



Agriculture

Peste des petits Ruminants(PPR)



The PPR and other animal diseases are currently spreading in most governorates, including Rayma - Dhamar - Sa'dah - Ibb - Taiz - Hajjah - Al-Mahara and Shabwah, where livestock in these governorates suffer from the outbreaks of epidemics that cause death of large numbers of livestock that are in need to vaccination campaigns and reduce the losses caused, including contributing to the improvement of livestock owners and the protection and care of livestock.

The PPR disease is considered one of the acute diseases that are highly contagious and widespread. It is one of the most dangerous animal epidemics that affect ruminants in Yemen, especially goats, which are more susceptible to this disease. It also affects sheep and sometimes wild animals. This disease is characterized by high temperature and serious secretions from the nose, mouth ulcers, diarrhea and infections that lead to miscarriage of the pregnant animal and high morbidity and mortality¹.

Introduction

The aim of this monthly SNAPSHOT is to provide a brief overview of the food security situation in Yemen in its various sectors and to provide all stakeholders with a view to highlighting the various issues related to food security to draw attention of stakeholders, officials and decision-makers.

the topics in this SNAPSHOT are derived from various sources and sectors including Food Secularity Information System - Governorate Focal Unit (FSIS-GFUs), the FAO project Strengthening of the Food Security information and Early Warning System, sectoral ministries and local and international NGOs.

Water and Environment

The joint letter adopted by more than 36 agency and organization involved in Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) actions in Yemen some of which are, (SFD), , UNICEF, Oxfam (IOM), (ACF), , Abana Saada Association For Development, (YFCA), ACTED, Save the Children, , CARE, SOUL, has clarified that COVID-19 is rapidly spreading through the whole Yemen and that the existing humanitarian crisis is compounded by the pandemic on an unprecedented scale.

The letter distributed by WASH Cluster has stated that Yemen remains one of the most water scarce countries in the world and that over five years of conflict have damaged water systems, left the health sector on the brink of collapse and led to disease outbreaks, including cholera. It is estimated that up to 70 per cent of Yemenis currently lack access to soap for hand washing and personal hygiene as well as 11.2 million lack access to the basic water supplies they need to survive.

The joint advocacy letter stated that as these organizations considered the leaders of the WASH response in Yemen, they are sounding the alarm that the public health response to the COVID-19 pandemic, a response that also addresses cholera, malnutrition and the risk associated with polio prevalence, will become impossible as access to clean water and soap is cut off to vulnerable families in need.

Furthermore, as known that COVID-19 has brought global chaos and shifted priorities for many countries grappling with new public health challenges but all are in need for the global community to understand that Yemen is on the brink of catastrophe.

In the conclusion of the letter, the advocacy approach remind countries to hold to the commitments made at the humanitarian pledging conference earlier June while appealing for more, urgent support for WASH programmes the majority of which will close in two weeks.

We have a responsibility to empower the most vulnerable to join us in the fight against the global pandemic, but it will be difficult to do this without sustained and urgent support².

Fisheries

Yemeni fishermen: suffering and challenges

The fish sector in Yemen suffers from great challenges as a result of the exacerbation of the conflict that has lasted for more than five years, with which the suffering of the fishing communities has increased, and indicators of per capita fish consumption decreased from 14 kg to 2.5 kg by 85%.⁽¹⁾ Although this sector represents 3% of the local production.. Yemeni fishermen were subjected to harassment and attacks by the Eritrean authorities in the Red Sea, from the arrest and confiscation of boats and fishing equipment, including what was revealed by returning fishermen on a boat on the sixth of June 2020 after they had been arrested by Eritrean and Emirati boats, confiscated a boat with its equipment and unloaded another boat of its equipment and left it for the fishermen to return by it, according to the General Authority for Red Sea Fisheries, this incident is not the first, as it was preceded by several attacks on Yemeni fishermen since the beginning of the aggression, which practices the most brutal violations and crimes.⁽²⁾ Recently, the Ministry of Fish Resources announced the arrival of 55 fishermen detained in Eritrea on June 19 to the Mokha coast and 23 remained fishermen still detained.⁽³⁾ This led to impeding the movement of fishing boats for fear of targeting them, especially in the governorates of Hodeidah, Taiz and Hajjah, which have doubled the indicators of poverty and its consequences among the fishing communities³.

Trade and Industry

Food commodity imports through the port of Hodeidah for June 2020

At the beginning of the first week of July 2020, exchange rates witnessed significant increases. The one dollar price in Sanaa reached 620 YR, and in Aden 765 riyals, an increase of 4% compared to the middle of the previous month, June 2020. At the end of the first week of July 2020, the exchange rate returned to its previous level in Sana'a, while it remained fluctuated in Aden due to the obligation of money-changers not to sell hard currency to four sectors, including basic food commodities, since the payments committee at the Central Bank, Sana'a, is the one that performs the exchange (According to the memorandum of the Ministry of Industry and Trade for the General Union of the Chambers of Commerce and Industry on 5/7/2020) , This increase led to an increase in the prices of basic food commodities which are still present ,

The total imports of food commodities for the month of June 2020 through the port of Hodeidah, according to the Ministry of Industry and Trade, Sana'a, are shown in the table below as follows

Commodities	Wheat grain	Wheat flour	Sugar	Oil cooking	Beans	soybean
Quantity (Ton)	52,482	41,054	10,000	10,333	10,514	31,000

Sources: 1 GFUs reports and personal communication with agriculture offices in the governorates affected .2declaration of WASH Cluster in Yemen transmitted via the coordinator of Cluster to all Cluster Members .3A report published on the website of the General Authority for Red Sea Fisheries - March 2020. <https://www.facebook.com/111120920247893> ,The General Authority for Fisheries in the Red Sea <https://www.facebook.com/111120920247893> [٢٠٢٠/٦/١٦] ,The page of the Minister of Fisheries in Aden on his official website on Facebook 19/6/2020 <https://www.facebook.com/MinisterOfFishWealth>

