

YEMEN - COMPLEX EMERGENCY

FACT SHEET #4, FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2013, FEBRUARY 7, 2013

NUMBERS AT A GLANCE

385,320

Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) in Yemen
Yemen Humanitarian Response Plan (YHRP)
– January 2013

134,911

IDP Returnees in Yemen
Office of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) – January 2013

237,182

Refugees in Yemen
UNHCR – January 2013

10.5 million

Food-Insecure People in Yemen
YHRP – January 2013

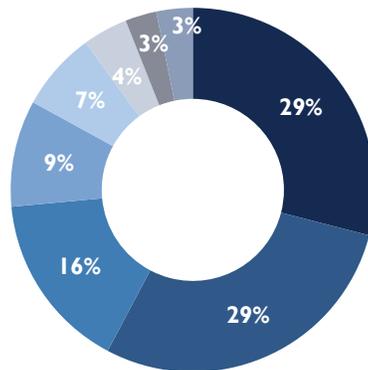
998,000

Acutely Malnourished Children
YHRP, UNHCR – January 2013

13.1 million

People without Access to Safe Drinking Water and Basic Sanitation
YHRP, UNHCR – January 2013

USAID/OFDA¹ FUNDING BY SECTOR IN FY 2012 AND 2013



- Water, Sanitation, & Hygiene (WASH)
- Nutrition
- Health
- Logistics & Relief Commodities
- Humanitarian Coordination & Information Management
- Protection
- Economic Recovery & Market Systems (ERMS)
- Agriculture & Food Security

HIGHLIGHTS

- U.N. formally launches 2013 YHRP, increasing requested funding by 22 percent
- A record 107,500 refugees and migrants from the Horn of Africa arrived in Yemen in 2012
- USAID/OFDA has provided nearly \$10 million to date in FY 2013

HUMANITARIAN FUNDING TO YEMEN IN FY 2012 AND FY 2013

USAID/OFDA	\$39,549,627
USAID/FFP ²	\$70,316,101
State/PRM ³	\$19,738,178

\$129,603,906
TOTAL USAID AND STATE ASSISTANCE TO YEMEN

KEY DEVELOPMENTS

- On January 22, the U.N. formally launched the Yemen Humanitarian Response Plan (YHRP) for 2013. The YHRP appeals for approximately \$716 million to finance 190 projects through 89 implementing organizations—a funding increase of 22 percent from the 2012 appeal, which requested \$585 million. Approximately 50 percent of the 2013 YHRP requests comprise activities that address food insecurity, the U.N. reports.
- According to UNHCR, approximately 107,500 refugees and migrants traveled from the Horn of Africa to Yemen in 2012, the largest influx since UNHCR began tracking regional population movements in Yemen in 2006. UNHCR recorded the previous record high in 2011, when more than 103,000 people arrived in Yemen.
- USAID/OFDA recently committed nearly \$3 million to address health, nutrition, and WASH needs and support humanitarian coordination and information management in Yemen.

¹ USAID's Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance (USAID/OFDA)

² USAID's Office of Food for Peace (USAID/FFP)

³ U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (State/PRM)

POPULATION DISPLACEMENT AND HUMANITARIAN ACCESS

- Recent fighting in Rada'a District, Al Bayda' Governorate, has displaced thousands of individuals and forced many to reside with host families or in makeshift shelters in Rada'a and nearby Dhamar Governorate. A joint mission comprising the U.N. Children's Fund (UNICEF), UNHCR, the U.N. Population Fund (UNFPA), and the U.N. World Food Program (WFP) visited Dhamar from February 3 to 4 and found an urgent need for emergency relief commodities for displaced families.
- Improved humanitarian access in southern Yemen, particularly in Abyan Governorate, has enabled humanitarian agencies to scale up response efforts to assist increasing numbers of previously displaced populations returning to their areas of origin, as well as refugees and migrants from the Horn of Africa, according to the U.N. More than 385,000 Yemenis currently remain internally displaced in Yemen and approximately 236,000 refugees reside in the country.
- UNHCR estimates that 98 percent of the nearly 5,600 displaced families previously residing in 76 schools and two public buildings in Aden, a port city on the southwest coast, had returned home as of December 31, 2012. UNHCR and partners are working to rehabilitate eight schools identified by the Republic of Yemen Government (RoYG) to serve as collective centers for the 200 remaining families still displaced in the region.
- As of January 31, the rate of IDP returns in northern Yemen remained gradual with fewer than 37,000 returnees compared to more than 98,000 returnees in the southern governorates. An estimated 280,000 IDPs currently reside in the northern governorates of Amran, Al Jawf, Hajjah, and Sa'dah, with 95 percent of the IDP population living outside of camps, according to the U.N.
- UNHCR continues to conduct refugee status determinations for Ethiopians and other nationalities seeking asylum in Yemen. In 2011, Ethiopians composed 75 percent of the 103,000 refugees and migrants who arrived in Yemen that year. For most Ethiopian refugees and migrants, protection from displacement-related vulnerabilities is often limited and many lack awareness of and access to asylum mechanisms.

AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SECURITY

- An estimated 10.5 million individuals—approximately 44 percent—of Yemen's 24 million people remain food insecure, and nearly 1 million children are experiencing acute malnutrition, according to the U.N. The U.S. Government (USG) continues to actively respond to food insecurity and malnutrition in Yemen through support for direct food assistance and food voucher distributions, livelihoods support, and multi-sector programs to treat and prevent acute malnutrition, as well as address water and sanitation conditions that can exacerbate malnutrition.
- Humanitarian agencies, including WFP, are expanding activities in southern Yemen as security conditions permit. In November and December, WFP began its first cycle of food distributions for 20,000 families in Abyan Governorate.
- On January 14, WFP approved a \$242 million updated emergency operation (EMOP) to provide food and nutrition assistance to nearly 5 million affected persons in 2013. Through its Emergency Safety Net (ESN)—a program designed to target vulnerable households—WFP plans to provide assistance to vulnerable populations, including food assistance to 4 million food-insecure people and cash transfers to 400,000 individuals. WFP also plans to provide food assistance to approximately 600,000 IDPs, as well as nutrition support to as many as 405,000 children under five years of age and up to 160,000 pregnant and nursing women throughout the country.
- In FY 2012, USAID/FFP provided \$4.7 million to Mercy Corps to support a food voucher distribution program in Ta'izz Governorate. Through the program, each beneficiary household receives a monthly 25-kilogram food basket and may exchange vouchers for food commodities with local vendors. In addition, Mercy Corps has conducted a survey of participating communities to develop effective nutrition messages that will improve overall dietary practices. To date, the program has reached approximately 8,900 food-insecure households, exceeding its initial target of 7,200 families.

HEALTH AND NUTRITION

- Years of conflict have disrupted many public services, including the provision of medical supplies and essential health services. The U.N. estimates that 6.4 million people in Yemen lack access to basic health care, exposing large segments of the population to both life-threatening and preventable diseases.
 - The U.N. World Health Organization (WHO) recently rehabilitated and re-equipped a maternal and child health center in Zinjibar, Abyan Governorate, as part of the WHO health recovery plan for the region. WHO also helped establish nutritional stabilization centers in Aden, Al Hudaydah, and Sa'dah governorates, with a national stabilization center currently under renovation in the Yemeni capital city, Sana'a.
 - With support from State/PRM, the International Organization for Migration (IOM) is providing emergency health services and returnee assistance to thousands of migrants stranded in and around the town of Haradh, Hajjah Governorate, on an isolated stretch of land on the Yemeni side of the border with Saudi Arabia.
 - USAID/OFDA recently provided nearly \$2 million through International Medical Corps (IMC) to conduct emergency health, nutrition, and hygiene promotion activities in rural communities of Sana'a Governorate. The program will address immediate health concerns and acute malnutrition, as well as the underlying causes of poor nutrition among IDPs and other vulnerable populations, through the provision of equipment and supplies to 12 health facilities in the governorate. With USAID/OFDA support, IMC will continue to offer technical support to medical personnel, including training in childhood illness management and maternal health care.
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LOGISTICS AND RELIEF SUPPLIES

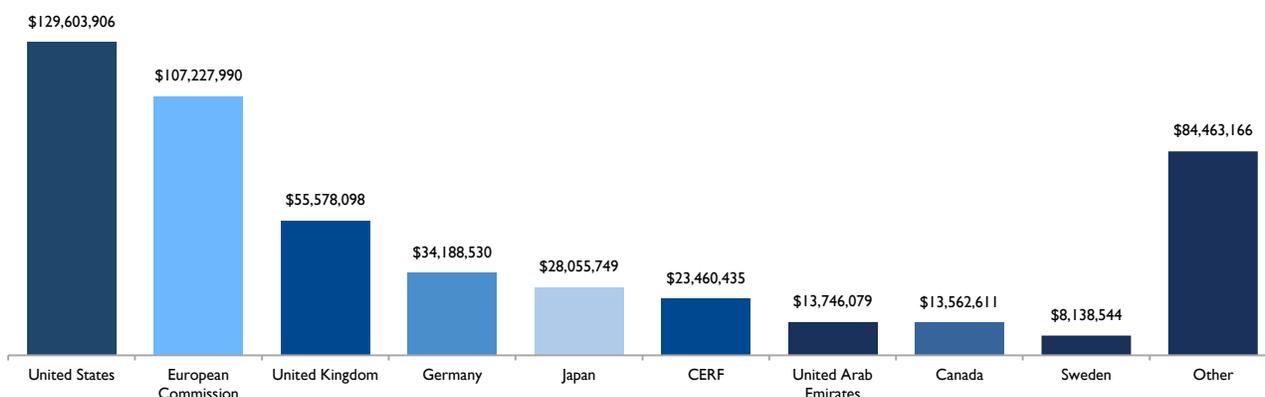
- On December 30, UNHCR airlifted emergency relief items, including blankets, plastic sheeting, and sleeping mats to Yemen to assist vulnerable IDPs who have recently returned to Abyan. The airlifted supplies, along with additional humanitarian assistance arriving by sea in the coming weeks, will assist up to 30,000 families. To date, UNHCR has distributed relief commodities to approximately 10,000 families and shelter kits to nearly 9,000 families in Abyan Governorate.
 - As of February 4, UNHCR and local partners have delivered an initial 505 relief kits containing mattresses, blankets, sleeping mats, water buckets, kitchen materials, and plastic sheeting to populations displaced by the recent insecurity in Rada'a District.
 - With ongoing support from USAID/OFDA, Mercy Corps distributed emergency relief supply and hygiene kits to benefit approximately 20,000 IDPs and host communities in Abyan and Lahij governorates between mid-December and late January.
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HUMANITARIAN COORDINATION

- USAID/OFDA recently provided \$1 million to the U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) to enhance humanitarian access, improve analysis of humanitarian conditions on the ground, and increase information sharing and reporting between relief agencies.
- Since the official launch of the 2013 YHRP, donors have provided \$12 million to fund activities outlined in the response plan. To date in 2013, donors have committed more than \$56 million in humanitarian assistance to the Yemen response.

2012 AND 2013 TOTAL HUMANITARIAN FUNDING FOR YEMEN*

PER DONOR



*Funding figures are as of February 7, 2013. All international figures are according to OCHA's Financial Tracking Service and based on the calendar year, while USG figures are according to the USG and reflect USG commitments based on the fiscal year. FY 2012 began on October 1, 2011 and ended on September 30, 2012.

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. In addition, increased fighting between RoYG military forces and tribal and militant groups in the wake of the Arab Spring limited the capacity of the RoYG to provide basic services, exacerbated deteriorating humanitarian conditions among impoverished populations, and resulted in displacement in northern, central, and southern Yemen.
- Recent political instability and economic crisis, rising fuel and food prices, high levels of unemployment, conflict, and conflict-related displacement have left nearly half of Yemen's 24 million people food insecure. According to WFP, child malnutrition levels in the country are among the highest in the world, with 1 million children nationwide suffering from acute malnutrition.
- Yemen hosts an increasing number of migrants and refugees—the majority from the Horn of Africa—who are also in need of humanitarian assistance. Yemen currently hosts nearly 240,000 refugees, a significant increase from the 150,000 refugees hosted in 2009.
- On September 29, 2012, U.S. Ambassador Gerald M. Feierstein reissued a disaster declaration for Yemen for FY 2013 due to continued humanitarian needs resulting from conflict and the impact of the country's political and economic crises on vulnerable populations.

USAID AND STATE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO YEMEN PROVIDED IN FY 2013¹

IMPLEMENTING PARTNER	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	AMOUNT
USAID/OFDA²			
U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)	Agriculture and Food Security	Countrywide	\$500,000
IMC	Health, Nutrition, WASH	Sana'a Governorate	\$1,943,498
OCHA	Humanitarian Coordination and Information Management	Countrywide	\$1,000,000
UNICEF	Nutrition, Protection, WASH	Countrywide	\$6,000,000
WHO	Health	Countrywide	\$500,000
	Program Support	Countrywide	\$31,662
TOTAL USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE			\$9,975,160
TOTAL USAID AND STATE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO YEMEN IN FY 2013			\$9,975,160

¹ Year of funding indicates the date of commitment or obligation, not appropriation, of funds.

² USAID/OFDA funding represents actual or obligated amounts as of February 7, 2013.

USAID AND STATE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO YEMEN PROVIDED IN FY 2012³

IMPLEMENTING PARTNER	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	AMOUNT
USAID/OFDA⁴			
Agency for Technical Cooperation and Development (ACTED)	Agriculture and Food Security, Economic Recovery and Market Systems (ERMS), WASH	Ad Dali', Ibb, and Raymah Governorates	\$1,594,812
Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA)	Logistics and Relief Commodities, WASH	Abyan, Aden, Al Jawf, and Sana'a Governorates	\$1,984,677
Global Communities	Agriculture and Food Security, ERMS, Logistics and Relief Commodities, WASH	Abyan, Aden, Lahij, and Ta'izz Governorates	\$1,985,069
IMC	Health, Nutrition, WASH	Sana'a and Ta'izz Governorates	\$3,099,909
iMMAP	Humanitarian Coordination and Information Management	Countrywide	\$489,205
IOM	Health, Nutrition, Shelter and Settlements, WASH	Abyan, Al Jawf, and Sa'dah Governorates	\$2,282,910
International Rescue Committee (IRC)	Health, Nutrition, WASH	Aden and Abyan Governorates	\$1,611,351
International Relief and Development (IRD)	Logistics and Relief Commodities, WASH	Al Hudaydah Governorate	\$997,465
Mercy Corps	Logistics and Relief Commodities, WASH	Lahij Governorate	\$2,667,002
OCHA	Humanitarian Coordination and Information Management	Countrywide	\$1,250,000
Save the Children/U.S. (SC/US)	Health, Nutrition, WASH	Amran, Aden, Al Hudaydah, Lahij, Sa'dah, and Ta'izz Governorates	\$3,850,919
UNICEF	Health, Nutrition, Protection, WASH	Countrywide	\$7,250,000
WHO	Health	Abyan and Aden Governorates	\$500,000
	Program Support	Countrywide	\$11,148
TOTAL USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE			\$29,574,467
USAID/FFP⁵			
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 Hudaydah, Amran, and Hajjah Governorates	\$4,345,094
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 metric tons (MT) of Title II Emergency Food Assistance	13 Governorates	\$17,459,900
WFP	Emergency Operation (EMOP) 35,710 MT of Title II Emergency Food Assistance	Abyan, Aden, Amran, Hajjah, Lahij, Sana'a, and Shabwah Governorates	\$35,852,900
TOTAL USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE			\$70,316,101

STATE/PRM			
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
TOTAL STATE/PRM ASSISTANCE			\$19,738,178
TOTAL USAID AND STATE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO YEMEN IN FY 2012			\$119,628,746
TOTAL USAID AND STATE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO YEMEN IN FY 2012 AND FY 2013			\$129,603,906

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⁴ USAID/OFDA funding represents anticipated or actual obligated amounts as of February 7, 2013.

⁵ 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.
- 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 or +1.202.821.1999.
 - Information on relief activities of the humanitarian community can be found at www.reliefweb.int.

USAID/OFDA bulletins appear on the USAID website at <http://www.usaid.gov/what-we-do/working-crises-and-conflict/responding-times-crisis/where-we-work>