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Yemen

Acute food insecurity overview 2021



were in Crisis or worse (IPC Phase 3 or above) in January-June 2021

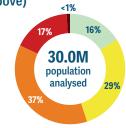
11.04M people in Crisis (IPC Phase 3)

5.06M people in Emergency (IPC Phase 4)

2 0.05M people in Catastrophe (IPC Phase 5)

 ${\bf 54\%} \ {\it of the analysed population was in Crisis or}$ worse (IPC Phase 3 or above)





FEWS NET's analyses suggest that the population requiring emergency food assistance was lower than the IPC estimate (see Technical Notes).



8.64M people were in Stressed (IPC Phase 2)

The analysis covers 100% of the country's total population of 30 million people.

Source: IPC. December 2020.

National population



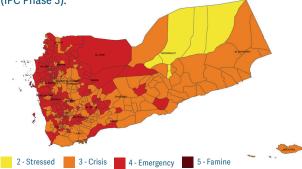
62% Rural

38% Urban

Source: WB 2020.

IPC acute food insecurity situation, January-June 2021

Some 154 districts were classified in Emergency (IPC Phase 4). In Abyan, Al Dhale'e, Al Hudaydah, Al Jawf, Al Mahwit, Amran, Dhamar, Hajjah, Ma'rib, Raymah and Sa'ada governorates, more than 53 percent of the local population faced Crisis or worse (IPC Phase 3).



Nearly 260 districts out of 333 received significant humanitarian food assistance for at least 25% of households meeting 25-50% of their caloric needs.

The boundaries and names shown and the designations used on this map do not imply official endorsement or acceptance by the United Nations.

Source: Yemen IPC Technical Working Group, December 2020.

Numbers of people in IPC Phase 2 or above, 2018–2022



Bars refer to comparable analysis periods only (see Technical Notes). Source: Yemen IPC Technical Working Group.

Acute food insecurity trends

Numbers have risen since 2020. The food crisis in Yemen continued to worsen in 2021 with the number of people in Crisis or worse (IPC Phase 3 or above) rising by 19 percent from 13.5 million in October-December 2020 to 16.2 million during January–June 2021. This dire situation is the product of protracted conflict and a major economic crisis, which continued to disrupt livelihoods, reduce incomes and drive up food prices. In the three governorates (Al Jawf, Amran, and Hajjah) with populations in Catastrophe (IPC Phase 5) in October–December 2020, the number of people in this highest phase was expected to almost triple to 47 000 in January-June 2021 (IPC, December 2020).

The January–June 2021 estimate also exceeds figures from December 2018–January 2019, when 15.9 million people (53 percent of the population) were in Crisis or worse (IPC Phase 3 or above) (IPC. December 2018). The number of districts classified in Emergency (IPC Phase 4) increased from 49 in December 2018-January 2019 to 154 in the first six months of 2021 (IPC. December 2020).

Humanitarian assistance

A significant share of the population depends on humanitarian assistance as the primary source of staple foods in Yemen, with 13 million people receiving varying levels of food assistance in 2021. Yemen began 2021 with pockets of populations facing Catastrophe (IPC Phase 5) (IPC, December 2020). Although food assistance was significantly reduced during the first half of 2021, a notable increase in assistance in the second half of the year supported over three-quarters of the caseload with their monthly needs (IPC, March 2022).