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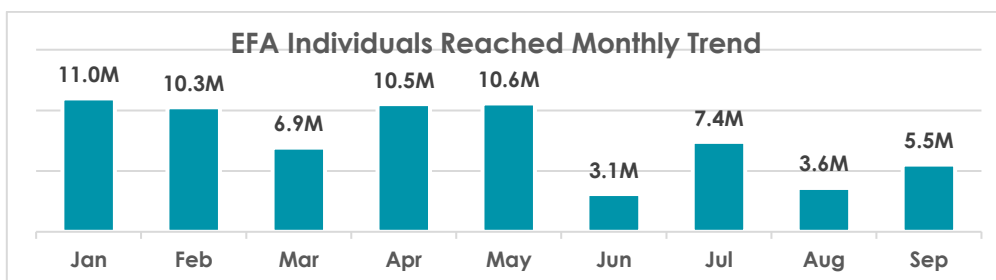
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SUMMARY



In September 2023, a total of **5.5M** individuals were reached with humanitarian food assistance (HFA). WFP Yemen continues to face severe funding shortfalls and is just 12% funded for the November 2023 - April 2024 six-month period. **Of these 5.3 million people received rations equivalent to less than 50 percent (less than 1,050) Kilo Calories of the recommended FSAC reference minimum food basket.** **58K** individuals were reached with emergency livelihood support, **66K** reached with Conditional Cash Transfers and **19K** people were supported to restore livelihood assets and establish micro businesses alongside training to enhance employability.

 **Funding Required**
 \$ 2.2 Billion

 **Funding Received**
 \$ 709.4 Million
 (32.2%)

 **Fund Gap**
 \$ 1.49 Billion
 (67.8%)

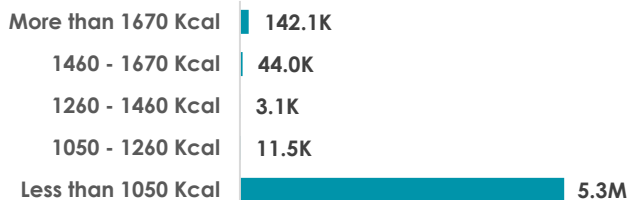
FSAC September 2023 KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

Summary of FSAC Achievements

		Target 2023	Reached in September	Total Reached 2023	%
SO1		14,037,253	5,528,224	13,672,098	97%
		2,230,248	58,298	290,212	13%
SO2		2,785,121	66,770	465,758	17%
		779,511	19,954	37,290	5%

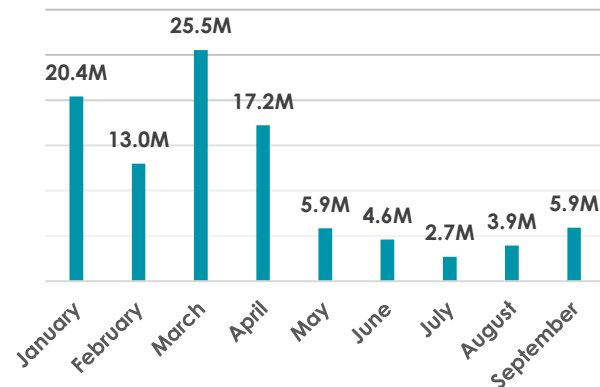
5.3 million people received less than 1,050 Kcal compared to 1,680 Kcal which is the FSAC reference minimum food basket.

Individuals reached by Kilocalories

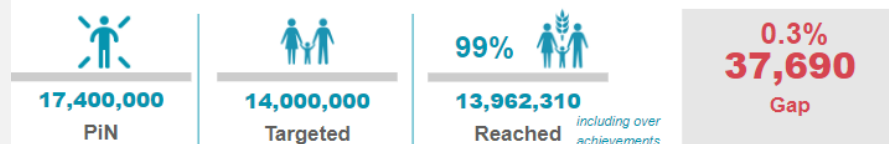


	Emergency Food Assistance (EFA)		Rehabilitation of community assets, provision of seasonal employment and increase of HH incomes through Conditional Cash Transfers
	Emergency Livelihood Assistance (ELA)		Provision of support to restore livelihood assets, assistance to establish micro businesses and trainings to enhance employability

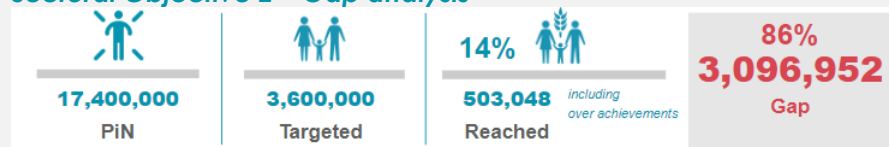
MONTHLY DISBURSED AMOUNT THROUGH CASH ASSISTANCE (SO1 + SO2) (USD)



Sectoral Objective 1 – Gap analysis

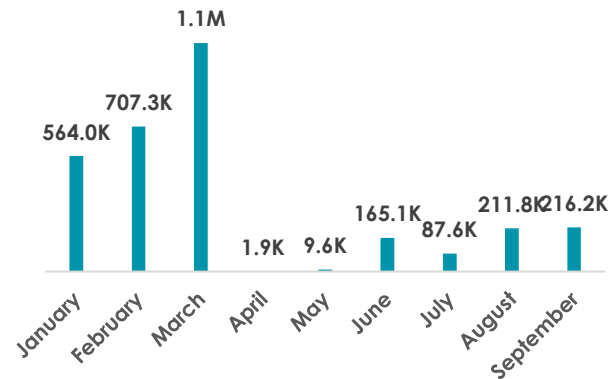


Sectoral Objective 2 – Gap analysis



The under-achievement in livelihood related activities is majorly attributed to funding constraints.

MONTHLY DISBURSED AMOUNT THROUGH VOUCHER ASSISTANCE (SO1 + SO2) (USD)



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WFP Yemen Food Security Update, September 2023



Despite the 200-million-dollar deposit announced in CBY-Aden by early August 2023, the Yemeni riyal in IRG-controlled areas continued to depreciate against the USD by around four percent compared to the preceding month, and by 23 percent compared to year before, reaching YER 1,453/USD at the end of August. On the other hand, the local currency exchange rate remained unchanged at YER 526/USD in areas under Sana'a based authorities compared to a month earlier, while it appreciated by six percent year-on-year.



In IRG-controlled areas, pump prices for petrol and diesel increased by two and seven percent respectively compared to the previous month, while being unchanged in areas under Sana'a-based authorities. The monthly increase in fuel prices in the south was primarily attributed to the ongoing currency depreciation. However, fuel prices exhibited an annual decline across the country, particularly in the north.



In August, the global FAO Food Price Index slightly decreased by two percent from the previous month, while registering a decline of 12 percent compared to a year before. All sub-indexes witnessed an annual decline except for sugar, which rose by 34 percent on year-on-year basis. This increase is largely driven by the growing fears about the impact of the El Niño weather phenomenon on global production prospects. In Yemen, sugar prices also saw an annual increase by two percent in the north and by 32 percent in the south.



The cost of the minimum food basket (MFB) remained unchanged across the country compared to the preceding month, while it witnessed an annual decline by five percent in IRG-controlled area and by 21 percent in areas under Sana'a-based authorities. The notable decline in the north was mainly driven by the annual decrease in the prices of vegetable oil and wheat flour, down by 34 and 21 percent, respectively. Nonetheless, local food prices continued to

be reported as a main impediment for adequate diets by 18 percent of the surveyed households in the south and seven percent in the north.



Fuel supply has significantly improved via the Red Sea ports since the activation of the truce. During January-August 2023, the total volume of fuel imported through the northern ports of Al-Hodeidah and As-Salif was 44 percent higher than the level recorded during the same period in 2022.



During January-August 2023, the overall volume of food imports has increased by three percent via Red Sea ports and by 21 percent through the southern ports of Aden and Mukalla, when contrasted with the corresponding period in 2022.



WFP aims to reach 13 million people with each food distribution cycle until the end of August, but funding constrains have forced to reduce rations to 41 percent of the standard food basket per cycle. The WFP's needs-based plan for October 2023 to March 2024 is only 15 percent funded, and the ongoing funding crisis could force WFP to reduce even further.



In August 2023, around 58 percent of the surveyed households in IRG-controlled areas were unable to access adequate diet, representing an increase by six percentage points from the preceding month, while remaining at the same level of August 2022. On the other hand, the prevalence of inadequate food consumption in areas under Sana'a-based authorities saw a decrease by two percentage points from a month earlier and by six percentage points year-on-year, reaching 45 percent in August 2023. Nationally, this trend is expected to remain elevated at critical levels until the beginning of Q4-2023.

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Yemen: High-Frequency Monitoring (HFM) Snapshot, August 2023

(Issued October 15, 2023)



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Yemen

High-Frequency Monitoring (HFM) Snapshot

August 2023

Issued on October 15, 2023

- Around 29 percent of the households experienced moderate or severe hunger; 36 percent reported moderate or poor dietary diversity, and nearly 43 percent consumed inadequate food (FCG poor or borderline) during August 2023.
- Food insecurity slightly decreased in August 2023 compared to the last three months. The likely reason for this improvement is the onset of the harvest season for some areas.
- Seventy-four percent of the surveyed households resorted to severe livelihood coping strategies (crisis and emergency) during the reporting month, damaging the households' future productivity and capacity to manage shocks. The trend does not show noticeable improvement in 2023. The proportion of households often resorting to food-based coping strategies marginally improved by about 3 percent in August 2023 compared to July 2023.
- During August 2023, Hajjah and Al Jawf emerged as the most food-insecure governorates. In both areas, the prevalence

of food insecurity, hunger, poor dietary diversity, and inadequate food consumption have been relatively higher in the previous months this year.

- Scaling up of food security and livelihood assistance is recommended in vulnerable governorates like Hajjah and Al Jawf.
- Overall food insecurity is relatively higher among agricultural households than non-agricultural households. Furthermore, a higher proportion of agricultural households resorted to crisis or emergency livelihood coping strategies.
- Food insecurity is higher in rural areas than the sub-urban and urban areas. A larger proportion of urban households reported to crisis or emergency livelihood coping strategies than the sub-urban households.
- Food insecurity is higher in households without income sources and households deriving main income from produce and sale of honey or bee products or collection or sale of forestry. Amongst the agricultural producers, the fishery producers reported higher food security in August 2023.

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Agrometeorological Early Warning Bulletin



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- Agricultural activities are highly susceptible to changes in weather and climate which impose major implications on livestock health, crop yields, food security, and ultimately livelihoods. This is because when climate hazards occur, they strain livelihoods even outside primary areas of occurrence. Agrometeorological early warnings lead to early actions that can protect vulnerable communities from climate-related hazards.
- A close assessment of agrometeorological indicators for the period 01 – 10 October 2023 across Yemen shows that near-surface minimum temperatures across the highlands will decrease to around 18°C and as low as 14°C on the Northern Highlands of southern Amran, as such, low temperature-related hazards are unlikely. However, much of eastern Yemen is still expected to experience high temperatures which will range between 35 and 40°C and slightly over 40°C across north-eastern parts of the country, therefore, heat

- remains a hazard across this area (though reducing). High temperatures impact crop growth in several ways and these can include enhanced soil moisture uptake which in turn stunts root and plant growth. Continued irrigation of crops and gardens in spite of the light rains that may be experienced is, therefore, recommended.

Further rainfall decreases are forecasted across the country. Notwithstanding the decreases, the borders of Taiz and Ibb will likely receive up to 40 mm cumulatively. Although significant flooding is not expected, rainwater pooling is still possible.

Regarding Desert Locusts (DL), breeding is forecasted especially in the interior where some of them have started developing the first coat of feathers (fledging). As the rainfall withdrawals further, vegetation will quickly dry up and most

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of the DL will likely migrate to the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden coasts; these areas are usually affected by FAW Armyworms during this time of the year. There is therefore potential for

increased risk of crop-damaging pests. However, on-the-ground operations remain limited and as such, vigilance is encouraged.

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FSAC COORDINATION TEAM KEY VISITS/MISSIONS

FSAC Sub-national Cluster Coordinator of the Sana'a hub visits to All-Girls Foundation for Development (AGF) office



FSAC Sub-national Cluster Coordinator (Muna Hashem) with All-Girls Foundation for development staff

FSAC Sub-national Cluster Coordinator of the Sana'a hub, recently visited the All-Girls Foundation for Development (AGF) office. Her visit aimed to familiarize herself with the organization's vision and their interventions in humanitarian response.

During the visit, FSAC learned about the foundation's comprehensive work in humanitarian response, livelihood enhancement, and community resilience. As well as the Org projects in education, economic empowerment, humanitarian response, and reproductive health. Also had the opportunity to visit the production department of the Economic Empowerment and Livelihoods Program, where she observed various product models.

In addition, FSAC emphasized the importance of partner commitment to coordinate with FSAC in related activities and adhere to the cluster's standards and guidelines. They encouraged partners to coordinate their response plans with FSAC before intervention to avoid duplication and ensure efficient collaboration. These visits aim to strengthen FSAC's support to local NGOs, fostering effective coordination and maximizing impact in humanitarian efforts.

FSAC PARTNERS CONTRIBUTION

AT/AM Hub



MAAKUM INFORMATION IS
AVAILABLE AT: www.maakumye.org

Osama comes from a poor family composed of 10 members. He does not have enough money to cover the costs of his studies.

By studying interior decoration, Osama was able to improve his skills, translate acquired knowledge into practice, and access the labor market to support his family.

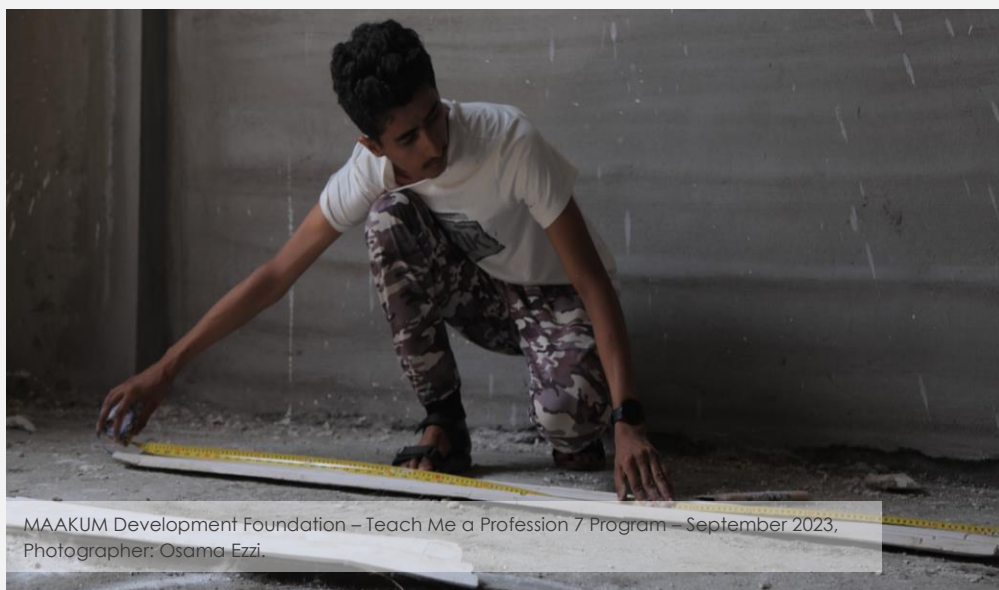


MAAKUM Developmental Foundation – Teach Me a Profession 7 Program – September 2023

MORE DETAILS

Osama was enthusiastic about studying and obtaining a professional degree, and he believed that studying was the key to achieving his dreams. He had waited for a training opportunity for a long time and tracked advertisements everywhere with focusing on his dream of creativity in designing and implementing decoration.

Osama applied to Ma'akum Developmental Foundation MAAKUM and joined "Teach Me a Profession 7 Program". Out of hundreds of applicants, he was one of those accepted into the program.



MAAKUM Developmental Foundation – Teach Me a Profession 7 Program – September 2023,
Photographer: Osama Ezzi.

Osama was characterized by his deep interest in training and qualification, where on the first day of the training he told his classmates that this was his opportunity to make a difference in his life and he wouldn't let it slip through his hands.

As soon as he finished the training, Osama began working with several contractors, unleashed his skills in decoration, and had already begun to help his family financially.

"For the first time in my life I feel that I have the ability to change the fate of my family" said Osama with a smile.

Osama was brilliant in the program, as he was the designer of the impressive internal design of the room of Al-Kwait Female School in Sala District, which was the application field for the team.

FSAC PARTNERS CONTRIBUTION

Sa'ada Hub

مؤسسة بناء للتنمية
Building Foundation For Development



BFD INFORMATION IS
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<https://bfdint.org>

Abdallah is a 45-year-old father who cares for his 13 loved ones in Ad-Shammer village in Haydan sub-district of Sa'ada Governorate.

Through this activity, Abdallah contributed to rehabilitating the road and earned a cash incentive as well as new skills to empower him to find more work and provide for his family.



Abdallah with his family in Sada'a governorate Haydan district _May 2023
(Photo credits, BFD).

MORE DETAILS

He works hard as a handy worker, but his family struggles to survive on his meager income. He faced a devastating loss when his wife passed away three years ago after a difficult birth. They tried desperately to get her to the nearest emergency room, but the bumpy road caused significant delays.

Abdallah's life was filled with hope when he was chosen to participate in the Food Assistance for Assets activity. With the opportunity to participate in the activity, Abdallah and other beneficiaries worked tirelessly to rehabilitate Shedannah road and strengthen its foundations. As a result, the road was transformed into a smoother, safer, and more reliable path.



Abdallah Working in the asset in Sa'ada governorate Haydan district _May 2023
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Previously, the bumpy road had caused countless delays and difficulties for the community. It hindered transportation, making it challenging for them to access essential services such as healthcare and education. In emergencies, like the tragic loss Abdallah's family experienced, the road's condition proved fatal. The community had long yearned for a better road that would improve their quality of life.

Abdallah expressed his gratitude, saying, "We are working and gaining incentives, and that has helped our finances. We are also learning new skills to be able to work on our own."

He also shared his joy, saying, "The unpaved road has been rehabilitated by us in this project, and that makes our lives better." This is a touching success story of how humanitarian intervention can make a change in Yemen.

MINUTES OF FSAC MEETINGS, AT NATIONAL AND SUB-NATIONAL LEVEL



FSAC coordination meeting for Aden hub, chaired by FSAC SNCC for Aden hub at the **SCI** office in Aden, September 2023



FSAC coordination meeting for Hajjah hub, chaired by FSAC SNCC for Hajjah hub, held at the **WFP** office in Hajjah, October 2023

Meeting Minutes






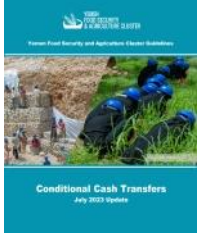






For more details:

[Events | Food Security Cluster \(fscluster.org\)](https://fscluster.org)

Note: FSAC is resuming its physical coordination meetings at National and hub levels.

September 2023 Meetings				October 2023 Meetings		
Cluster/Sub Cluster	Date	Venue	Minutes	Cluster/Sub Cluster	Date	Venue
National cluster	25.09.2023	SOUL, Sana'a	Click here	National cluster	5.11.2023	Virtual meeting
Sana'a Hub	27.09.2023	Virtual meeting	Click here	Sana'a Hub	01.11.2023	SDF office, Sana'a
Aden Hub	21.09.2023	SCI Office-Aden	Click here	Ibb Hub	24.10.2023	IMC Office, Ibb
Ibb Hub	25.09.2023	(Hybrid) UNICEF Office, Ibb	Click here	Marib Hub	2.11.2023	IOM Office, Marib
Marib Hub	27.09.2023	IOM UN Hub, Louver Hotel	Click here	Sa'ada Hub	24.10.2023	(Hybrid) UN Compound, Saáda
Sa'ada Hub	19.09.2023	(Hybrid) UN Compound, Saáda	Click here	Al Mukalla Hub	2.11.2023	Virtual meeting
Hodaida Hub	24.09.2023	UNDP, FAO Hodeida, Hybrid	Click here	Hodaida Hub	29.10.2023	(Hybrid) UNDP, FAO Venue, Hodeida
AT/AM Hub	21.09.2023	Virtual meeting	Click here	AT/AM Hub	1.11.2023	Virtual meeting
Hajjah Hub	20.09.2023	WFP, Hajjah	Click here	Hajjah Hub	25.10.2023	WFP, Hajjah

FSAC KEY DOCUMENTS AND GUIDELINES

 <p>Information Management Products 2023</p>	 <p>FSAC Emergency Livelihood Assistance Guidelines (03.2023 update)</p>
 <p>FSAC Newsletters</p>	 <p>Guidance for mainstreaming AAP in Yemen FSAC Response</p>
 <p>Information Management Tools</p>	 <p>FSAC Conditional Cash Transfer Guidelines (07.2023 update)</p>
 <p>FSAC Membership Application Form</p>	 <p>FSAC Unconditional Cash Transfer Guidelines (07.2023 update)</p>
 <p>FSAC 2023 PIN</p>	 <p>FSAC Operational Guidelines for Implementing Income Generation Activities and Micro-Business Programmes- Effective 15 July 2023</p>
 <p>FSAC 2023 Targets</p>	 <p>Food Security and Livelihoods Indicator Handbook</p>

LINKS

FSAC Terminology

<https://sites.google.com/view/fsc-terminology/home>

IPC Global Platform

<https://www.ipcinfo.org/>

IFRR

<https://response.reliefweb.int/yemen/integrated-famine-risk-reduction>

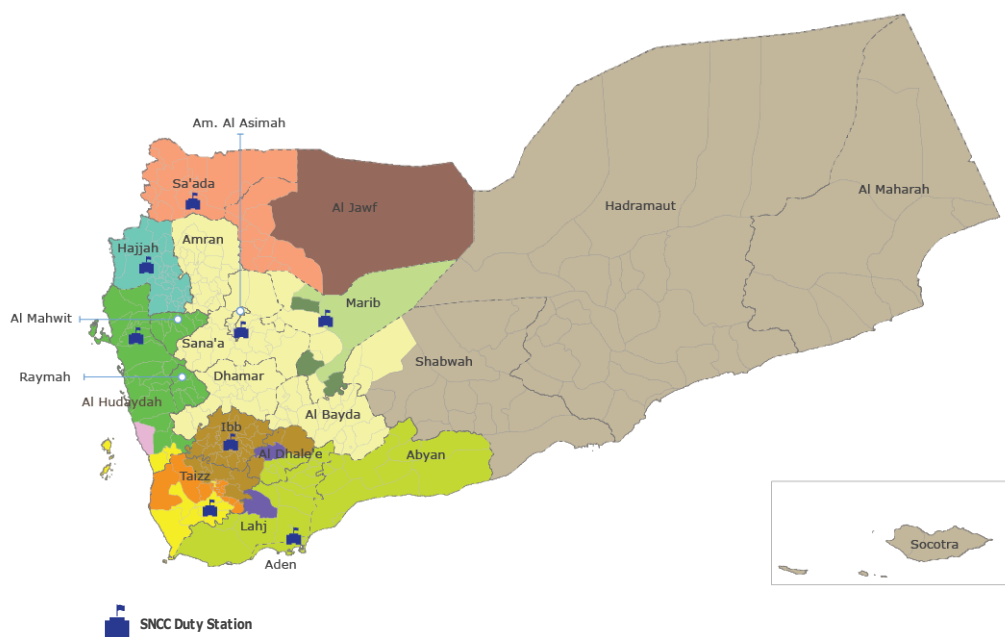
WFP VAM DataViz

https://dataviz.vam.wfp.org/economic_explorer/prices

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