

Humanitarian funding analysis: Yemen



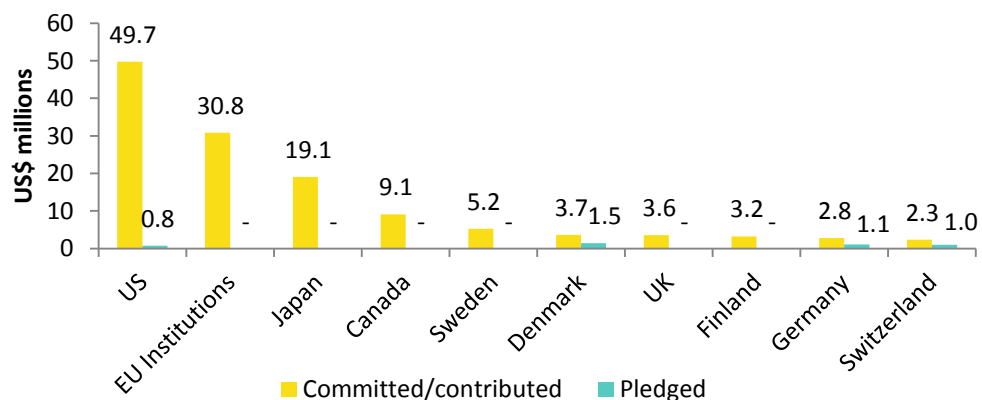
1. Key points

- According to the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)'s Financial Tracking Service (FTS), donors have committed/contributed **US\$160.9 million** of humanitarian assistance to Yemen so far in 2015.
- The UN-coordinated [2014–15 Yemen Humanitarian Response Plan](#) (HRP) requests **US\$747.5 million** from donors. An additional [Flash appeal for Yemen](#) was launched on 17 April, requesting **US\$273.7 million**.
- According to the FTS, the Yemen HRP is currently **17% funded at US\$124.5 million**, with a further **US\$4.3 million remaining in uncommitted pledges**.
- No funding has been reported against the Flash appeal, however, on 18 April [media reports](#) suggested that Saudi Arabia had pledged funding of US\$274 million to cover the full requirements. This pledge has not yet been reported to the FTS.
- US\$36.4 million has been committed or contributed outside of either appeal.
- The **United States (US) is the top donor to Yemen in 2015**, contributing US\$49.7 million, or 31% of total current funding.

2. Recent humanitarian funding to Yemen

Donors have committed or contributed **US\$160.9 million of humanitarian funding to Yemen** since the beginning of 2015. US\$4.3 million remains in uncommitted pledges.

Figure 1: Top 10 humanitarian donors to Yemen, 2015



Source: UN OCHA FTS. Data downloaded 28/04/2015.

The **US** is the largest donor to the crisis so far in 2015 (US\$49.7 million committed/contributed and US\$0.8m remaining in outstanding pledges), followed by EU institutions (US\$30.8 million) and Japan (US\$19.1 million). Between them, these three donors have given 62% of total funding so far this year. The top five donors have given 71% of total funding.

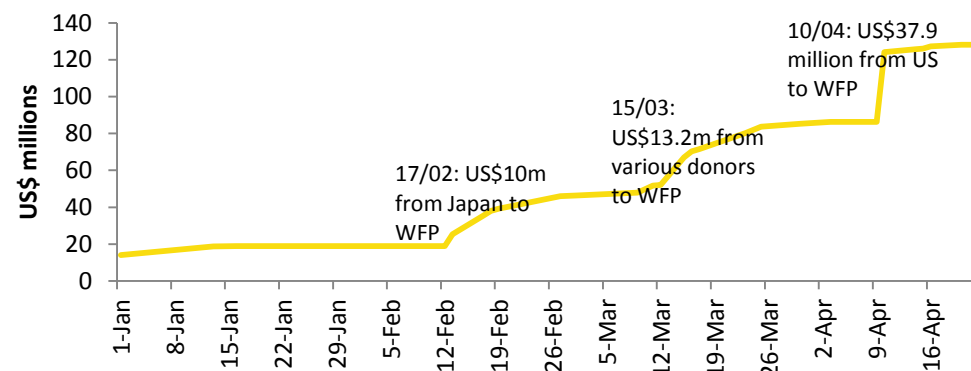
Table 1: Outstanding pledges made in 2015

Donor	Pledges (US\$ millions)
Denmark	1.5
Germany	1.1
Switzerland	1.0
US	0.75

Source: Development Initiatives based on UN OCHA FTS data. Date downloaded and compiled 28/04/2015.

Note that the US\$274 million pledged from Saudi Arabia to cover the full requirements of the Flash appeal launched on 18 April 2015 has not yet been reported to the FTS.

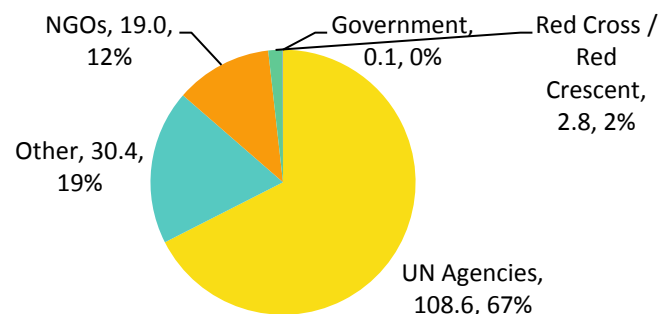
Figure 2: Cumulative humanitarian assistance to Yemen, 2015



Source: Development Initiatives based on UN OCHA FTS data. Date downloaded and compiled 28/04/2015.

Note: Graph excludes funding decisions made in 2014 where funds were allocated to the 2015 emergency, hence total amounts to less than total funding given to Yemen in 2015, as shown in Figure 1.

[Saudi Arabia launched airstrikes against Houthi rebels](#) on 26 March, and on 31 March the UN's High Commissioner for Human Rights warned that Yemen was "[on the verge of total collapse](#)". Of total humanitarian assistance given to Yemen this year, 59% has been given since 15 March.

Figure 3: Humanitarian assistance by recipient agency type, 2015

Source: Development Initiatives based on UN OCHA FTS data. Date downloaded and compiled 28/04/2015

Two-thirds of funding going to Yemen in 2015 has been allocated to UN agencies. NGOs have received 12% of total funding this year, at US\$19.0 million. ‘Other’ includes US\$24.8 million to ‘UN agencies, NGOs and/or Red Cross (details not yet provided)’ and US\$5.5 million to ‘Various recipients (details not yet provided)’. Note that these figures represent only the amount that organisations receive as first-level recipients of funding; there is no data available to show how much NGOs and other organisations receive further down the transaction chain.

3. Appeals and response plans

The UN-coordinated [2014–15 Yemen HRP](#) requests US\$747.5 million from donors. According to the FTS, the HRP is currently 17% funded at US\$124.5 million, with a further US\$4.3 million remaining in outstanding pledges.

The HRP estimates that 15.9 million people in Yemen – 61% of the total population – are in need of humanitarian assistance, and targets 8.2 million people, or 32% of the total Yemeni population, to receive humanitarian assistance. This puts Yemen:

- Top of all 2015 SRPs in terms of the number of people in need of humanitarian assistance (counting the two Syria appeals (SRP and 3RP) separately)
- 2nd of all the 2015 SRPs in terms of the proportion of the overall population in need of humanitarian assistance (again, counting the two Syria appeals separately)
- 2nd (behind Syria) in terms of the number of people targeted to receive humanitarian assistance

- 6th in terms of the proportion of the total population targeted to receive humanitarian assistance.

The HRP’s strategic objectives are to:

1. Provide effective and timely life-saving assistance to the most vulnerable people in Yemen
2. Assist and protect people affected by crisis, including refugees, migrants and returning Yemenis
3. Strengthen capacity of national actors to plan for and respond to humanitarian emergencies
4. With development partners, including the Government, address underlying causes of vulnerability, reduce the need for continued humanitarian assistance and increase resilience
5. Ensure meaningful participation and equitable access to services, resources and protection for women, girls, boys and men

An additional [Flash appeal for Yemen](#) was launched on 17 April, requesting **US\$273.7 million**. A statement on the FTS website dated 17 April 2015 says that, “the UN and its humanitarian partners in Yemen released a flash appeal seeking US\$273.7 million for the next three months to meet the life-saving and protection needs of 7.5 million people affected by the escalating humanitarian crisis in Yemen. Over the next week, partners will develop individual projects in support of cluster activities and requirements identified in this appeal. In the coming weeks partners will revise the overall Yemen HRP”, suggesting that the revised HRP will cover needs currently in the Flash appeal.

The Flash appeal covers three months between 1 April and 30 June 2015. The majority of the funding requested by the appeal (53%) is for food security.

No funding has been reported against the flash appeal. However, on 18 April [media reports](#) suggested that Saudi Arabia had pledged funding of US\$274 million to cover the full requirements. This pledge has not yet been reported to the FTS but [according to UN OCHA](#) it will be channelled through the Yemen Humanitarian Pooled Fund (YHPF).

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4. Pooled funding as part of the response

i. Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF)

Yemen has not been allocated any funding from the CERF so far in 2015.

In 2014 Yemen was the 12th largest CERF recipient, receiving US\$13.9 million, 3% of global CERF allocations that year.

ii. Yemen Humanitarian Pooled Fund (YHPF) (formerly Emergency Response Fund (ERF))

The YHPF was launched in February 2015 with an initial funding envelope of US\$10 million.

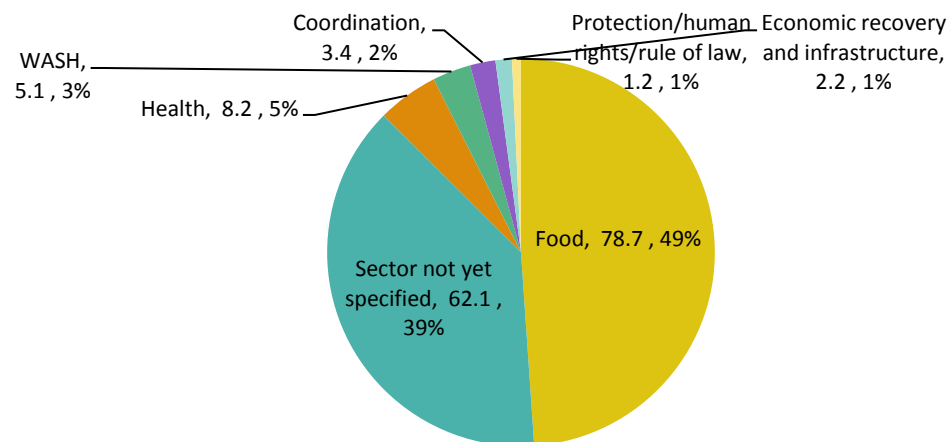
The ERF (now the YHPF) has allocated US\$2.2 million to Yemen so far this year, with the most recent contributions made on 16 March: US\$399,996 to the World Health Organization for the “Continuation of provision of essential primary healthcare services, essential medical services, mass casualty management and monitoring/responding to potential communicable disease outbreaks in affected governorates in the South and Central regions of Yemen” and US\$495,742 also to the World Health Organization for “Maintenance of life-saving, preventive and curative health service provision to affected and vulnerable populations in the northern governorates of Hajjah (Haradh) and Saada”.

The largest donor to the ERF (now the YHPF) in 2015 so far is Sweden, with contributions of US\$3.5 million, followed by Denmark (US\$1.6 million) and Ireland (US\$1.2 million).

5. Funding to sectors

The largest proportion of funding to Yemen in 2015 is allocated to ‘**food**’ (49%), followed by ‘**sector not yet specified**’ (39%) and ‘**health**’ (5%). Just under half of the total funding given for food was made through a single contribution of US\$37.9 million from the US to the World Food Programme on 10 April 2015.

Figure 4: Humanitarian funding to Yemen by sector, 2015

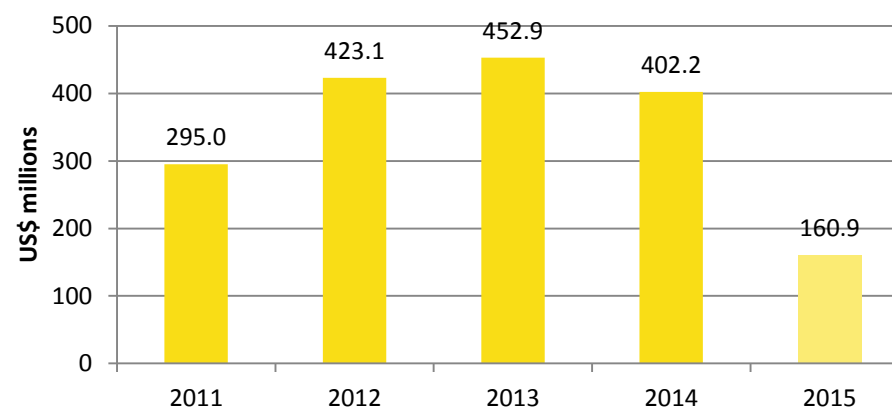


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6. Humanitarian funding trends to Yemen (historic)

Humanitarian assistance to Yemen peaked in 2013 at US\$452.9 million.

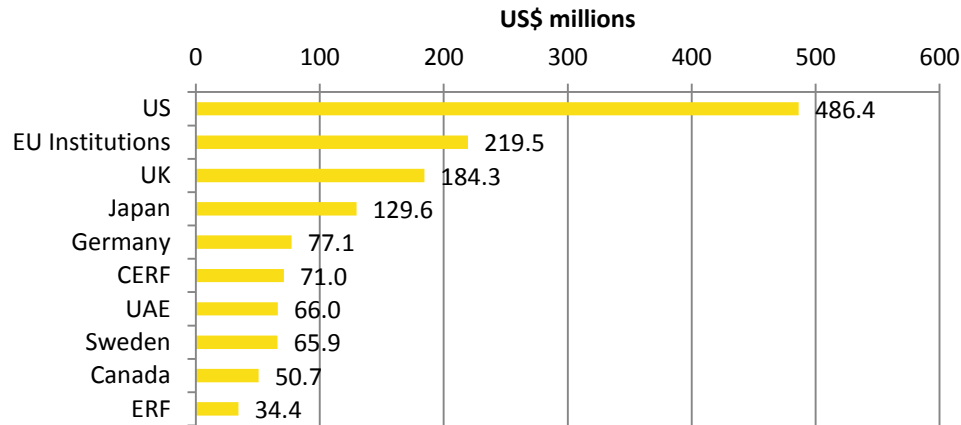
Figure 5: Humanitarian assistance to Yemen, 2011–2015



Source: UN OCHA FTS. Data downloaded 28/04/2015.

The top donors over the five-year period between 2011 and 2015 are the US (US\$486.4 million), EU institutions (US\$219.5 million) and the UK (US\$184 million).

Figure 6: Top 10 humanitarian donors to Yemen, 2011–2015



Source: UN OCHA FTS. Data downloaded 28/04/2015.

Data is correct at time of writing and subject to change. For up-to-date figures on the humanitarian response to Somalia and other crises see UN OCHA's Financial Tracking Service:

fts.unocha.org/pageloader.aspx?page=home

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