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WFP Syria

Situation Report #4

April 2018

In Numbers

13.1 million people in need of humanitarian assistance*

6.1 million people internally displaced

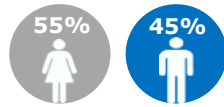
10.5 million people in need of food assistance

*According to the 2018 Humanitarian Needs Overview (HNO)

Highlights

- WFP dispatched food assistance for 2.74 million people in all 14 Syrian governorates in April, achieving 91 percent of the monthly plan.
- For the first time since 2014, WFP has begun land deliveries to rural Deir Ezzor and Ar-Raqqa city, delivering food for over 100,000 people in rural areas of Deir Ezzor and Ar-Raqqa city.
- WFP dispatched food assistance for 161,785 people in 15 locations across besieged or hard-to-reach areas in Rural Damascus, Aleppo, Ar-Raqqa and Dar'a governorates.

2.74 Million
People assisted
April 2018



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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) (June-November 2018)

USD 217 million

Situation in Eastern Ghouta in Rural Damascus

- Following the agreements to have members of the armed opposition groups and their families leave for the northern parts of Syria, the situation in Eastern Ghouta appears to have stabilized. An estimated 45,000 people remain in nearby displacement sites, while an estimated 100-140,000 people remain inside Eastern Ghouta. Since 15 March, WFP and other partners have been covering the needs of all evacuees; providing food assistance in collective shelters in Rural Damascus, areas inside Eastern Ghouta accessible by actors, crossing points, and in Idleb and Aleppo governorates.

WFP's Operations in North-Eastern Syria

- Access in north-east Syria has improved, and during April WFP was able to deliver food rations via road to Deir Ezzor and Ar-Raqqa for the first time since 2014. In Deir Ezzor, WFP distributed 14,700 food rations, sufficient for 73,500 people in the eastern rural areas of Miadeen city, Boqroun Tahtani, Boqroun Foqani and the northern rural areas of Hatlah, Al Housaniya, Marat, Kasham, Tabiyah, and Madloum. In Raqqa City, WFP distributed 6,000 food rations, sufficient for 30,000 people in Al Mahdi, Al Mansour and Rashidiyah neighbourhoods. The overall monthly allocation for the governorate is 30,000 food rations in support of 150,000 people.

Security Situation in North-Western Syria

- In north-western Syria, conflict escalated on several fronts. Fighting between government forces and non-state armed groups (NSAG) in Idleb governorate has resulted in the displacement of 385,000 people since December (some with multiple displacements). Despite renewed fighting and the temporary suspension of food assistance, WFP met the monthly operational plan, providing food assistance for 480,000 people in Idleb and Aleppo governorates through the cross-border operation from Turkey.



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Caption: A United Nations inter-agency mission reached Deir Ezzor.

- The situation in Afrin district remained volatile as Turkish forces continued their advance into Afrin district despite the Security Council resolution. An estimated 137,000 people have been displaced from Afrin district into other parts of Aleppo governorate, mainly to Tal Rifat, Nubul and Zahra. In response, WFP provided food assistance that can meet the needs of 150,000 people through regular, cross-border and cross-line deliveries, including RTE rations, nutrition supplies, milk, and fresh bread.

Security Situation in Southern Syria

- By mid-April, southern Syria witnessed rising tensions amongst non-state armed groups, which resulted in an escalation of fighting and a brief displacement of more than 1,000 people towards Nawa and Quneitra. Access to Hit village in south-west Dar'a remains challenging; however, WFP was able to deliver ready-to-eat rations to 5,500 people at the beginning of the month.

WFP's Response

- Under the April cycle, WFP delivered food assistance for 2.74 million people in all 14 governorates, achieving 91 percent of the monthly plan.
- Cross-border deliveries from Jordan and Turkey accounted for 26 percent of the total WFP food assistance dispatched. The food delivered meets the needs of 716,000 people in areas inaccessible from inside Syria in Aleppo, Idleb, Quneitra, As-Sweida and Dar'a governorates.
- Moreover, WFP dispatched food assistance for 161,785 people in 15 locations across besieged or hard-to-reach in Rural Damascus, Aleppo, Ar-Raqqa and Dar'a governorates.
- In April, due to deteriorating access no cross-line inter-agency convoy reached any of the hard-to-reach or besieged areas across the country.

Livelihood and Resilience Projects

- WFP is currently implementing six livelihood projects, targeting over 60,770 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 4,831 mt of milk and 531 mt of fortified date bars, enough for over 390,000 children attending schools in Aleppo, As-Sweida, Damascus, Dar'a, Hama, Homs, Lattakia, Rural Damascus, and Tartous governorates. WFP also reached 1,088 students through its cash-based-transfer (CBT) support to out-of-school children (OOSC) activity in Homs and Lattakia governorates.

Nutrition Assistance

- In April, WFP dispatched nutrition products for the prevention of acute malnutrition and micronutrient deficiencies for 119,430 children in Rural Damascus, Damascus, Tartous, Quneitra, Dar'a, Homs, Hama, Al-Hasakeh, Idleb, Aleppo and Ar-Raqqa 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 Aleppo, Homs, Damascus and Rural Damascus governorates. The supplies are sufficient to meet the needs of 2,476 children and pregnant and nursing women for a period of three months.
- Moreover, 20,224 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 and Aleppo governorates.

Supply Chain

- In April, WFP moved a total of 25,000 mt of various food commodities from its eight storage facilities to 54 cooperating partners across all 14 governorates. Commodities were delivered under various activities and included food boxes, fortified wheat flour, nutrition supplies, date bars, milk, and yeast.

Clusters and Common Services

Food Security and Agriculture Sector

- In collaboration with FAO, WFP, nine international NGOs and ten Syrian NGOs, the sector released the Outcome Indicators Monitoring Report against the Humanitarian Response Plan 2017. A total of 8,752 food and livelihoods beneficiary households were surveyed during this period across 141 sub-districts in 58 districts and included all governorates except Deir Ezzor.
- The Food Security and Agriculture Sector in Damascus coordinated with partners multiple emergency responses such as Afrin, Eastern Ghouta (including evacuees in Idleb), Ar-Raqqa City, western Dar'a/Quneitra and the north-west. This entails regular coordination meetings, ad-hoc meetings and bilateral discussions to ascertain needs and gaps.

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 six partners in March. This includes land transport of humanitarian supplies to Deir Ezzor and Al-Hasakeh governorates on a no-cost basis.
- The Logistics Cluster also stored 1,098 m³ of newly received humanitarian goods in its common storage facilities in Aleppo, Homs, Qamishly and Rural Damascus on behalf of ICRC, Oxfam, PU and UNFPA.
- In addition, a total of 331.8m³ of health, WASH and nutrition cargo were transported via land inside Syria on behalf of DRC, MEDAIR, UNICEF and UNFPA.
- The Logistics Cluster provided SARC with nine trucks to facilitate the transport of humanitarian commodities to IDP sites in Eastern Ghouta. Additionally, to facilitate loading and offloading operations at the main SARC warehouse in Adra, 700 wooden pallets were provided.

¹ Community-Based Management of Acute Malnutrition

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 217 million to keep operations running through November.

WFP's Activities					
	Total Requirements (in USD)	Net Funding Requirements (June-November 2018) (in USD)	People Assisted (April 2018)	Female	Male
Transitional Interim Country Strategic Plan (TICSP) (Jan – Dec 2018)	792 million	217 million	2,744,005*	1,509,203	1,234,802
General Food Assistance			2,744,005	1,509,203	1,234,802
School Meals Programme			390,885	191,534	199,351
Out-of-School Children			1,088	533	555
Nutrition - Prevention of Acute Malnutrition			119,430	60,909	58,521
Nutrition Support for Pregnant and Nursing Women (Cash-Based Transfers)			20,224	20,244	0
Nutrition - Treatment of Moderate Acute Malnutrition			2,476	1,461	1,015
Livelihood Activities			42,680	23,474	19,206

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

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