



Yemen Humanitarian Fund (YHF) First Standard Allocation 2022 Strategy July 2022



Allocation summary

The YHF First Standard Allocation 2022 (SA1 2022) is issued on 05 July by the Humanitarian Coordinator (HC), in consultation with the Clusters and Advisory Board of the Yemen Humanitarian Fund (YHF). Its main objective is to enhance dignified living conditions for thousands of displaced persons in sites at a time when 5 million vulnerable people are just one step away from famine. A total of US\$44 M will be available to YHF partners who are kindly asked to submit their proposals by 25 July.

1. Strategic Statement

This allocation has a two-pronged approach. First, as the food insecurity and nutrition crisis deepen in Yemen, an integrated famine response will target frontline and under-served areas with the highest severity of needs in a context where millions face immediate risk of famine or avoidable diseases. Second, to ensure the continuity of life saving service provision and improving dignified living conditions by targeting districts where the living conditions in IDP sites are below standard.

This allocation is coming at a time when the funding levels to Yemen are at an all-time low. According to FTS, the HRP is only 26.3% funded. Through this allocation, clusters will be able to sustain provision of essential services to the most vulnerable. The allocation will target some 1.7 million people.

2. Humanitarian context

1.1 Overview of the humanitarian situation

1. The **acute food insecurity and malnutrition situation in Yemen has further deteriorated in 2022**, with 17.4 million people (IPC Phase 3 and above) in need of assistance as of now and is expected to increase to 19 million until the end of the year. Of greatest concern is the **31,000 people currently facing extreme hunger levels (IPC Phase 5 Catastrophe)**, and in addition, approximately 2.2 million children under the age of five, including 538,000 severely malnourished, and about 1.3 million pregnant and lactating women are projected to suffer from acute malnutrition over the course of 2022.
2. Among vulnerable people, **under-served IDPs living in camps and spontaneous settlements and people living in catastrophic food insecurity and malnutrition situation are expected to be further impacted by the disruption of the food market**. In 2021, 43% of displaced households (out of 4 million IDPs) were unable to meet their minimum food needs. Pre-existing gender inequalities and discriminative sociocultural norms make women more vulnerable to food insecurity and increase the need for protection.
3. The UN-brokered Truce, which commenced on 2 April 2022 for two months and was later extended for additional two months until 2 August 2022, has allowed aid organizations to

access some of the areas previously cut off or identified as hard-to-reach. In some locations, **noticeable decreases in bureaucratic impediments and access constraints related to armed conflict and insecurity have been reported.**

4. **In the first five months of 2022, more than 37,000 people (6,261 households) were displaced**, 80 per cent of whom fled the continued conflict in areas along frontlines and 20 per cent due to economic reasons. These displacements were concentrated in Al Hodeidah (1,742 households), followed by Ma'rib (1,293 households), Shabwah (901 households) and Ta'iz (893 households). However, **compared to 2021, a downward trend has been observed in civilian displacement since the beginning of 2022.**

3. Operational strategy

3.1 Operational priorities

5. **The SA1 will focus on two priorities:**

- **Priority 1 (\$14.5 million):** Aims to prevent famine and mitigate hunger by increasing access to food and other lifesaving supplies and services through the Integrated Famine Rapid Response (IFRR) package. YHF partners will provide multi-sectoral response in 14 districts with pockets of IPC 5 populations as identified in the table below. The clusters identified are FSAC, HEA, NUT, and WASH. *Partners are expected to consider in the design of their projects the specific needs of persons with disabilities, minorities, women, and children at risk.*
- **Priority 2 (\$29.5 million):** Provision of emergency, life-saving assistance, and protection (CCCM, PRO, WASH, EDU, ETC, RRM, RMMS) to the most acutely vulnerable IDPs, refugees, migrants, and host communities most at risk due to recent displacements and conflict. YHF partners will consider programming continuation of lifesaving services, as well as going beyond emergency assistance, and considering more durable interventions. *Partners are expected to consider in the design of their projects the specific needs of persons with disabilities, minorities, women, and children at risk.*

3.1 Overview:	
Priorities	Amount allocated
Priority 1: Provide an integrated response through IFRR to contribute to the reduction of food insecurity and malnutrition	\$14,500,000
Priority 2: Provision of emergency, life-saving assistance, and protection to the most acutely vulnerable IDPs, refugees, migrants, and host communities most at risk	\$29,500,000
Total	\$44,000,000
3.2. Description:	
Priority one: Provide an integrated response through IFRR to contribute to the reduction of food insecurity and malnutrition (FSAC, HEALTH, NUTRITION, WASH)	
Objectives:	
1. Increase availability and access to secure, safe and lifesaving food for the most vulnerable households through the provision of emergency assistance	
2. Protect and promote livelihoods and build assets to enhance resilience	

FSAC:**Target beneficiaries:** 90,500**Key activities:**

- *Emergency Food Assistance (EFA)*
- *Emergency Livelihood Assistance (ELA)*
- *Rehabilitation of community assets through conditional cash transfers (CCT)*

Targeted locations:

Governorate	Districts
<i>Al Mahwit</i>	<i>Bani Sa'd</i>
<i>Amran</i>	<i>Harf Sufyan, Al Ashah, Habur Zulaymah, Al Ashah, As Sudah, As Sawad</i>
<i>Al Dhale'e</i>	<i>Al Azariq, Maizar, Medghal, Al Abdiyaha</i>
<i>Marib</i>	<i>Majzar, Marib, Harib</i>
<i>Al Hudaydah</i>	<i>Hays, Al Khukhah</i>

Health:**Target beneficiaries:** 1,700,00**Key activities:**

- *Outbreak prone disease detection, prevention, and management, including laboratory support*
- *EPI-Routine vaccination support*
- *Maternal & Newborn health care support including (BeMONC & CeMONC) and Child Care/MCI*
- *Community-based health care/Mobile teams (MMTs) with a medical doctor (GPs)*
- *In-patient care including admission & SAM case management (TFCs) in secondary level*
- *Communicable and non-communicable diseases case management*
- *General Clinical Services and basic & life-saving trauma Care as well as emergency and general surgical and trauma care*
- *Support for outpatient care and referrals*
- *Rehabilitation of supported HFs and provision of water, essential medical equipment/furniture and fuel and solar panel systems*
- *Training and capacity building of Health Care Workers (HCWs)*

Targeted locations:

Governorate	Districts
<i>Amran</i>	<i>Harf Sufyan, Al Ashah and Habur Zulaymah</i>
<i>Al Hudaydah</i>	<i>Hays, Al Khukhah, Al Garrahi, Ad Durahhimi</i>
<i>Marib</i>	<i>Marib, Marib city</i>
<i>Abyan</i>	<i>Khanfir</i>
<i>Al Dhale'e</i>	<i>Damat, Ad Dhala</i>
<i>Al Jawf</i>	<i>Kharab Al Marashi, Khob Wa Aha'af</i>
<i>Hajjah</i>	<i>Abs, Aslem</i>
<i>Ibb</i>	<i>Dhi As Sufal</i>
<i>Lahj</i>	<i>Tuban</i>
<i>Taiz</i>	<i>Haifan, Maqbanah, Al Mukha, Ash Shamayatayn, Attazziah</i>
<i>Aden</i>	<i>Dar Sad</i>
<i>Sa'adah</i>	<i>Munabih</i>
<i>Hadramout</i>	<i>Al-Aber</i>

Nutrition:**Target beneficiaries:** 49,042**Key activities:**

- *Treatment of acute malnutrition among children 0-59 months, pregnant and lactating mothers.*
- *Prevention of acute malnutrition among children between the age of 6-24 months and pregnant and lactating women through BSFPs and IYCF services*
- *Capacity building of nutrition screening and surveillance systems*

Targeted locations:

Gov	District
<i>Ma'rib</i>	<i>Al Abdiyah; Majzar; Medghal; Marib; Harib</i>
<i>Al Hodeidah</i>	<i>Hays; Al Khukhah</i>
<i>Al Mahwit</i>	<i>Bani Sa'd</i>
<i>Amran</i>	<i>Harf Sufyan; Al Ashah; Habur Zulaymah; As Sudah; As Sawd</i>
<i>Al Dhale'e</i>	<i>Al Azariq</i>

WASH: (covering priority 1 + 2)**Total envelope:** US \$ 5,500,000**Target beneficiaries:** 263,174**Key activities:**

- *Rehabilitation of water harvesting reservoirs, water supply systems including installation of solar pumping systems and connecting IDP collective sites with sustainable water systems*
- *Water trucking to IDP sites as well as undertaking urgent repairs and maintenance of water tanks and taps*
- *Construction of emergency latrine including installation of solar systems for emergency latrines, and construction/rehabilitation of family latrines*
- *Emptying/desludging overflowing cesspits and septic tanks in IDPs collective sites and host communities*
- *Conduct hygiene promotion sessions and distribution of Basic Hygiene Kits (BHKs)*
- *Conduct solid waste collection and disposal campaigns*

Targeted locations:

Governorate	Districts
<i>Sa'ada</i>	<i>Baqim; Al-Dhahir</i>
<i>Al-Jawf</i>	<i>Bart Al Anan</i>
<i>Ta'iz</i>	<i>At Taiziah; Maqbanah; Dhubab</i>
<i>Al Dhale'e</i>	<i>Damt; Qatabah; Alazariq</i>
<i>Ma'rib</i>	<i>Juban; Ma'rib Al Wadi; Ma'rib</i>
<i>Ibb</i>	<i>Al Dhihar; Al Mashannah</i>
<i>Hajjah</i>	<i>Aslam; Abs; Matwalah; Albtaryah</i>
<i>Al Bayda</i>	<i>Al-Arsh; Bni Aamer; Al Arsh</i>
<i>Ibb</i>	<i>Wadi Habl</i>
<i>Al Hodeidah</i>	<i>Az Zuhrah; Al-Qanawis; Ruba'a Al Sham; Ksharib, Al-Ruba'a Al Sharqi, Bni Mahadi</i>
<i>Sana'a</i>	<i>Hamdan; Dharwan; Al Azrqaen</i>
<i>Amran</i>	<i>Al Sawad; Houth; Khamer; AL Qaflah</i>

Priority Two: Provision of emergency, life-saving assistance, and protection to the most acutely vulnerable IDPs, refugees, migrants, and host communities most at risk**Objectives:**

1. *Provide longer-term services to vulnerable groups through the continuation of essential services in both IDP and non IDP sites*
2. *Protect and mitigate protection risks for the most vulnerable*
3. *Procurement and repositioning of RRM kits to provide assistance for newly displaced and flood affected people*
4. *Reduce exposure to risk and facilitate solutions for migrants and refugees*

Education**Total envelope:** 4,000,000**Target beneficiaries:** 100,992**Key activities:**

- *Provision of incentives for teachers and schools staff members*
- *Rehabilitation/ construction of classrooms (temporary, semi-structured or permanent)*
- *Construction of gender-sensitive and disability-sensitive WASH facilities*

- Support schools with provision of school furniture and equipment, including desks, boards, solar power systems and safety and security equipment
- Provide training and teaching materials for teachers, educators, and school administration.
- Support children with provision of school materials
- Activation of Father Mother Councils (FMCs) and student councils in supported schools

Targeted locations:

Governorate	Districts
<i>Taizz</i>	<i>As Silw, Al mlsrakh, Maqbanah, Al Wazi'iyah, Salh</i>
<i>Marib</i>	<i>Marib</i>
<i>Al Jawf</i>	<i>Khabb wa ash Sha'af</i>
<i>Al Hudaydah</i>	<i>Ad Duraihimi</i>
<i>Hajjah</i>	<i>Abs</i>
<i>Al Mahwit</i>	<i>Bani Saad</i>
<i>Hadramout</i>	<i>Al Abr</i>
<i>Lahj</i>	<i>Tuban, Al Had</i>
<i>Aden</i>	<i>Almansoura, Al Buraiqeh</i>
<i>Abyan</i>	<i>Khanfir</i>
<i>Al Bayda</i>	<i>Ash Sharyah, Na'man, Nati</i>
<i>Ibb</i>	<i>Al Qafr</i>

Shelter and NFI**Total envelope:** US \$ 6,000,000**Total number of beneficiaries:** 112,840**Key activities:**

- Reposition and distribution of contingency non-food items /shelter cluster common pipeline
- Provision of shelter maintenance and upgrades
- Provision of cash for rental subsidies
- Provision of transitional shelter kits
- Provision of house rehabilitation and reconstruction kits

Targeted locations:

Governorate	Districts
<i>Al Hudaydah</i>	<i>Al Qanawis, Az Zaydiyah, Al Khawkhah, Al Hawak</i>
<i>Marib</i>	<i>Marib, Marib city, Al Wadih</i>
<i>Abyan</i>	<i>Khanfir</i>
<i>Al Dhale'e</i>	<i>Ad Dhale</i>
<i>Al Jawf</i>	<i>Al Maton</i>
<i>Hajjah</i>	<i>Abs, Aslem, Mustabah</i>
<i>Ibb</i>	<i>Ibb</i>
<i>Lahj</i>	<i>Tuban</i>
<i>Taiz</i>	<i>Salh, Attazziah, Al Mudhaffar, Maqbanah</i>
<i>Sana'a</i>	<i>Hamdan</i>
<i>Dhamar</i>	<i>Dhamar city</i>
<i>Aminat Al Asimah</i>	<i>Bani Al Harith</i>

CCCM**Total envelope:** US \$ 4,000,000**Target beneficiaries:** 330,105**Key activities**

- Strengthen safe access to multi sectorial services at site level through improved site supervision and coordination

- Strengthen community self-organization and community cohesion
- Establish access to information for displaced populations and feedback and complaint mechanisms

Targeted locations: Abyan, Al Baydha, Al Hudaydah, Hajja, Lahj, Marib and Taizz

Protection

Total envelope: US \$ 4,500,000

Target beneficiaries: 357,824

Key activities:

- Provision of Critical Protection Services, including in community centers or through community outreach activities
- Provision of Critical Child Protection Services, including case management, tracing and reunification and victim assistance
- Strengthening community resilience for children and caregivers by increasing accessing to physical and mental well-being activities
- Support for protection case management, including mobile GBV, RH teams, economic empowerment and support to physical safety and security
- Support for mine action services, including Non-Technical Survey (NTS), Manual Mine Clearance and Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Spot Tasks

Targeted locations: Marib, Al-Hudaydah, Taizz, Hajjah, Ibb, Aden, Al-Jawf, Amnat Al-Asimah, Sana'a, Amran

RRM

Total envelope: US \$ 3,000,000

Target beneficiaries: 109,550

Key activities:

- Provision of the emergency RRM kits (basic hygiene, female dignity/transit and immediate ready to eat ration kits) to the newly displaced people.
- Provision of one-off multi-purpose cash assistance (MPCA) to the newly displaced families, after the provision of emergency RRM kits, including additional two rounds of MPCA for those who are socio-economically vulnerable households
- Provision of educational materials for children living in newly displaced households

Targeted locations: Hodieda, Al Jowf, Mareb, Hajah, Taiz, Al Beyda, Abyan, Shabwa, Amran and Al Dali

RMMS

Total envelope: US \$ 1,600,000

Key activities:

- Registration and assessment of migrants and provision of dignity kits, food (in kind and vouchers), NFIs and emergency first aid (mobile response).
- Provision of awareness sessions on legal and referral services including for specialized services such as lifesaving medical services.
- Protection monitoring and reporting on violations of human rights of migrants and others on the move
- Livelihoods-related and economic empowerment activities for refugees, including cash for work and support to refugee community self-management structures.
- Provision of multi-purpose and emergency cash assistance to vulnerable refugees and asylum-seekers; specialized child protection services to vulnerable refugees and asylum-seekers; specialized GBV services to vulnerable refugees and asylum-seekers; specialized MHPSS to vulnerable refugees and asylum-seekers; provision of supplementary food assistance to medical cases of refugees and asylum-seekers.

ETC

Total envelope: US \$ 900,000

Key activity:

- Provision of telecommunications services and capacity building to support the Yemen humanitarian operation in common hubs throughout the country

3.2 Cross-cutting issues

6. The allocation will pay particular attention to the following cross-cutting issues which YHF partners are asked to reflect in their proposals:

- **Cash programming:** Cash programming is encouraged but limited only to partners with proven experience and to areas where there are functioning markets. The guidance from the Cash Working Group must be followed.
- **Accountability to the Affected Population (AAP):** Projects must include a section that outlines how quality and accountability to affected population aspects are

mainstreamed through the project. In particular, projects are requested to demonstrate how relevant humanitarian standards (such as the Core Humanitarian Standards and the Humanitarian Standards Partnership) are applied and that complaint and feedback mechanisms are in place so that affected populations (women, girls, boys, men; including the most marginalized and at-risk people among affected communities) are able to provide feedback on their own priorities and concerns around the project, and that these priorities and concerns are considered and addressed in a meaningful way. Projects need to explain how the YHFAAP mechanisms will be disseminated. **Partners must include the standard list of AAP outcome and indicators referenced in the annexed Proposal guide and attached to this allocation strategy.**

- **Gender:** The different needs of women, girls, men and boys, must be prioritized in humanitarian interventions. The conflict in Yemen is disproportionately affecting women and girls and exacerbates pre-existing gender inequalities. They face increased prevalence of, and exposure to, GBV and are often hampered from accessing life-saving services. YHF projects must ensure that gender is integrated throughout all the phases of the project cycle from the project assessment to the final review of the results achieved. The use of the Gender and Age marker tool is compulsory.
- **Protection against Sexual Exploitation and Assault (PSEA):** In line with the requirement in the grant agreement, partners must ensure that relevant mechanisms are in place to detect PSEA cases both internally and externally. In line with the requirement in the grant agreement, partners must have complaint and feedback mechanisms, with plans in place to identify, prevent and mitigate SEA risks in ongoing activities.
- **Partner presence:** For health and nutrition interventions, partners are expected to demonstrate how they will be continuously present in the facilities they will support. Incentives to health care workers may not be supported to the full extent of the Health Cluster incentive scale.
- **Localization:** This allocation will prioritise NGOs as front-line responders with particular focus on Local and National NGOs. **This allocation has a target of allocating 25% of the allocation to National YHF partners.**

4. Complementarity with CERF

7. In April, the ERC approved a \$20 million rapid response allocation to help alleviate suffering of highly food insecure people in Yemen (pockets of IPC 4 and 5) targeting Hajjah, Hodeidah, and Ta'iz Governorate where the highest food insecurity and malnutrition prevails. The IFRR response in this allocation will geographically complement the CERF grant.

5. Eligibility parameters / Guidance to applicants

8. All partners who have successfully completed their due diligence and capacity assessment as of the launch of this allocation are eligible for this allocation.
9. Under priority 1, YHF partners must submit an integrated proposal that covers the needs identified or partner with another organization which can cover part of the identified needs.
10. YHF partners can submit a maximum of 3 projects in total for this allocation.
11. YHF partners submitting projects need to ensure that they:

- are aligned with the strategic priorities of the HRP 2021.
- meet the strategic priorities and targeted locations of the clusters for this allocation, as endorsed by the AB.
- include a recent needs assessment.
- can be implemented within the period of up to 12 months maximum.
- include gender and protection mainstreaming components.
- demonstrate accountability to the affected population.
- Do not exceed allowable ceiling, otherwise project will be rejected
- demonstrate inclusive programming.
- clearly identify risks and outline mitigation strategies.
- have a clearly elaborated and adequate monitoring plan.
- demonstrate cost-effectiveness where: (a) for comparable activities and outputs, the total cost is less; (b) the cost per beneficiary ratio is reasonable; (c) support costs are reasonable and in line with accepted levels for a given activity; and (d) the proposed period of implementation represents the best use of resources at that time.
- take into account the ERC's four global priority areas set out in January 2019, which include: (a) support for women and girls, including tackling gender-based violence, reproductive health and empowerment; (b) programmes targeting disabled people; (c) education in protracted crises; and (d) other aspects of protection.

12. In addition, Clusters and YHF partners are asked to consider the following:

- YHF partners must factor in possible delays in project implementation and adjust their workplans and budgets accordingly, including by amending project operational costs to a reasonable timeframe.
- YHF partners will refer to the Operational Modalities to determine their maximum allowable amount for this allocation. Partner performance and ongoing compliance issues will be considered by the YHF in selection of projects for funding.
- YHF partners ranked as high-risk should directly implement their programmes and not use sub-implementing partners, while medium- and low-risk partners can use sub-implementing partners.
- YHF partners must be legally registered in the geographical area where projects will be implemented.

6. Process and timeline

6.1 Allocation Strategy Development Process

13. The clusters were requested to identify the most urgent needs across the country, and these were compiled and presented to the HC for his guidance on the strategic direction for this allocation. Based on the HC guidance the priorities were refined, and a draft strategy was prepared. This was presented to the AB and endorsed on 05 July.

6.2 Allocation Timeline

Steps	Date	Responsible body
Step 1. Allocation Strategy Development		Clusters, OCHA, AB

Step 2. Allocation Launch	05 July	OCHA
Step 3. Submission of Project Proposals	24 July	YHF Partners
Step 3. Strategic Review	25 – 31 July	Clusters, OCHA
Step 4. Preliminary Approval by HC	1 August	OCHA, HC
Step 5. Project revisions, technical and financial review	2 – 14 August	YHF Partners, Clusters, OCHA
Step 6. Final Approval by HC	15 August	HC
Step 7. Disbursement	16 – 23 August	OCHA

7. HFU contacts and complaints

7.1 Key contacts

- Fund Manager: Randa Merghani, merghani@un.org
- Programme: Jeehan AlQaili, gehan.alqaili@un.org
- Finance: Natia Elmas, elmas@un.org

7.2 Complaints mechanisms

14. YHF stakeholders with insufficiently addressed concerns or complaints regarding YHF processes or decisions can at any point in time contact the OCHA Head of Office or write to yemenhpfcomplaints@un.org with these concerns. Complaints will be compiled, reviewed and raised with the HC, who will then take a decision on necessary action(s). The HC will share with the Advisory Board any such concerns or complaints and actions taken thereof.

Annex 1: Budget preparation guidelines, BoQ, sub-IP budget template, BoQ template

Annex 2: Project proposal guide