Situation Update

Situation in southern Syria
- Following sustained heavy conflict beginning on 19 June in non-state armed group controlled south-western Syria it is estimated that some 40,000-50,000 people remain displaced. Since 27 June, cross-border operations from Jordan have been suspended. WFP now provides assistance entirely from inside Syria, its Damascus hub and has dispatched food rations with wheat flour, as well as ready-to-eat (RTE) rations to some 350,000 people to several locations in Dar'a, As-Sweida, Quneitra and Rural Damascus governorates.

Situation in Eastern Ghouta in Rural Damascus
- While the situation in Eastern Ghouta appears to have stabilised, humanitarian actors' access to the area remains restricted. An estimated 200,000 people remain inside Eastern Ghouta while some 7,600 people remain in displacement sites. WFP has transitioned to the provision of monthly food rations as the displaced populations have regained access to cooking facilities.

Situation in North-Western Syria
- In north-west Syria, the security situation continues to be of concern. There has been an increase of intensive conflict in western Idlib countryside, western Aleppo countryside and the northern Hama countryside. UN-wide contingency plans are being prepared to respond to the humanitarian crisis in the event of an escalation of hostilities. In Aleppo and Idlib governorates, WFP has enough ready-to-eat (RTE) rations sufficient for 160,000 people, with additional stocks planned as part of its preparedness plan.

Evacuations from Foah and Kefraya
- On 25 July, approximately 6,900 civilians from the last two remaining besieged locations Foah and Kefraya in Idlib governorate were evacuated to other areas. WFP has provided food and nutrition assistance to families displaced in rural Damascus.

Highlights
- WFP assisted 3.5 million people with food in all 14 Syrian governorates in July, achieving over 100 percent of the monthly resource-based plan.
- WFP dispatched food assistance for 189,225 people in 27 locations across hard-to-reach areas in Rural Damascus, Deir Ezzor, Hama, Homs, Aleppo and Ar-Raqqa governorates.

In Numbers
- 13.1 million people in need of humanitarian assistance*
- 6.1 million people internally displaced
- 10.5 million people in need of food assistance

*According to the 2018 Humanitarian Needs Overview (HNO)

Global Humanitarian Funding

Overall: USD 3.51 billion
WFP share: USD 792,163,289

WFP Net Funding Requirements in 2018

Transitional Interim Country Strategic Plan (TICSP)
(September 2018 - February 2019) USD 214.5 million
assistance to the first 2,700 people arriving in coastal areas in Tartous and Lattakia governorates. Preparations for a rapid needs assessment are ongoing.

**WFP’s Response**

- Under the July cycle, WFP delivered food assistance for 3.5 million people in all 14 governorates, achieving over 100 percent of the monthly plan.
- Cross-border deliveries from Turkey accounted for 15 percent of the total WFP food assistance dispatched. The food delivered meets the needs of 547,410 people in areas inaccessible from inside Syria in Aleppo, Idlib and Hama governorates.
- Moreover, WFP dispatched food assistance for 189,225 people in 27 locations across hard-to-reach areas in Rural Damascus, Deir Ezzor, Homs, Hama, Aleppo, and Ar-Raqqah and governorates.
- In July, WFP provided assistance via four cross-line inter-agency convoys to hard-to-reach areas in Hama, Homs and Rural Damascus governorates, delivering 30,870 food rations sufficient for 154,870 people.

**Livelihood and Resilience Projects**

- WFP is currently implementing seven livelihood projects, benefiting 26,730 people in ten governorates across the country. Projects cover various areas including vocational skills training, kitchen gardens, poultry, farming, and food processing.

**School Meals Programme**

- Under the school meals programme, WFP dispatched 44 mt of fortified date bars, enough for some 40,000 children attending schools in Rural Damascus governorate over the summer season. WFP, with UNESCO also supported summer club activities in Aleppo governorate. The summer clubs provided a second chance learning opportunity during the summer months, WFP provided 4.4 mt of date bars, assisting 2,524 children.

**Nutrition Assistance**

- In June, WFP dispatched nutrition products for the prevention of acute malnutrition and micronutrient deficiencies for 123,220 children in Rural Damascus, Damascus, Tartous, Quneitra, Dar’a, Homs, Hama, Al-Hasakeh, Deir Ezzor, Idleb, Aleppo and Ar-Raqqah governorates, through the cross-border operation from Turkey as well as regular deliveries from inside Syria.
- WFP also delivered nutrition supplies for the treatment of moderate acute malnutrition to CMAM1 centers and mobile clinics in Hama, Homs, Dar’a and Rural Damascus governorates. The supplies are sufficient to meet the needs of 433 children and pregnant and nursing women for a period of three months. Low dispatches can be attributed to a pipeline break in nutrition supplies for the cross-border Turkey operation. The operational pipeline is assured for the month of August.
- Moreover, 22,987 pregnant and nursing women received nutrition support through CBT to purchase fresh food, including dairy products, meat, fruits and vegetables, from WFP-contracted retailers in Lattakia, Homs, Hama, Rural Damascus, Tartous and Aleppo governorates.

**Supply Chain**

- In June, WFP moved a total of 42,500 mt of various food commodities from its seven storage facilities to 54 cooperating partners across all 14 governorates. Commodities were delivered under various activities and included food rations and ready-to-eat rations, fortified wheat flour, nutrition supplies, date bars, and yeast.

**Clusters and Common Services**

**Food Security and Agriculture Sector**

- The Food Security Sector – the Whole of Syria with Syria, Jordan and south-Turkey hub are actively coordinating the emergency response in southern Syria. The sector is facilitating the exit/transition strategy coordination between Jordan and Syria hub partners.

**Logistics Cluster**

- The WFP-led Logistics Cluster continued to facilitate coordination services, information management and logistic support to the humanitarian community in Syria and provided logistics services to seven partners in July. This includes land transport of humanitarian supplies to Deir Ezzor and Al-Hasakeh governorates in addition to Eastern Ghouta on a no-cost basis.
- The Logistics Cluster also stored 1,108 m³ of newly received humanitarian goods in its common storage facilities in Homs, Qamishly and Rural Damascus on behalf of UNFPA.
- In addition, a total of 856 m³ of health, protection and WASH cargo was transported via land inside Syria on behalf of UNFPA.

**Resourcing Update**

- WFP is currently providing food assistance to 3 million people instead of the envisioned 4 million people due to lower funding levels than anticipated. WFP needs funds to continue providing food assistance to those most in need and requires USD 214.5 million to keep operations running through February 2019.
# WFP’s Activities

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* The total beneficiary figure includes beneficiaries of all activities as there is almost a complete overlap between activities.

** The out-of-school children programme was not implemented in July due to school’s closure over the summer.

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