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WFP News Video: Massive Shipment of Food Arrives at Yemeni Port of Hodeidah but WFP Warns More Needed to Avert Famine

Location: Hodeidah, Sana'a City, Yemen

Shot: 12 - 16 April 2017

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Hodeidah port

Shot: 12 July 2017

WFP chartered vessel MV Aec Diligence carrying over 26,000 MT of US in-kind bulk wheat arrived at Hodeidah on the 8th of July from Kalama port in Washington State/US to support the people of Yemen and it took 35 days across high seas to reach the port.

The wheat will be milled in Yemen and it will be enough to provide wheat flour for 2 million people for one month.

Various of the wheat off-loading from the vessel into the trucks

:32-:49

Hodeidah

Shot: 12 July 2017

The wheat is bagged and stored in the WFP warehouse before being distributed in the country.

Porters stocking WFP wheat bags

:49-01:10

Sanaa

Shot: 13 July 2017

SOT Stephen Anderson, WFP Yemen Country Director

"We're extremely grateful for this shipment which really could not have been more timely and the support of the United States and other donor countries that have come to help us but we still need to appeal more to the world to help us because we are only about 40% of what we need to be doing here in Yemen this year."

01:10-01:26

Hodeidah

Shot: 16 July 2017

War damaged buildings in Hodeidah

01:26-01:36

Sanaa

Shot: 13 July 2017

SOT Stephen Anderson, WFP Yemen Country Director

"The situation in Yemen is getting more and more difficult, on top of near famine condition there is a massive, unprecedented cholera outbreak"

01:36-02:05

Al-Thawra hospital, Hodeidah

Shot: 16 July 2017

WFP and its partners are concerned that the recent increases in suspected cholera cases and reported deaths are worsening an already critical humanitarian situation. Additional cholera cases could put even greater pressure on humanitarian organizations working to prevent Yemen from slipping into famine.

In a country where the humanitarian situation is extremely fragile due to lack of food and clean water, people are often not strong enough to fight diseases such as cholera
Acutely malnourished children six months to five years: estimated 2.2 million.
WFP is gradually scaling up to provide specialized nutritious foods to 2.9 million people.

Children being screened for malnutrition.

The girl being measured, called Sanaa, is 2 years and a two months old and weighs only 5.7 kg.

02:05-02:24

Al Dhahi district, Hodeidah

Shot: 15 July 2017

Over the past three months, WFP has been providing food assistance to an average of four million people each month. In June, WFP provided food assistance to 5.4 million people. Yet due to funding shortages, 3.3 million people received a smaller food ration last month, which is enough to cover only 60 percent of their monthly needs. The remaining 2.1 million people received full assistance in June.

Earlier this week the United Nations World Food Programme welcomed a US\$5 million contribution from the Government of China which will provide one month of much-needed food assistance to more than 930,000 people suffering from hunger in Yemen.

WFP food distribution of food donated by China.

People get a bag of wheat grain of 50 kg, 5 litres of vegetable oil and 2.5 kg of pulses.

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Background info

- After more than two years of conflict and destruction, Yemen is on the brink of famine with over 17 million people – two-thirds of the country's population – not knowing where their next meal is coming from. WFP is scaling up its emergency operations to provide food assistance for those most urgently in need of support in one of the world's worst hunger crises.
- In July, WFP aims to provide food assistance to 6.8 million severely hungry people. Of these, 3.3 million people living in areas most at risk of slipping into famine will receive full food rations. The rest will receive 60 percent rations due to shortages of funding.
- More resources are needed to respond to the immense needs in Yemen, especially as the vulnerability of the Yemeni people has risen considerably due an unprecedented cholera outbreak that is currently unfolding on top of an already dire food crisis.

- WFP calls for unimpeded access to reach those most in need and avert famine.
- The emergency operation costs up to US\$1.2 billion over a one-year period. WFP requires US\$323 million from July to December 2017 to continue to provide vital assistance in Yemen.
- So far, the operation is only 37 percent funded – even after the generous recent contribution by the U.S.
- The success of this operation hinges on immediate and sufficient resources from donors – WFP is entirely funded by voluntary contribution from governments, companies and private individuals.

YEMEN IN NUMBERS:

Population:	28.2 million¹
Internally displaced people including returnees:	3.1 million
People who are food-insecure:	estimated 17 million²
People who are severely food-insecure:	estimated 6.8 million³
Acutely malnourished children six months to five years:	estimated 2.2 million⁴
Acutely malnourished pregnant or nursing women:	estimated 1.1 million
Number of people WFP assisted in June:	5.4 million

WFP is the world's largest humanitarian agency fighting hunger worldwide, delivering food assistance in emergencies and working with communities to improve nutrition and build resilience. Each year, WFP assists some 80 million people in 80 countries.
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¹ Central Statistical Organization for midyear 2017

² http://www.ipcinfo.org/fileadmin/user_upload/ipcinfo/docs/IPC_Yemen_AcuteFI_Situation_March-July2017_ENversion.pdf

³ http://www.ipcinfo.org/fileadmin/user_upload/ipcinfo/docs/IPC_Yemen_AcuteFI_Situation_March-July2017_ENversion.pdf

⁴ http://www.ipcinfo.org/fileadmin/user_upload/ipcinfo/docs/IPC_Yemen_AcuteFI_Situation_March-July2017_ENversion.pdf