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WFP News Video

Shot: 4 October, 8/11 November 2020

Lahj, Hajjah, Abyan

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SHOTLIST:

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Parents with their children being tested for malnutrition.

Acute malnutrition rates among children under five have hit the highest levels ever recorded in parts of Yemen. Hajjah has in the past suffered from some of the highest rates of malnutrition among children.

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**Bani Hassan Clinic,
Hajjah City**

:45-1:06

GVs of Khaled with his 1 and a half year old son, Adel, receiving MUACS (Mid Upper Arm Circumference) test. Adel suffers from moderate acute malnutrition and weighs only 6.6 kg. Average weight for boys his age is around 10kg.

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**Bani Hassan Clinic,
Hajjah City**

1:06-1:30

**SOT Dr Ali Yehya, Assistant Physician and Nutrition Officer, Al-Baddah
Bani Hassan Health Center (Arabic):**

"Adel's family's living situation is very tragic as they have fallen below the poverty line due to the Coronavirus pandemic and the war that has severely deteriorated economic conditions, worsening this family's situation-like so many other families in Yemen."

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**Bani Hassan Clinic,
Hajjah City**

1:30-1:40

Khaled and Adel receive WFP specialised nutritious food.

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**Bani Hassan Clinic,
Hajjah City**

1:40-2:05

GVs of WFP food distribution in Abyan city. Abdullah, father of five, receives a ration of wheat flour and goes home.

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Abyan City, Yemen

2:05-2:24

SOT Abdullah, Father of Five (Arabic):

"Sometimes we don't have anything to eat for dinner. Basic living expenses, food prices, have increased. Prices have been increasing every day. We can't survive like this. Without work we are lost."

Shot: 16Sep

Rome, Italy

2:24-2:34

Abdullah making bread with WFP wheat flour.

Shot: 11Nov2020

Abyan City, Yemen

2:34-2:44

Family leaving distribution point with WFP food strapped to motorbike..

Shot: 11Nov2020

Abyan City, Yemen



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Window to prevent famine in Yemen is narrowing, UN agencies warn

Levels of hunger reach record levels, requiring urgent action

SANA'A/ADEN, 3 December 2020 – The window to prevent famine in Yemen is narrowing as new figures reveal record highs of acute food insecurity in the country, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the UN World Food Programme (WFP) and UNICEF warned today.

New Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) analysis for Yemen indicates that **pockets of famine-like conditions** (IPC Phase 5) have already returned for the first time in two years, and warns that the number of people experiencing this degree of catastrophic food insecurity could nearly triple from 16,500 currently to 47,000 people between January and June 2021.

At the same time, today's IPC analysis warns that the numbers of people facing Phase 4 food insecurity– the Emergency phase – is poised to increase from **3.6 million to 5 million** people in the first half of 2021 – putting them too on the precipice of falling into catastrophic conditions and – without a change of course – possibly famine.

“These alarming numbers must be a wake-up call to the world. Yemen is on the brink of famine and we must not turn our backs on the millions of families who are now in desperate need. Make no mistake, 2021 will be even worse than 2020 for Yemen's most vulnerable people. Famine can still be prevented – but that opportunity is slipping away with every day that passes,” said **David Beasley, Executive Director of the UN World Food Programme.**

Phase 4 is a final warning for action – at this point on the IPC's hunger spectrum, people are already suffering enormously with some of the most vulnerable potentially dying of hunger. **Over half the population** (16.2 million) of 30 million will be facing crisis levels of food insecurity (Phase 3+) by mid-2021, with many on the threshold of slipping into worsening levels of hunger as over five years of war have exhausted families and left them acutely vulnerable to shocks



WFP needs at least \$1.9 billion in 2021 to provide the minimum amount of food assistance to prevent famine. This would provide survival rations to 13 million people with most getting only half their daily ration (1,100 kcal) and the most vulnerable getting four-fifths (88%) of their daily calorific needs. With current available funds, WFP is unable to even meet this level of assistance. WFP is short US\$ 442 million for the next 6 months.

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