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September 2026

MARKET OVERVIEW

INTRODUCTION

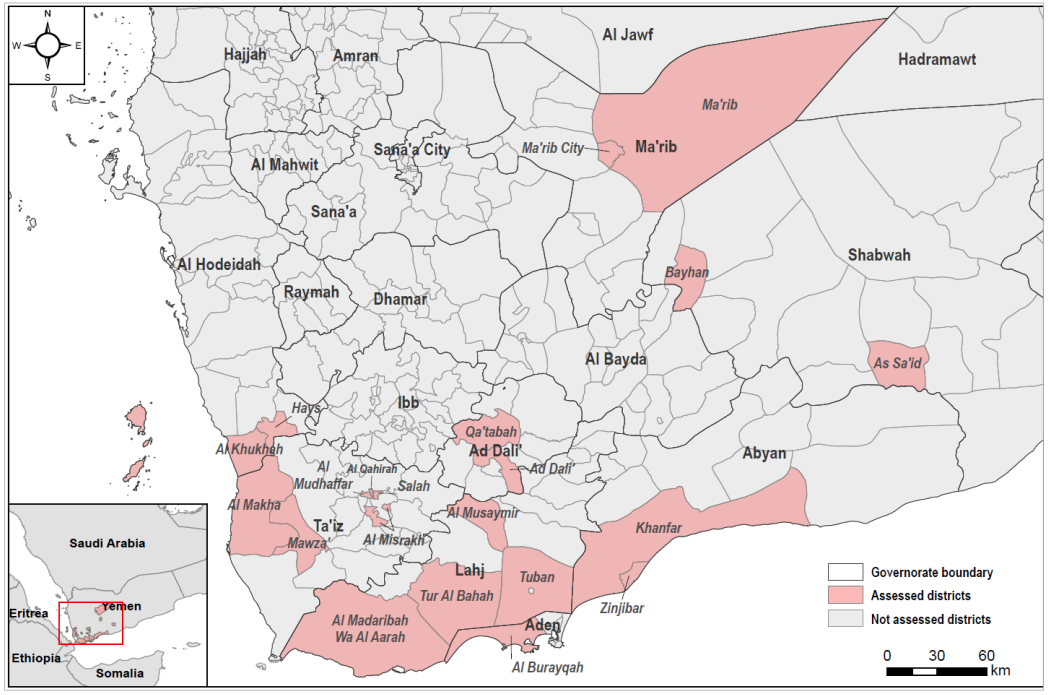
The Yemen Joint Market Monitoring Initiative (JMMI) is led by REACH in collaboration with the **Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) Cluster** and the **Cash and Markets Working Group (CMWG)** since 2018. The objective of the JMMI is to support humanitarian actors with the harmonization of market monitoring and to produce information products for evidence-based **Cash and Voucher Assistance (CVA) and market-based programming (MBP)**.

The JMMI tracks the price and availability of the **WASH component of the Minimum Expenditure Basket (MEB)**, fuel, the exchange rate, medicines and, since 2026, **Non-Food Items (NFIs)**, which replaced food monitoring to reduce duplication among partners. **The JMMI also monitors market functionality** through the Market Functionality Score (MFS).

This JMMI Situation Overview presents the findings of the data collected **between 1 and 10 September 2026**. In this round, 14 partners interviewed 368 vendors in 63 markets across 21 districts and 8 governorates in Government of Yemen (GoY) areas.

Findings are indicative of the markets assessed. Coverage differs between rounds, so comparisons with April 2026 should be read with care. The WASH MEB could not be calculated in 4 of 21 districts, and some district prices rest on a single KI.

ASSESSED DISTRICTS



KEY FINDINGS

- **Markets kept functioning but became more expensive:** the GoY MFS was 59.75 (limited functionality), almost unchanged from April (60). All 8 governorates rate as limited functionality; 2 of 21 districts (10%) had severe issues (Tuban and Mawza').
- **In markets assessed in Government of Yemen-controlled areas (GoY)[1], the median cost of the WASH component of the MEB rose by 25% between April and September 2026, to 47,022 YER**, 42% above the CMWG transfer value (33,149 YER). Water trucking drove the increase: its price rose 78% (4,000 to 7,125 YER per 1,000 L) as diesel rose 38%, adding 9,844 YER to the basket, while soap and sanitary napkins got cheaper. Very high trucking prices in Al Mudhaffar and Al Qahirah (Taizz) need to be verified; without these two districts, the WASH MEB rose 20% (45,115 YER).
- 73% of water truckers reported distributing unchlorinated water (n=49), and 84% source it from groundwater. Water quality was not tested.
- **The median price of cooking gas rose 17% to 13,912 YER per cylinder**, after holding flat from February to April, and is now 28% above the transfer value (10,865 YER). **Cooking gas was the scarcest item**: 71% of fuel vendors reported it limited or unavailable.
- **The exchange rate held stable at 1,555 YER/USD** (April 2026: 1,550), so price rises were not driven by currency movements. It is 14% below the transfer value rate (1,808) and 39% below May 2025.
- **The unskilled daily wage rose 30%**, from 5,000 to 6,500 YER, so the WASH MEB costs 7.2 days of wage (7.5 in April 2026).

KEY INDICATORS

Exchange Rate

1,555 **YER/USD** *Sep 2026* ▲ +0.3% vs Apr

1,808 **YER/USD** *transfer value* ▼ –14% vs TV

WASH MEB Change, Apr–Sep

Median cost of WASH MEB

47,022 YER ▲ 9,389 YER +25%

Water trucking	Laundry powder	Soap & napkins
▲ +9,844 YER	▲ +1,240 YER	▼ –2,075 YER

Key Price Changes

Cooking gas	Diesel (1 L)
▲+17%	▲+38%
13,912 YER	2,200 YER

Market Shortages

Fuel items: cooking gas (71%), diesel (35%)
NFIs: DAP and NPK-15 fertilizers (57–58%)

14	Participating partners
8	Assessed governorates
21	Assessed districts
368	Key informant interviews (KIIs)
63	Markets assessed in GoY-controlled areas

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Market Functionality Score (MFS)

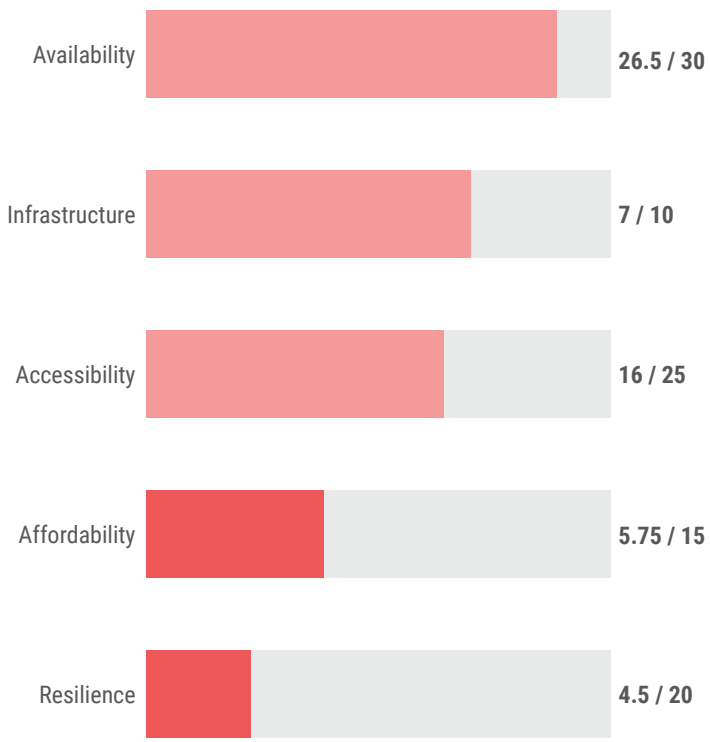
The Market Functionality Score (MFS) classifies markets by their level of functionality, helping aid actors understand which markets function well enough to support cash and voucher assistance (CVA) and which may require alternative interventions. The MFS is divided into five dimensions:

- **Accessibility (25%):** physical and social access to markets
- **Availability (30%):** ability of markets to consistently supply core commodities
- **Affordability (15%):** financial access to markets and price volatility
- **Resilience (20%):** vulnerability of supply chains and ease of restocking
- **Infrastructure (10%):** state of markets' physical and financial infrastructure

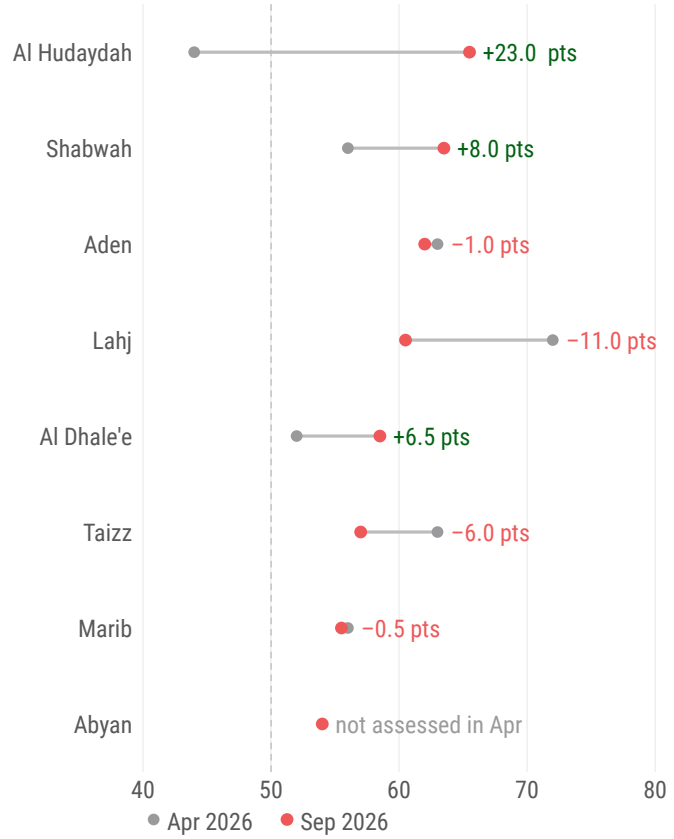
Each district receives a score out of 100 and is grouped as full functionality, limited functionality, poor functionality or severe issues. Scores of 50 or below are rated severe issues.

In September 2026 the MFS was calculated for the 21 districts assessed in GoY areas. Governorate and GoY scores are the sum of the median pillar scores of the assessed districts.

GoY median score by pillar (points / maximum)



MFS by governorate, Apr vs Sep 2026 (out of 100)



Pillar maximums follow the MFS weights. Governorate and GoY scores are sums of median pillar scores and can differ from the median district score (Lahj: 61 vs 56). Scores of 50 or below are rated severe issues. Coverage differs between rounds; Aden and Shabwah April figures rest on one district each.

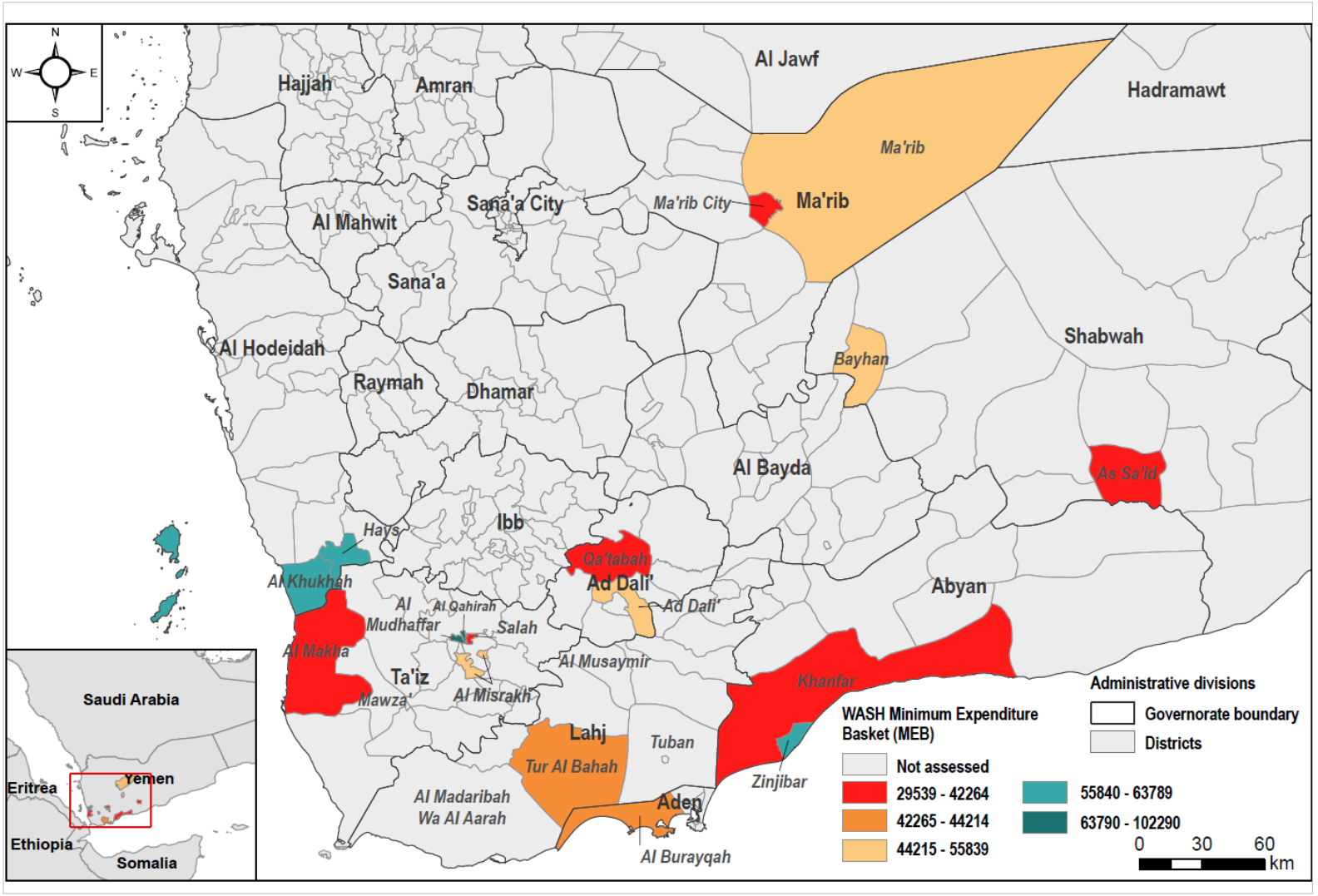
Key Findings

- The GoY MFS (sum of the median pillar scores) was 59.75 out of 100 (limited functionality), almost unchanged from April (60).
- Two of 21 districts (10%) had severe issues: Tuban (46, Lahj) and Mawza' (48, Taizz). Bayhan (51, Shabwah) is just above the threshold. No district reached full functionality; As Sa'id (77, Shabwah) scored highest.
- All 8 governorates rate as limited functionality, from 67.0 in Al Hudaydah to 54.0 in Abyan. Al Hudaydah recovered most (+23.0 points, from severe in April); Lahj fell most (–11.0 points).
- Resilience is the weakest pillar in 7 of 8 governorates (4–8 of 20 points; GoY median 4.5); in Al Hudaydah, affordability is marginally lower (5 of 15). Abyan, Marib and Al Dhale'e score lowest on accessibility (11–12.5 of 25).
- Fuel costs remain the main pressure: diesel rose 38% since April and 30% of vendors said fuel is too expensive for many customers. Still, 55% of the 368 vendors reported no operational difficulties.

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Median Cost of the WASH MEB per Assessed District*

GoY : 47,022 ▲ +25%



* This map shows the median cost of the WASH component of the MEB in Yemeni Rial (YER) for districts with available price data in the September 2026 round. The WASH MEB could not be calculated for Mawza', Al Musaymir, Al Madaribah Wa Al Aarah and Tuban (missing component prices). See table for the components of the WASH MEB.

Minimum Expenditure Basket (MEB) Components

The Minimum Expenditure Basket (MEB) represents the minimum culturally adjusted group of items a household needs for one month. Its cost is a proxy for the financial burden households face.

Since 2026 the JMMI monitors non-food items instead of food items, so the full MEB can no longer be calculated.

Monitored NFIs (new in 2026)[2]

Shelter & bedding	8 items
Household & kitchen	5 items
Agriculture & livelihoods	5 items
Energy	1 item

Non-food items

Cooking gas	1 cylinder
Rent subsidy	lump sum
Shelter maintenance	lump sum

WASH Items

Soap	1,050 g
Laundry powder	2,000 g
Sanitary napkins	5 packs of 10
Water[3]	3,150 L
Purification tablets	539 YER (lump sum)

Health items

Medication	lump sum

Services

Communication	lump sum
Transportation	lump sum

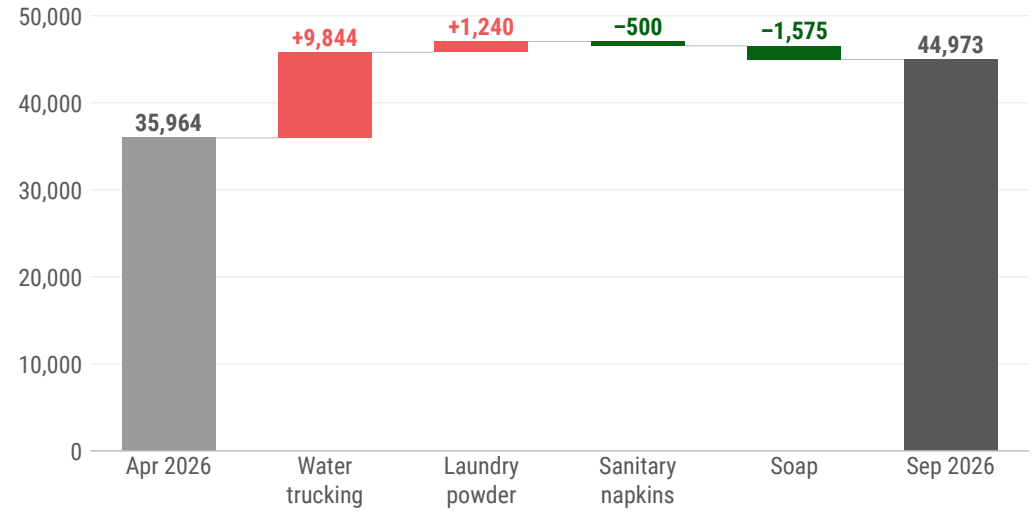
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Key Findings

- **The WASH MEB reached 47,022 YER,** up 25% from April 2026 and 7% above May 2025; it is 42% above the August 2024 transfer value (33,149 YER).
- **Water trucking was the main driver:** its price rose 78% (4,000 to 7,125 YER per 1,000 L), adding 9,844 YER, more than the whole net rise. Two districts in Taizz with unusually high water trucking prices (Al Mudhaffar and Al Qahirah) need to be verified. Without them, the GoY water trucking price would be 6,258 YER (+56%) and the WASH MEB 45,115 YER (+20%).
- **Diesel rose 38%** (1,600 to 2,200 YER/L); 31% of water truckers report limited service, up from 4% in April 2026.
- **Soap and sanitary napkins got cheaper** (–2,075 YER); laundry powder added 1,240 YER.

Change in the WASH MEB by Component, Apr–Sep 2026, in YER*

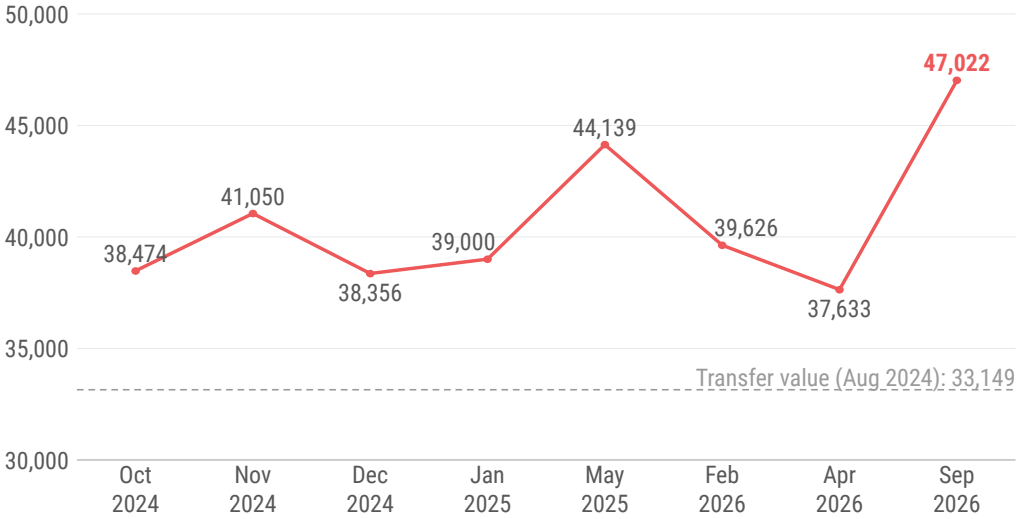
Basket priced at GoY median component prices



Median WASH MEB by Governorate (YER)

Location	Median WASH MEB Sep 2026, YER	Change since April 2026
Al Hudaydah	63,291	+73%
Taizz	52,539	+50%
Abyan	49,314	n/a
Al Dhale'e	48,027	+5%
Marib	46,017	+65%
Lahj	44,214	-18%
Shabwah	42,689	+13%
Aden	42,652	-17%
Highest and lowest districts		
Al Mudhaffar	102,290	n/a
Al Qahirah	99,791	n/a
As Sa'id	29,539	n/a
GoY median	**47,022**	**+25%**

Median Cost of the WASH MEB in GoY, Oct 2024 – Sep 2026 (YER)*



* Basket priced at GoY median component prices; totals differ from the published medians (37,633 and 47,022 YER), which are medians of governorate MEBs. n/a: not assessed in April. April petrol and diesel prices: previous round's narrative. TV: CMWG MEB guidance (Aug 2024). Rounds after January 2025 are irregular, so spacing between points is not proportional to time.

Median Prices of Assessed Items in GoY, in YER

Assessed items	Median Prices in GoY	Change since April 2026
MEB - WASH	47,022	+25%
MEB - WASH without water trucking prices in Al Mudhaffar and Al Qahirah	45,115	+20%
Water trucking (1,000 L)	7,125	+78%
Fuel		
Cooking gas (cylinder)	13,912	+17%
Petrol (1 L)	1,450	-1%
Diesel (1 L)	2,200	+38%
Non-food items (NFIs)		
Heavy blanket	31,000	+24%
Sleeping mattress	18,000	-25%
Sitting mattress	14,500	-15%
Jerrycan	1,650	+38%
Cleaning sponge	200	-33%
Wheelbarrow	47,750	+3%
Shovel	6,000	+14%
Woven sack	500	-33%
NPK-15 fertilizer (kg)	3,125	-38%
DAP fertilizer (kg)	2,500	-50%
Medication (pack)		
Captopril	1,500	+100%
Glucophage (metformin)	12,000	+4%
Ibuprofen	1,000	0%
Paracetamol	500	-29%
Zithromax	2,550	+13%
Other		
Exchange rate (YER/USD)	1,555	<1%
Unskilled daily wage	6,500	+30%

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Water Trucking (per 1,000 L)*

GoY	7,125	▲ +78%

Water trucking, GoY	Apr → Sep 2026
Price per 1,000 L (YER)	4,000 → 7,125
Truckers with limited service	4% → 31%
Diesel price per litre (YER)	1,600 → 2,200

Taizz districts	WASH MEB (YER)
Al Mudhaffar	102,290
Al Qahirah	99,791
GoY median	47,022

Note on Taizz Water Trucking Prices

Neither district was covered in April. Possible explanations: a local water shortage (6 of 7 KIs reported limited water trucking, and traders reported disrupted water services); prices rising during the round (10,000 YER per 1,000 L on 3 Sep; high prices on 6–7 Sep); or enumerator or market choice, as most high values come from one partner.

Water Trucking Prices Reported by KIs, Taizz

In Taizz, **5 of 7 water trucking KIs**, from two partners, reported **75,000–80,000 YER per 3 m³ truck** in Al Mudhaffar and Al Qahirah (6–7 Sep):

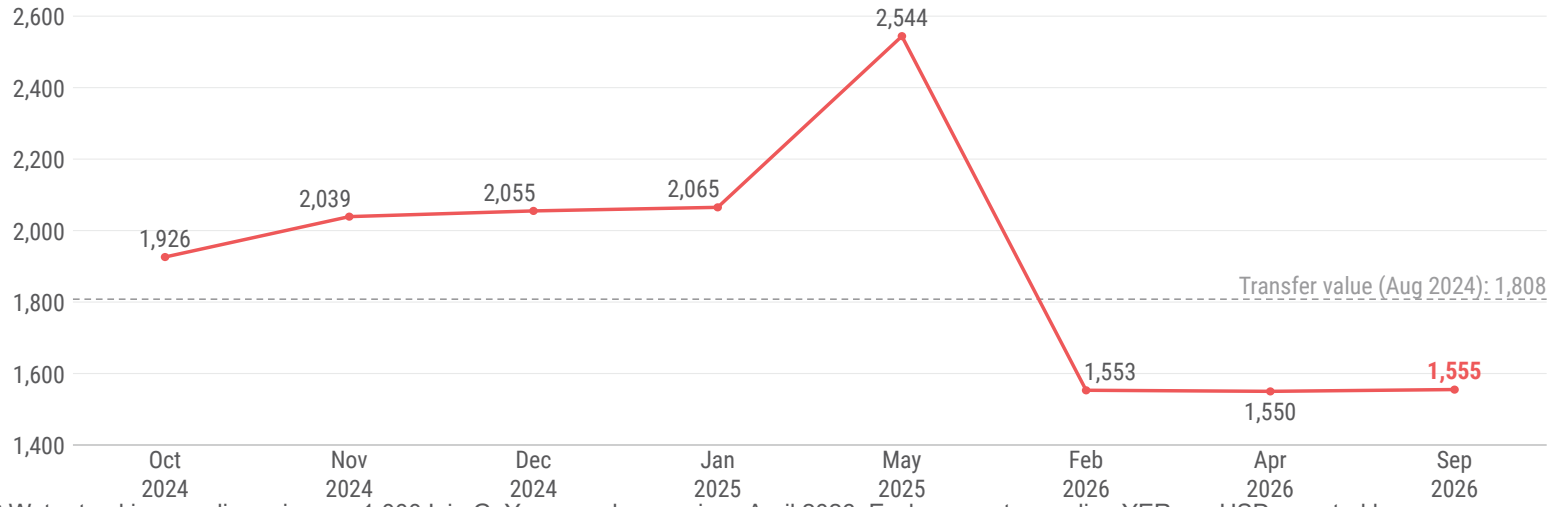
District	Partner	Truck price (YER)	YER per 1,000 L
Al Mudhaffar	QRCS	80,000 / 3 m³	26,667
Al Mudhaffar	DEEM	80,000 / 3 m³	26,667
Al Mudhaffar	DEEM	15,000 / 3 m³*	5,000
Al Qahirah	DEEM	80,000 / 3 m³	26,667
Al Qahirah	DEEM	80,000 / 3 m³	26,667
Al Qahirah	DEEM	75,000 / 3 m³	25,000
Al Qahirah	Prosper Global	60,000 / 6 m³ (3 Sep)	10,000

Median Exchange Rate

GoY	1,555 YER/USD	▲ <1%

- **24% of currency vendors (15 of 63)** reported a shortage of USD banknotes in the past month; the 20, 5 and 10 USD notes were cited most often.
- The rate held at 1,555 YER/USD, **39% below May 2025** and 14% below the transfer value (1,808 YER), so a USD-based transfer buys fewer riyals.

Trend in the Median Exchange Rate in GoY-controlled areas (YER/USD)*



* Water trucking: median price per 1,000 L in GoY areas; change since April 2026. Exchange rate: median YER per USD reported by currency exchange vendors; the CMWG transfer value rate is 1,808 YER/USD (August 2024). Rounds after January 2025 are irregular, so spacing between points is not proportional to time.

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Fuel Prices

- **Diesel rose 77% since February 2026**, from 1,244 to 2,200 YER/L, and 38% since April alone. Diesel powers water trucks and pumps, so its rise feeds directly into the WASH MEB.
- In the September round, **petrol remained stable** at about 1,450 YER/L after a 29% jump between February and April.
- **Cooking gas rose 17% since April** to 13,912 YER per 26.5 L cylinder, its first rise in 2026, and is 27% above the CSO July average (10,938 YER).

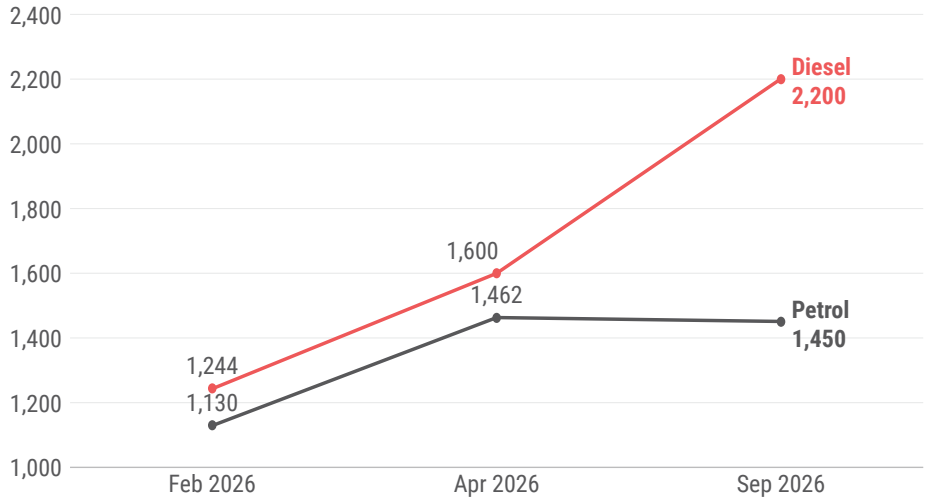
Median Cost of fuel and % change compared to April 2026

Petrol (1 L)	Diesel (1 L)	Cooking gas (1 cylinder)
1,450 YER	2,200 YER	13,912 YER
▼ -1%	▲ +38%	▲ +17%

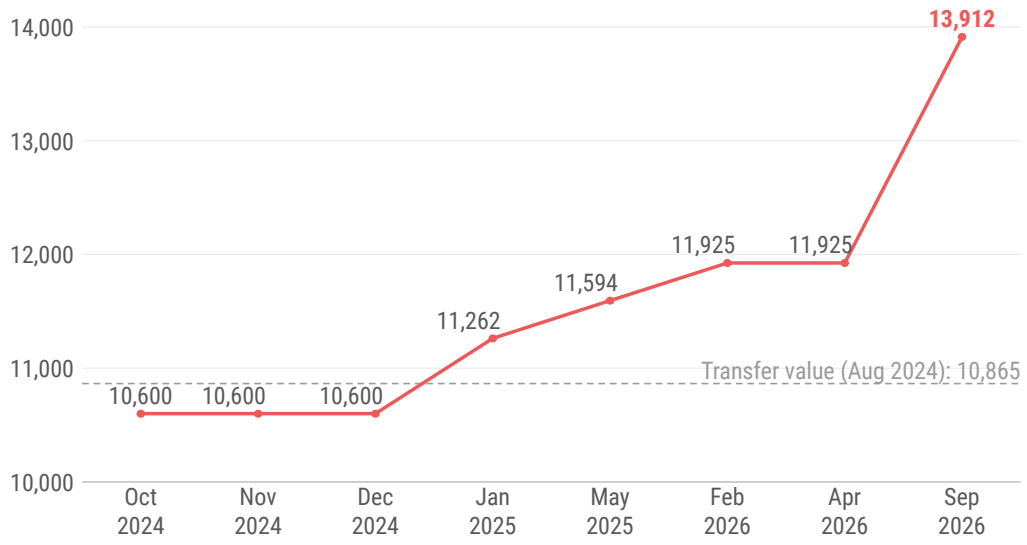
Fuel and Exchange Rate: JMMI vs CSO[5]

Item	JMMI Sep 26	CSO Jul 26	JMMI vs CSO
Diesel (YER/L)	2,200	2,031	+8%
Petrol (YER/L)	1,450	1,444	0%
Cooking gas (YER/cylinder)	13,912	10,938	+27%
Exchange rate (YER/USD)	1,555	1,557	0%

Median Prices of Diesel and Petrol, Feb–Sep 2026, in YER/L*



Median Price Trend for Cooking Gas, in YER per Cylinder*



Availability of monitored items

- 71% of fuel vendor KIs reported cooking gas as limited or unavailable (59% in April; 17% completely unavailable), followed by diesel (35%). Petrol eased to 22%, from 49% in April.
- 30% of vendors said fuel is too expensive for many customers.

* Medians of district medians in GoY-controlled areas. Cooking gas is priced per 26.5 L cylinder. Rounds after January 2025 are irregular, so spacing between points is not proportional to time.

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Non-Food Items (NFIs) Findings

- In 2026, the JMMI replaced food monitoring with **19 new Non-Food Items (NFIs)**[2] to reduce duplication among partners and fill information gaps for implementing partners.
- **Fertilizer prices fell sharply since April**: DAP fell 50% (5,000 to 2,500 YER/kg) and NPK-15 fell 38% (to 3,125 YER/kg), yet both remain among the scarcest items (57–58% of vendors).
- **Shelter and household items moved in both directions**: the heavy blanket rose 24% (31,000 YER) and the jerrycan 38% (1,650 YER), while mattresses got cheaper (-15% to -25%).
- JMMI and CSO prices differ mainly because of product specifications; the comparison is indicative only.

Vendors reporting cooking gas as limited or unavailable, and change since April 2026

GoY	71%	▲ +12 pts

Item Availability

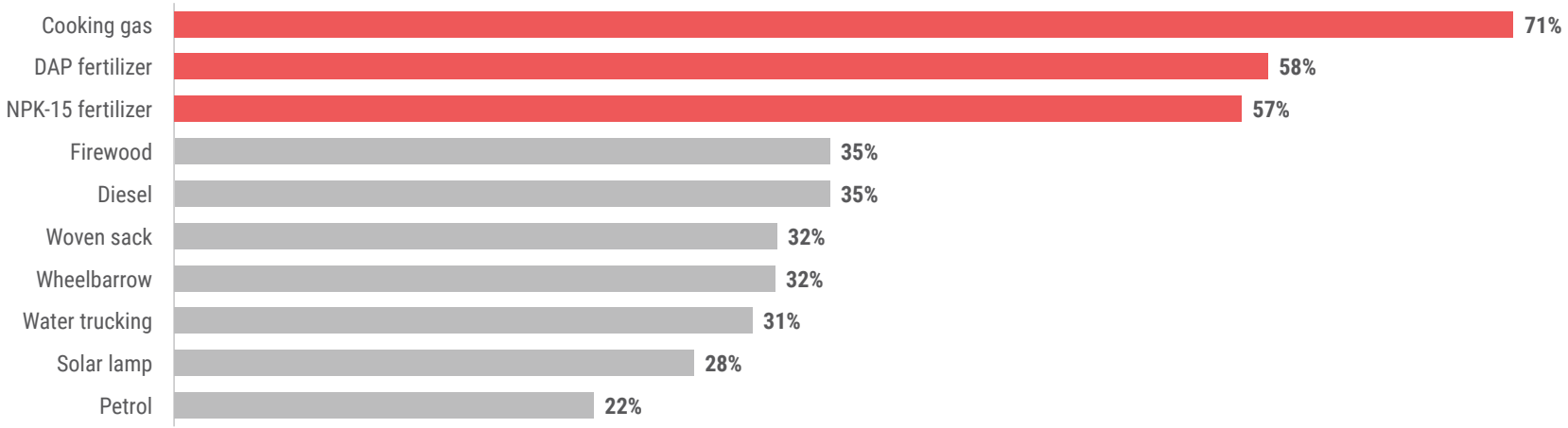
- Water trucking became scarce: 31% of water truckers reported limited service, up from 4% in April, as its price rose 78%.
- **After fertilizers, woven sacks and wheelbarrows were the scarcest NFIs**: 32% of vendors reported them limited or unavailable, followed by solar lamps (28%).

NFI Prices: JMMI vs CSO, in YER

JMMI medians in GoY areas for April and September 2026, compared with Central Statistical Organization (CSO) June 2026 averages for the 8 governorates JMMI covers[6]:

Item	JMMI Apr 26	JMMI Sep 26	CSO Jun 26
NPK-15 fertilizer (kg)	5,000	3,125	NA
DAP fertilizer (kg)	5,000	2,500	NA
Wheelbarrow	46,500	47,750	NA
Shovel	5,250	6,000	NA
Woven sack	750	500	NA
Jerrycan	1,200	1,650	NA
Heavy blanket	25,000	31,000	25,702
Sleeping mattress	24,000	18,000	15,233 n/c**
Sitting mattress	17,000	14,500	31,167***
Cleaning sponge	300	200	194

Top 10 Scarcest Items: % of Vendors Reporting Limited or Unavailable*



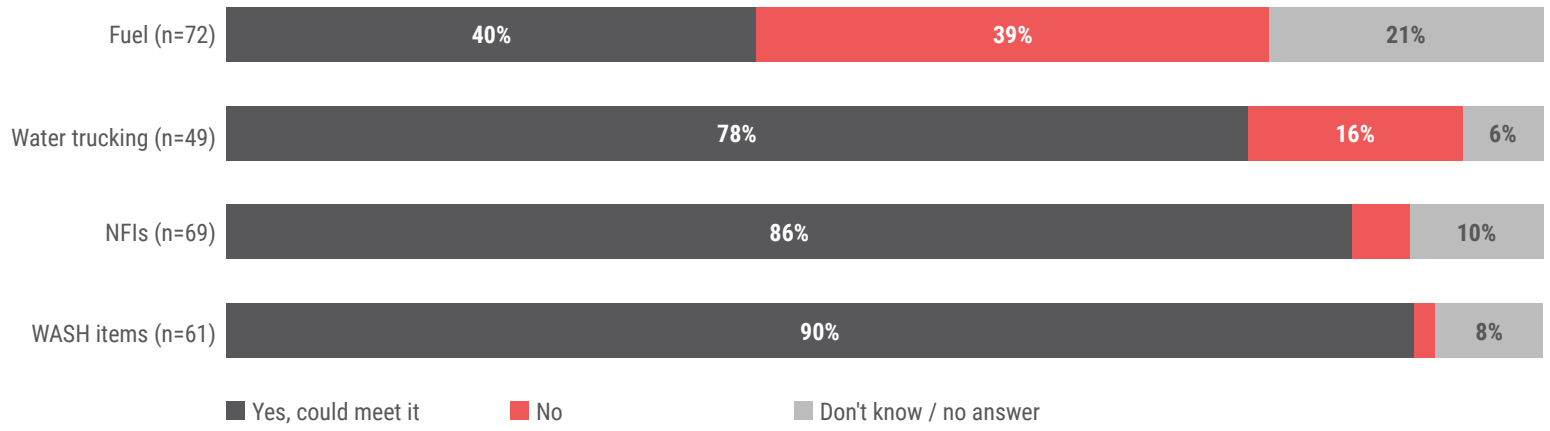
* % of vendor KIs selling each item (n = 49–72). ** n/c: not comparable; the CSO item is a cotton bed sheet (see endnote 6). *** CSO item: uncompressed local sponge mattress (60×180 cm, 10 cm thick).

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Market Resilience and Supply

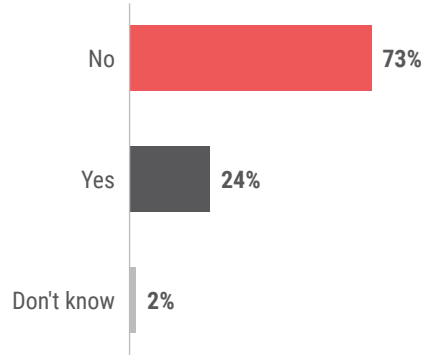
- **Fuel vendors are least able to absorb a demand shock:** 40% could meet a 50% rise in demand and 39% could not.
- **Most NFI (86%) and WASH item vendors (90%) could meet it,** as could 78% of water truckers.
- **Fuel stock is thin:** fuel vendors hold about 10 days of stock and wait about 7 days to restock (medians), against 30 and 5 days for NFI vendors.
- **83% of NFI vendors said their goods enter Yemen through Aden port,** and 74% buy from suppliers outside their own marketplace.
- **73% of KIs reported that water truckers distribute unchlorinated water,** of which 84% is sourced from groundwater and 14% from public water stations.

Vendors Able to Meet a 50% Increase in Demand, by Vendor Type*

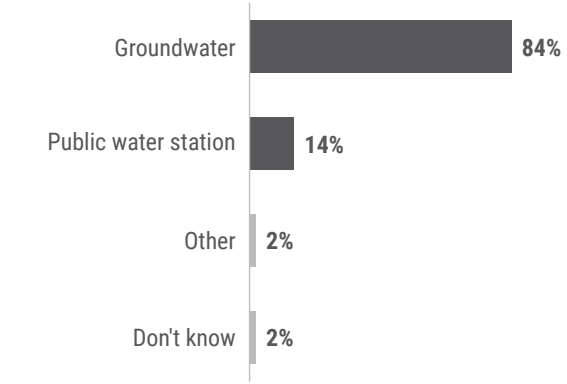


Water Trucking: Chlorination and Water Source*

Water chlorinated? (n=49)



Water source (n=49)



Exchange Rate and Unskilled Wage by Governorate

Governorate	YER/USD	Wage (YER/day)
Abyan	1,553	5,000
Aden	1,555	5,000
Al Dhale'e	1,559	6,667
Al Hudaydah	1,558	8,333
Lahj	1,520	6,500
Marib	1,558	6,667
Shabwah	1,552	5,000
Taizz	1,555	5,167
GoY (all districts)	**1,555**	**6,500**

* Shares of vendor KIs selling each item group (n shown). Water source is a select-multiple question. . Stock and restock days: medians reported by vendors. Governorate exchange rates and wages are medians of district medians. The GoY row is the median of all 21 districts, not of the governorate values shown (wage: 5,833 YER).

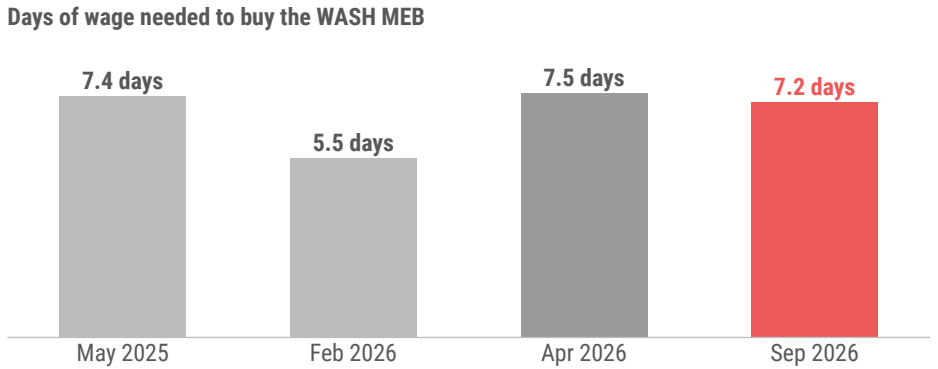
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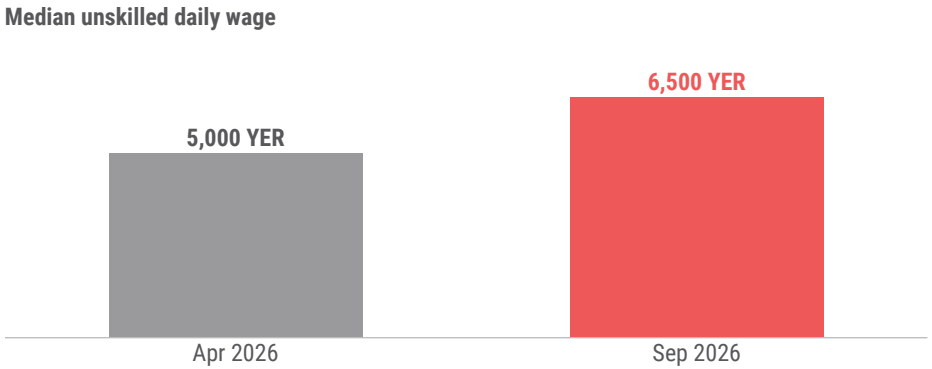
Unskilled Daily Wage

Vendors were asked **to estimate the daily wage of casual labourers** in their community. These labourers usually perform basic jobs that do not require formal schooling, and are employed on a daily basis without a contract. **The JMMI aims to measure the typical wage of the lowest earning casual labourer** in the area.

Comparing wages and the price of basic items provides **insight into the relative purchasing power** of these labourers. **In September 2026, a casual labourer needed to work 7.2 days to afford the median WASH MEB, compared to 7.5 days in April.** This indicates a slight reduction in the WASH purchasing burden. However, it does not necessarily reflect improved household welfare overall, as the WASH MEB covers only part of household needs. February 2026 was the low point at 5.5 days, when the daily wage peaked at 7,250 YER.

WASH MEB in Days of Unskilled Daily Wage, GoY*





* Median WASH MEB divided by the median unskilled daily wage. Covers the WASH component only, not a full household basket.

General Market Context & Key Challenges

In September 2026, **55% of the 368 vendors interviewed reported no operational difficulties**. Among the rest, the most cited challenges were:

- **Supply side:** supplier price increases (11%), not enough banknotes to pay suppliers (11%), unreliable electricity(9%) and customs fees (8%).
- **Demand side:** fuel too expensive for many customers (30%); customers cannot pay in a form vendors accept (27%), cannot afford items (22%) or lack cash (20%).
- **Payments:** 97% of vendors accept local cash, 42% foreign cash, 34% money transfers and 32% mobile money.

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District-Level Median Prices of Monitored Items, September 2026

Governorate	District	WASH MEB (YER)	Water trucking (1,000 L)	Petrol (1 L)	Diesel (1 L)	Cooking gas (cylinder)	Exchange rate (YER/USD)	Unskilled wage (YER/day)	MFS (/100)
Abyan	Khanfar	39,589	4,000	1,600	2,200	15,900	1,553	5,000	53
Abyan	Zinjibar	59,039	5,000	1,700	2,300	11,925	n/a	5,000	55
Aden	Al Burayqah	42,652	7,750	1,450	1,900	12,588	1,555	5,000	62
Al Dhale'e	Ad Dali'	53,789	10,000	1,450	1,900	21,200	1,560	6,667	59
Al Dhale'e	Qa'tabah	42,264	6,016	1,450	1,900	21,995	1,558	6,667	58
Al Hudaydah	Al Khukhah	63,789	10,000	1,425	2,225	13,250	1,560	8,333	62
Al Hudaydah	Hays	62,792	8,750	1,425	2,250	15,900	1,556	8,333	72
Lahj	Al Madaribah Wa Al Aarah	n/a	n/a	1,450	1,900	17,225	1,520	n/a	61
Lahj	Al Musaymir	n/a	n/a	1,450	2,100	21,200	1,510	6,500	60
Lahj	Tuban	n/a	n/a	1,738	2,500	n/a	n/a	6,000	46
Lahj	Tur Al Bahah	44,214	5,500	1,450	1,500†	23,850	1,950†	10,000	52
Marib	Ma'rib	50,239	3,000	1,400	n/a	8,612	1,558	6,667	56
Marib	Ma'rib City	41,794	2,700	1,400	n/a	8,612	1,558	6,667	55
Shabwah	As Sa'id	29,539	3,750	1,350	1,825	8,612	1,554	n/a	77
Shabwah	Bayhan	55,839	10,000	1,400	1,750	18,550	1,550	5,000	51
Taizz	Al Makha	42,216	5,834	1,498	2,300	13,250	1,558	8,167	57
Taizz	Al Misrakh	52,539	10,000	1,488	2,050	12,919	1,550	5,000	59
Taizz	Al Mudhaffar	102,290	26,667	1,475	2,300	n/a	1,555	5,000	57
Taizz	Al Qahirah	99,791	25,834	1,475	2,300	12,588	1,555	4,333	56
Taizz	Mawza'	n/a	10,000	1,495	2,300	n/a	1,555	10,000	48
Taizz	Salah	41,264	6,500	1,475	2,200	14,575	1,550	5,333	72
GoY		**47,022**	**7,125**	**1,450**	**2,200**	**13,912**	**1,555**	**6,500**	**59.75**

District medians from vendor KIs, September 2026. n/a: price not collected or WASH MEB not calculable (missing component prices). Red: WASH MEB above 60,000 YER or MFS of 50 or below (severe issues). † Single KI observation, needs verification, excluding these values does not change the GoY medians. Cooking gas 8,612 YER: every KI in Ma'rib, Ma'rib city and As Sa'id reported 325 YER/L, converted to a 26.5 L cylinder. Wages of 10,000 YER were reported by all 3 KIs in Tur Al Bahah and 5 of 9 in Mawza'. GoY row: medians of district values, except WASH MEB (median of governorate values) and MFS (sum of median pillar scores).

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Methodology

Data for the JMMI is collected through structured surveys with vendor key informants (KIs) in urban and rural marketplaces: NFI and WASH vendors, water truckers, currency exchange offices, fuel stations and pharmacies. Enumerators are instructed to collect at least three price observations per item, per district, using a harmonised data collection tool. Following data collection, REACH checks the data for outliers and errors through follow-up with partners.

In September 2026, data was collected between **1 and 10 September** by **14 partners** in **63 markets** across **21 districts** of **8 governorates** in GoY-controlled areas (368 KIIs).

REACH presents district-level median prices using data from the KIs within that district. Governorate WASH MEB figures are medians of district values, and the GoY figure is the median of governorate values. All other governorate and GoY prices (water trucking, fuel, cooking gas, exchange rate and wage) are medians of district medians. Governorate and GoY MFS scores are the sum of the median pillar scores of the assessed districts, so they can differ from the median of district scores. Market functionality is assessed with the Market Functionality Score (MFS).

Findings are indicative of the assessed locations and time frame. Districts covered by the JMMI vary between rounds depending on partner capacity and access, which affects comparisons over time.

MEB Calculation

- The first MEB update was applied in 2020 (the 'survival minimum expenditure basket', SMEB)[7]. A second version was applied in September 2022[8]. In August 2024, the CMWG implemented the third update to the MEB guidance note and revised the transfer values of all MEB components[9].
- In 2026, as part of efforts to harmonise market monitoring in Yemen, **food item monitoring was replaced by NFI monitoring**. The food component is no longer monitored, so the total MEB cannot be calculated; **only the WASH component of the MEB is reported**.
- The monthly WASH MEB for one household is soap (1.05 kg) + water trucking (3.15 m^3) + laundry powder (2 kg) + sanitary napkins (5 packs of 10) + water purification tablets (539 YER lump sum), using median prices and the updated CMWG MEB guidance (August 2024).
- Percentage changes are calculated by comparing the medians of the relevant rounds and aggregation level. In this overview, changes compare **April 2026 and September 2026**.

Challenges and Limitations

- **Conflict limited coverage:** partners rose from 6 to 14, but the escalation of conflict closed targeted markets west of Taizz and in other areas, so coverage stayed at 21 districts.
- **Incomplete prices in four districts:** the WASH MEB could not be calculated for Mawza', Al Musaymir, Al Madaribah Wa Al Aarah and Tuban, where some component prices were not available.
- **Comparability with April is partial:** Aden and Shabwah April figures rest on one district each, Abyan was not assessed in April, and free-text market names make the market count approximate (63).
- Water trucking prices in Al Mudhaffar and Al Qahirah (Taizz) contain the highest reported values.
- Findings are indicative for the locations assessed and not geographically representative of GoY-controlled areas or of Yemen.

Endnotes

1. GoY refers to areas under nominal control of the Internationally Recognized Government, including the Southern Transitional Council (STC).

2. REACH, in partnership with FSAC, WFP and FAO. 2024. Methodology Note for Market and Price Monitoring in Yemen (April 2024).

3. REACH utilizes the price of trucked water.

4. CSO. Governorates Price Bulletin, July 2026: private-market fuel prices and buying exchange rate, average of the 8 governorates JMMI covers. CSO does not state the cylinder size; JMMI prices a 26.5 L cylinder.

5. CSO. Governorates Price Bulletin, Q2 2026 (June 2026 prices), average of the 8 governorates JMMI covers. The CSO 'sleeping mattress' item is a cotton bed sheet, so prices are not comparable.

6. CMWG. 2020. Guidance Note: The survival minimum expenditure basket and setting transfer values.

7. CMWG. 2022. Yemen Minimum Expenditure Basket: Operational Guidance Note.

8. CMWG. 2024. Yemen Minimum Expenditure Basket (MEB) and Multipurpose Cash Assistance (MPCA) Transfer Value Calculation Guidance (August 2024). Transfer values used in this overview: WASH MEB 33,149 YER; cooking gas 10,865 YER; exchange rate 1,808 YER/USD. Lump sums in GoY areas: shelter 82,051, health 50,400, transport 19,745 and communication 2,896 YER (155,092 YER in total).

About the CMWG

The Yemen Cash and Markets Working Group (CMWG), established in 2014, is an essential coordination platform to support CVA actors to facilitate their programs and advocate for strategic objectives. Currently, the CMWG is a sub-working group under the Intercluster Coordination Mechanism (ICCM) chaired by the United Nations Office for Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UNOCHA) and the Cash Consortium Yemen (CCY).

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