



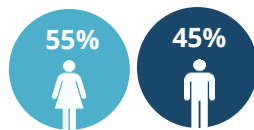
# WFP Syria Situation Report #3

March 2019



**3.1 million people assisted**

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WFP Syria Interim Country Strategic Plan (ICSP)

<b>2019 Syrian Arab Republic Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP)</b>	<b>Overall:</b> <b>USD 3.3 billion</b>
	<b>WFP share:</b> <b>USD 737.8 million</b>
<b>WFP Net Funding Requirement</b> (April – September 2019) Syria Interim Country Strategic Plan (ICSP)	<b>USD 146.0 million</b>



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Photo: A child with WFP commodities in the Al-Hole camp (Al-Hasakeh governorate). WFP/Nidal Al-Hammoud

## In Numbers

**11.7 million** people in need of humanitarian assistance

**6.2 million** people internally displaced

**6.5 million** people food insecure

**2.5 million** people at risk of food insecurity

## Highlights

- In March, WFP dispatched food assistance for 3.1 million people across all 14 Syrian governorates. This includes food assistance for some 251,000 people in 56 locations across hard-to-reach areas, and food assistance for 676,000 people via the cross-border operation from Turkey to areas not accessible from inside Syria.
- In March, the United Nations in Syria delivered critical humanitarian assistance, including WFP food, to some 50,000 people in Menbij town of Aleppo governorate.
- The WFP Syria 2018 Annual Country Report (ACR) has been finalized and published and can be accessed [here](#).

## Situation Update

### North-Western Syria

- Insecurity continued across north-western Syria in March. Artillery shelling and airstrikes targeted several sub-districts of Idlib, Hama, and Aleppo governorates, resulting in casualties and population displacements.
- Since the beginning of February, violence and insecurity has displaced more than 100,000 people from areas of Idlib, Hama, and the Aleppo governorate countryside as of the end of March. WFP continued to respond to the continuous displacement in March and had reached more than 100,000 people with ready-to-eat rations (RTEs) as of the end of the month.
- WFP remains ready to respond with strategic stocks of RTEs as well as nutrition supplies for children both inside Idlib, from Turkey, and from inside Syria should the situation in the north-west escalate further.

### North-Eastern Syria

- On 23 March, the Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) [announced](#) the capture of the last ISIL-held area of Deir Ezzor governorate following the prolonged [Page | 1](#)

military operation which began on 04 December 2018. Since then, close to 63,000 people have been displaced from these areas, arriving at the Al-Hole camp in Al-Hasakeh governorate, which hosted more than 73,000 people as of the end of March.

- WFP continues to respond to the needs of the newly displaced at the sour transit point with fresh food and at the camp's receptions area with RTEs as a first-line response. Inside the camp, WFP covers the monthly needs of the camp population with daily 2,100 kcal food rations as well as nutrition supplies to children, and pregnant and lactating women and girls. Thanks to food stocks pre-positioned as part of WFP's preparedness actions, WFP has so far been able to support the entire Al-Hole camp population with food assistance.
- Heavy rains over Tal Hamis and Al Ya'aroubia sub-districts of Al-Hasakeh governorate at the end of March led to flooding which affected close to 5,000 people. Of those, some 150 families were forced to flee their homes and shelter in schools in Tal Hamis. In response, WFP assisted all the displaced families with RTEs through its cooperating partner.

## WFP Response

- In March, WFP delivered general food assistance (GFA) for 3.1 million people across all 14 Syrian governorates, accounting for 87 percent of the monthly target of 3.6 million.
- Cross-border deliveries from Turkey under UN Security Council Resolution 2165 accounted for 22 percent of the total WFP food assistance dispatched. This includes food rations for more than 676,000 people in opposition-held Idlib governorate and opposition-held areas of Aleppo and Hama governorates inaccessible from inside Syria.
- WFP dispatched food assistance for some 251,000 people in 56 locations across [areas classified by the UN as hard-to-reach](#) in Ar-Raqqa, Deir Ezzor, Homs, Quneitra and Rural Damascus governorates in March.
- In March, a total of USD 2 million in cash-based transfers (CBT) was distributed to 97,300 beneficiaries across three activities: nutrition support to pregnant and lactating women and girls, support to out-of-school children, and livelihood support.

## Livelihood and Resilience Programme

- In March, WFP reached 135,700 people under its eight livelihood and resilience projects across Rural Damascus, Aleppo, Ar-Raqqa, As-Sweida, Dar'a, Deir Ezzor, Hama, Homs, Lattakia, Al-Hasakeh, Quneitra and Tartous governorates.

- WFP Syria's livelihood programme is facing significant funding challenges that are delaying programme implementation and jeopardising the planned scale-up of the 2019 livelihood programme.

## School Feeding Programme

- Under the school feeding programme, WFP assisted some 569,900 children attending schools in Aleppo, Ar-Raqqa, Damascus, Rural Damascus, Homs, Hama, Lattakia, Tartous, Quneitra, Deir Ezzor, and As-Sweida governorates with fortified date bars in March.
- In Aleppo governorate, 13,800 children were provided with fresh school meals which comprise a sandwich and a fruit or vegetable.
- WFP supported some 20,600 out-of-school children with food vouchers in Tartous, Hama, Al-Hasakeh, Aleppo, Homs and Lattakia governorates.

## Nutrition Programme

- In March, WFP dispatched nutrition products for the prevention of acute malnutrition and micronutrient deficiencies for 173,400 children across As-Sweida, Al-Hasakeh, Ar-Raqqa, Dar'a, Damascus, Deir Ezzor, Hama, Homs, Rural Damascus, Tartous, Quneitra, Aleppo and Idlib governorates.
- WFP delivered nutrition supplies for the treatment of moderate acute malnutrition (MAM) to Community-Based Management of Acute Malnutrition (CMAM) centres and mobile clinics sufficient to meet the needs of 3,400 children and pregnant and nursing women.
- 40,150 pregnant and nursing women received nutrition support through CBT to purchase fresh food, including dairy products, meat, fruits and vegetables, from 72 WFP-contracted shops.

## Supply Chain

- WFP is working to assess the capacity of 72 of the currently contracted retailers, wholesalers and manufacturers to get an in-depth understanding of the retail supply chain. In March, WFP interviewed 49 active retailers across all governorates. Analysis of the collected data is ongoing, and key suppliers of WFP retailers will also be identified and interviewed. This will allow WFP to have an overview of the entire supply chain and the ability of all stakeholders to serve additional beneficiaries to support the planned CBT scale-up.

## Clusters and Common Services

### Food Security Sector

- In March, the Syria Food Security Sector (FSS) presented its Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP) portfolio to the Humanitarian Coordinator and Regional Humanitarian Coordinator for Syria. The HRP portfolio for the FSS

includes 80 partners and 141 projects targeting a total of 9 million people in need in Syria. The total endorsed HRP requirement for the sector is USD 1.1 billion, which covers sector objectives including food assistance, livelihoods (agriculture and non-agriculture) as well as community-based interventions for productive assets.

- The FSS in March continued to coordinate emergency response coordination, primarily focusing on the ongoing response to the IDP sheltering in the Al-Hole camp in Al-Hasakeh governorate and on the response to heavy rains that have triggered humanitarian needs in the north-western Syria.

### Logistics Cluster

- On 06-07 March, the UN, including WFP, completed an inter-agency humanitarian convoy to the town of Manbij in north-eastern Aleppo governorate, assisting some 50,000 people.
- The convoy consisted of 37 trucks, 13 of which carried WFP commodities, including food rations, wheat flour and RTEs sufficient for 50,000 people, as well as commodities for the treatment and prevention of malnutrition.
- In March, the Logistics Cluster served eight partners, and facilitated the storage of 2,066 m<sup>3</sup> of newly received humanitarian goods in its common storage facilities in Rural Damascus on behalf of the International Medical Corps, ICRC, WHO and UNFPA.

## Resourcing Update

- WFP's activity supporting pregnant and nursing women with cash-based transfers is facing a severe funding shortfall, which is jeopardising WFP's ability to sustain support to this very vulnerable population group.
- WFP is currently providing food assistance to 3.6 million people instead of the originally planned 4 million people due to limited funding.
- WFP urgently needs funds to continue providing food assistance to those most in need and requires USD 129.7 million to keep operations running through September 2019.

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## WFP Syria Interim Country Strategic Plan (2019-2020)

	2019 Total Requirement (in USD)	6-Month Net Funding Requirement (April - September 2019)	People Assisted (March 2019)	Female	Male
<b>ICSP</b> (January – December 2019)	<b>737.8 m</b>	<b>146.0 m</b>	<b>3,125,430</b>	<b>1,718,987</b>	<b>1,406,443</b>
<b>General Food Assistance</b>			3,125,430	1,718,987	1,406,443
<b>School Feeding Programme</b>			604,286	296,100	308,186
<b>Nutrition - Prevention of Acute Malnutrition</b>			173,410	88,439	84,971
<b>Nutrition Support for Pregnant and Nursing Women (Cash-Based Transfers)</b>			40,147	40,147	-
<b>Nutrition - Treatment of Moderate Acute Malnutrition</b>			3,390	2,000	1,390
<b>Livelihood Activities</b>			135,690	74,630	61,061