



# YEMEN – COMPLEX EMERGENCY

## KEY DEVELOPMENTS

- Despite a ceasefire agreement that had remained in effect since early June, limited clashes between Republic of Yemen Government (RoYG) forces and opposition tribal groups have occurred in Yemen’s capital, Sana’a, since August 5, according to the U.N. Relief agencies have not reported increased humanitarian needs resulting from the resumption of fighting.
- Fuel supplies have increased throughout Yemen as a result of mid-July repairs to a pipeline in eastern Yemen’s Marib Governorate that transports more than half of the country’s crude oil supply, according to international media. Increased fuel supplies may help alleviate disruptions to Yemen’s economy and to the provision of food and water, which have exacerbated already poor humanitarian conditions throughout Yemen; however, high fuel prices—100 to 150 percent higher than prices prior to the disruption in oil supplies—continue to impede fuel access and negatively affect vulnerable populations’ purchasing power as a result of increased commodity costs associated with high transport costs.
- Since late July, the U.S. Government (USG) has provided more than \$2.2 million in additional humanitarian assistance to address the needs of internally displaced persons (IDPs) in Yemen. USAID’s Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance (USAID/OFDA) committed more than \$520,000 in additional funding for economic recovery and market systems, logistics and relief commodities, and water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) activities. In addition, the U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (State/PRM) provided an additional \$1.7 million to the Office of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) to register IDPs in southern Yemen and distribute emergency relief commodities, including food supplies and hygiene kits. In total, the USG has provided more than \$52.4 million in humanitarian assistance to Yemen in FY 2011.

NUMBERS AT A GLANCE	Source	
Total Number of IDPs	363,240 <sup>1</sup>	UNHCR – April and May 2011; RoYG – July 15, 2011
IDPs in Sa’ada Governorate	110,000	UNHCR – April 2011
IDPs in Hajjah Governorate	105,673	UNHCR – May 2011
IDPs in Amran Governorate	41,996	UNHCR – May 2011
IDPs in Sana’a Governorate	20,233	UNHCR – April 2011
IDPs in Al Jawf Governorate	24,491	UNHCR – April 2011
IDPs in Abyan Governorate	8,475	RoYG – July 15
IDPs in Aden Governorate	37,584	RoYG – July 15
IDPs in Lahj Governorate	14,788	RoYG – July 15

FY 2011 HUMANITARIAN FUNDING	
USAID/OFDA Assistance to Yemen	\$14,578,805
USAID/FFP <sup>2</sup> Assistance to Yemen	\$20,200,000
USAID/OTT <sup>3</sup> Assistance to Yemen	\$672,177
State/PRM Assistance to Yemen	\$17,000,000
<b>Total USAID and State Assistance to Yemen</b>	<b>\$52,450,982</b>

<sup>1</sup> The total IDP figure includes UNHCR assessments of northern Yemen IDP populations and RoYG assessments of southern Yemen IDP populations.

<sup>2</sup> USAID’s Office of Food for Peace (USAID/FFP)

<sup>3</sup> USAID’s Office of Transition Initiatives (USAID/OTT)

## **Context**

- Since 2004, conflict between the RoYG and al-Houthi opposition forces has affected more than 1 million people and repeatedly displaced populations in northern Yemen, resulting in the need for humanitarian assistance.
- Political instability and increasing conflict between RoYG military forces, demonstrators supporting and opposing President Ali Abdullah Saleh, rival tribal groups, and militants since early February have exacerbated chronically poor conditions and resulted in displacement in northern, central, and southern Yemen. Economic and political instability have limited the RoYG's capacity to provide basic services, contributing to increasing humanitarian needs among vulnerable populations, including conflict-affected and displaced individuals.
- In April 2011, a fragile February 2010 ceasefire collapsed when al-Houthi groups took control of Sa'ada Governorate and the majority of Al Jawf Governorate. Humanitarian access has improved in Sa'ada under al-Houthi control; however, sporadic clashes and isolated security incidents—including blocked roads and low-level violence—continue to contribute to insecurity, limit humanitarian access, and hinder large-scale population returns in Sa'ada and Al Jawf governorates and northern areas of Amran Governorate.
- In early June, RoYG security forces and opposition tribal groups negotiated a new ceasefire to end clashes in Yemen's capital, Sana'a, which had displaced approximately 5,500 individuals and significantly reduced humanitarian access since the conflict escalated in mid-May. Humanitarian agencies continue to provide emergency assistance to conflict-affected populations in northern Yemen despite ongoing security and access constraints.

## **Economic Recovery and Market Systems**

- Prolonged displacement due to conflict has limited income-generation opportunities for IDPs, straining their financial resources. In late July, USAID/OFDA committed more than \$200,000 to Relief International (RI) to provide cash-for-work opportunities for approximately 1,500 IDPs in Hajjah and Sa'ada governorates in northern Yemen and Aden and Abyan governorates in southern Yemen. To date in FY 2011, USAID/OFDA has provided more than \$470,000 for economic recovery programs, benefitting more than 1,700 IDPs.

## **Logistics and Relief Commodities**

- IDPs residing in rural areas in southern Yemen's Aden and Abyan governorates and IDPs returning to Sa'ada Governorate in northern Yemen have reported the need for relief commodities, including household supplies and building materials. In late July, USAID/OFDA committed more than \$100,000 to RI for the distribution of emergency relief supplies in Aden, Abyan, and Sa'ada. Through RI, USAID/OFDA plans to distribute water containers, hygiene materials, blankets, and plastic sheeting to IDPs in southern Yemen and provide returning IDPs in Sa'ada with tools and plastic sheeting to repair homes. In addition, State/PRM is supporting UNHCR for distribution of food, water supplies, and emergency relief commodities—including hygiene kits—to refugees and IDPs throughout Yemen.
- To date in FY 2011, USAID/OFDA has committed more than \$1.1 million for distribution of emergency relief commodities to IDPs in northern, central, and southern Yemen, benefitting approximately 44,000 displaced and conflict-affected individuals.

## **Nutrition**

- Displaced and vulnerable populations remain at risk of acute malnutrition due to limited financial resources, unstable food supplies, and inadequate WASH infrastructure in host communities.
- USAID/OFDA has provided \$1.4 million to the U.N. Children's Fund (UNICEF) for countrywide nutrition interventions, including support for malnutrition assessments and therapeutic feeding centers to treat and manage severe acute malnutrition. In total, USAID/OFDA has committed nearly \$1.8 million in FY 2011 for nutrition assistance in conflict-affected areas, particularly addressing the needs of displaced women and children.

## **WASH**

- WASH needs among displaced individuals continue to increase in areas with limited safe water sources and sanitation and hygiene facilities, such as schools in Aden Governorate and IDP camps and host communities in Hajjah Governorate.
- In late July, USAID/OFDA committed nearly \$200,000 in additional funding to RI for rehabilitation of water sources in IDP camps and host communities in Sa'ada, Aden, and Abyan governorates. Through UNICEF, USAID/OFDA continues to provide hygiene education to IDPs residing in Aden schools and has begun rehabilitation of water and sanitation facilities in three additional schools. In northern Yemen, USAID/OFDA

continues to support UNICEF for distribution of safe water supplies to approximately 18,500 IDPs residing in camps and host communities in Hajjah Governorate. In addition, UNICEF has provided hygiene education for more than 13,000 IDPs residing in Hajjah camps.

- To date in FY 2011, USAID/OFDA has provided more than \$8 million for WASH activities, benefitting approximately 200,000 IDPs through improved sanitation conditions and safe water supplies.

#### Other Humanitarian Assistance

- To date in 2011, international donors have provided more than \$180 million—including nearly \$149 million in support of the U.N. Yemen Humanitarian Response Plan—for health, nutrition, shelter, protection, agriculture and food security, economic recovery and market systems, and WASH activities, as well as distribution of emergency food assistance and relief commodities, to benefit displaced and conflict-affected individuals throughout Yemen.

### FY 2011 USAID AND STATE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO YEMEN

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
<b>USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE<sup>1</sup></b>			
Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA)	Economic Recovery and Market Systems, Logistics and Relief Commodities, WASH	Al Jawf Governorate	\$890,759
ADRA	Logistics and Relief Commodities, WASH	Sana'a, Aden, and Lahj Governorates	\$1,857,966
CARE	Agriculture and Food Security, WASH	Hajjah Governorate	\$1,225,000
International Organization for Migration (IOM)	Health, WASH	Al Jawf and Sa'ada Governorates	\$1,500,000
RI	Economic Recovery and Market Systems, Logistics and Relief Commodities, WASH	Hajjah, Sa'ada, Aden, and Abyan Governorates	\$521,133
Save the Children/US (SC/US)	Health, Nutrition	Amran and Sa'ada Governorates	\$705,804
SC/US	Health	Southern Yemen	\$345,009
UNICEF	Humanitarian Coordination and Information Management, Nutrition, WASH	Countrywide	\$7,033,134
U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)	Humanitarian Coordination and Information Management	Countrywide	\$500,000
<b>TOTAL USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE</b>			<b>\$14,578,805</b>
<b>USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE<sup>2</sup></b>			
U. N. World Food Program (WFP)	17,430 Metric Tons (MT) of P.L. 480 Title II Emergency Food Assistance	Sa'ada, Hajjah, Amran, and Al Jawf Governorates and Sana'a City	\$18,600,000
SC	Cash Food Voucher Program	Sa'ada Governorate	\$1,600,000
<b>TOTAL USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE</b>			<b>\$20,200,000</b>
<b>USAID/OTI ASSISTANCE</b>			
IOM	Health	Sana'a, Aden, Amran, Marib, Al Jawf, Dhale'e, and Abyan Governorates	\$274,887

SC	Logistics and Relief Commodities	Aden and Amran Governorates	\$397,290
<b>TOTAL USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE</b>			<b>\$672,177</b>
<b>STATE/PRM ASSISTANCE</b>			
UNHCR	Economic Recovery and Market Systems, Health, Humanitarian Coordination and Information Management, Logistics and Relief Commodities, Protection, and WASH for IDPs in Yemen and Refugees from the Horn of Africa Residing in Yemen	Countrywide	\$5,800,000
ADRA	Economic Recovery and Market System for Refugees from the Horn of Africa	Sana'a Governorate	\$500,000
Other Partners	Health, Logistics and Relief Commodities, and WASH for IDPs in Yemen	Countrywide	\$10,700,000
<b>TOTAL STATE/PRM ASSISTANCE</b>			<b>\$17,000,000</b>
<b>TOTAL USAID AND STATE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO YEMEN IN FY 2011</b>			<b>\$52,450,982</b>

<sup>1</sup> USAID/OFDA funding represents anticipated or actual obligated amounts as of August 10, 2011.

<sup>2</sup> Estimated value of food assistance.

#### 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)

USAID/OFDA bulletins appear on the USAID web site at [http://www.usaid.gov/our\\_work/humanitarian\\_assistance/disaster\\_assistance/](http://www.usaid.gov/our_work/humanitarian_assistance/disaster_assistance/)