malnutrition (SAM) levels of 4.5 percent in Lahij.
- To date in FY 2012, USAID/FFP has provided nearly \$68 million in food vouchers and more than 58,000 metric tons (MT) of emergency food assistance to affected populations across Yemen. In addition, USAID/OFDA has provided nearly \$5.6 million to International Medical Corps (IMC), International Rescue Committee (IRC), Save the Children/U.S. (SC/US), and UNICEF to support nutrition activities.

## **Health and WASH**

- Heavy fighting in Abyan Governorate in May and June led to a significant influx of displaced people in Aden Governorate, increasing the need for expanded health services and WASH activities. More than 150,000 IDPs reside in Aden, according to UNHCR.
- Civil unrest in 2011 in Ta'izz Governorate—the most populous governorate in Yemen—damaged health and WASH infrastructure. Access to water and sanitation services remains limited throughout Ta'izz and cases of acute watery diarrhea, acute respiratory infection, and fever are increasing according to humanitarian organizations.
- USAID/OFDA recently provided an additional \$1.1 million to SC/US to respond to increased humanitarian needs in Aden and Ta'izz governorates. SC/US plans to deliver health services to vulnerable populations, including IDPs and people experiencing emergency levels of food insecurity and malnutrition, through mobile health teams and fixed health facilities. In target districts, SC/US aims to increase access to safe drinking water and implement hygiene promotion activities.
- With more than \$1.6 million in assistance from USAID/OFDA, IRC is expanding existing health, nutrition, and WASH activities in Aden and initiating similar interventions in neighboring Abyan Governorate. IRC activities

improve health services and WASH facilities to help support newly displaced persons and conflict-affected host communities.

- USAID/OFDA recently provided IMC with \$1.3 million to expand integrated health, nutrition, and WASH programming to Ta'izz Governorate. IMC activities include capacity building for primary health care staff, community-based management of acute malnutrition, and hygiene promotion activities.
- State/PRM continues to support WASH activities for conflict-affected persons and IDPs throughout Yemen through UNHCR and other partners.

#### Humanitarian Coordination and Information Management

- USAID/OFDA recently provided approximately \$1 million to support humanitarian coordination and information management in Yemen, including nearly \$500,000 for iMMAP. By compiling and mapping humanitarian data throughout Yemen, iMMAP provides a common operating picture of the country's humanitarian situation, enhancing coordination among relief organizations and improving the safety and security of humanitarian field staff.
- USAID/OFDA also recently provided \$500,000 to OCHA for activities outlined in the updated YHRP, including monitoring, analyzing, and reporting on the humanitarian situation in Yemen and continuing to strengthen the humanitarian cluster system by improving support to cluster lead agencies and promoting inter-cluster coordination. OCHA will liaise and maintain information sharing with all stakeholders on how to best address humanitarian needs, strengthen linkages between humanitarian and development activities, and facilitate transition where appropriate.

#### Other Humanitarian Assistance

- On July 26, the European Commission announced an increase in humanitarian funding to Yemen of approximately \$24.6 million, bringing the total 2012 European Commission humanitarian assistance to Yemen to nearly \$49.1 million. Where possible, the European Commission's Directorate-General for Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection has worked to link humanitarian interventions with early recovery and development programs, particularly in the food security and public health sectors.

#### USAID AND STATE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO YEMEN PROVIDED IN FY 2012<sup>1</sup>

Implementing Partner	Activity	Location	Amount
<b>USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE<sup>2</sup></b>			
Agency for Technical Cooperation and Development (ACTED)	Agriculture and Food Security, ERMS, WASH	Dhale'e, Ibb, Raymah Governorates	\$1,594,812
Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA)	Logistics and Relief Commodities, WASH	Abyan, Aden, Al Jawf, Sana'a Governorates	\$1,984,677
CHF International	Agriculture and Food Security, ERMS, Logistics and Relief Commodities, WASH	Abyan, Aden, Lahij, Ta'izz Governorates	\$1,985,069
IMC	Health, Nutrition, WASH	Sana'a Governorate	\$3,099,909
iMMAP	Humanitarian Coordination and Information Management	Countrywide	\$489,205
IOM	Health, Nutrition, WASH	Al Jawf, Sa'dah	\$2,282,910
IRC	Health, Nutrition, WASH	Aden, Abyan Governorates	\$1,611,351
International Relief and Development (IRD)	Logistics and Relief Commodities, WASH	Al Huydah Governorates	\$997,465
Mercy Corps	Logistics and Relief Commodities, WASH	Lahij Governorate	\$2,667,002
SC/US	Health, Nutrition, WASH	Amran, Aden, Al Hudaydah, Lahij, Sa'dah, Ta'izz Governorates	\$3,850,919
OCHA	Humanitarian Coordination and Information Management	Countrywide	\$1,250,000
UNICEF	Health, Nutrition, WASH	Countrywide	\$7,250,000
	Program Support	Countrywide	\$17,737
<b>TOTAL USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE</b>			<b>\$29,081,056</b>

<b>USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE<sup>3</sup></b>			
WFP	Protracted Relief and Recovery Operation (PRRO) 1,250 MT of Title II Emergency Food Assistance	Aden Governorate	\$1,490,400
WFP	PRRO Emergency Safety Net 16,000 MT of Title II Emergency Food Assistance <sup>4</sup>	13 Governorates	\$15,000,000
WFP	Emergency Operation (EMOP) 35,710 MT of Title II Emergency Food Assistance	Abyan, Aden, Amran, Hajjah, Lahij, Sana'a, Shabwah Governorates	\$35,852,900
ADRA	Food Vouchers, Health and Nutrition Training	Abyan and Lahij Governorates	\$6,379,917
Mercy Corps	Food Vouchers	Ta'izz Governorate	\$4,787,890
SC/US	Food Vouchers, Nutrition Training	Al Huydah, Amran, Hajjah Governorates	\$4,345,094
<b>TOTAL USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE</b>			<b>\$67,856,201</b>
<b>STATE/PRM ASSISTANCE</b>			
International Organization for Migration (IOM)	Health, Protection	Hajjah Governorate	\$338,406
ADRA	Livelihoods, Education for Somali Refugees	Sana'a Governorate	\$499,772
UNHCR	Health, Protection, Shelter, WASH	Countrywide	\$10,600,000
Other Partners	Health, Livelihoods, WASH	Countrywide	\$8,300,000
<b>TOTAL STATE/PRM ASSISTANCE</b>			<b>\$19,738,178</b>
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<sup>2</sup> USAID/OFDA funding represents anticipated or actual obligated amounts as of August 16, 2012.

<sup>3</sup> Estimated value of food assistance.

<sup>4</sup> Estimated MT of food assistance delivered.

## PUBLIC DONATION INFORMATION

- The most effective way people can assist relief efforts is by making cash contributions to humanitarian organizations that are conducting relief operations. A list of humanitarian organizations that are accepting cash donations for response efforts in Yemen can be found at [www.interaction.org](http://www.interaction.org).
- USAID encourages cash donations because they allow aid professionals to procure the exact items needed (often in the affected region); reduce the burden on scarce resources (such as transportation routes, staff time, and warehouse space); can be transferred very quickly and without transportation costs; support the economy of the disaster-stricken region; and ensure culturally, dietary, and environmentally appropriate assistance.
- More information can be found at:  
The Center for International Disaster Information: [www.cidi.org](http://www.cidi.org) or +1.202.821.1999.  
Information on relief activities of the humanitarian community can be found at [www.reliefweb.int](http://www.reliefweb.int)