Major challenges faced by FSAC Partners in August:

- FSAC activities remain only 33% funded to date. This is proving to be a major stumbling block to the scaling up of cluster activities by partners despite the immense needs and gaps existing on the ground.

- The escalation in the conflict in certain governorates and increasing bureaucratic requirements from authorities are impeding access and total cluster reach.

Emergency Food Assistance

- In August 2016, a total of 4.6 million beneficiaries (66% of all target beneficiaries) were reached with emergency food assistance (general food distribution and cash/voucher transfers) across 19 governorates in Yemen.

- Partners were able to reach beneficiaries in all cluster target governorates with the exception of Hadramaut.

- Beneficiaries in Marib governorate received assistance in August for the third month consecutively. It is noteworthy that 46% of all beneficiaries in need of emergency food assistance in Marib governorate were reached in August due to concerted efforts by FSAC partners. Nonetheless, partners are still facing bureaucratic, security and other impediments in reaching all people in need of urgent food assistance in the governorate.

- FSAC partners were able to reach 96% of all target beneficiaries in Al Jawf governorate despite the difficult operating environment and the active conflict in the governorate.

- In August, WFP managed to provide food assistance to over 700,000 beneficiaries through food vouchers using the Commodity-Voucher through Traders’ Network (CVTN) approach.