



WFP Syria Situation Report #12

December 2019



4.5 million people assisted

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Gender and Age Marker WFP Syria Interim Country Strategic Plan (ICSP)

2019 Syrian Arab Republic Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP)	Overall: USD 3.3 billion
	WFP share: USD 737.8 million
WFP Net Funding Requirement (February – July 2020) WFP Syria 2019-2020 Interim Country Strategic Plan (ICSP)	USD 120 million



In Numbers

11.1 million people in need of humanitarian assistance

6.2 million people internally displaced

6.6 million people food insecure

2.6 million people at risk of food insecurity

Highlights

- In December, WFP dispatched food assistance for 4.5 million people across all 14 Syrian governorates. This includes food assistance for more than 1 million people provided via the Logistics Cluster-facilitated cross-border operation from Turkey to areas not accessible from inside Syria.
- The security situation deteriorated further in north-western Syria with heavy airstrikes and ground clashes reported between Government forces and non-state armed groups. WFP responded with distribution of ready-to-eat rations to some 108,400 people. WFP continues to respond to the humanitarian needs, and reached more than 1 million people with general food assistance (GFA) in December, as well as 64,700 children with nutrition support.
- In north-eastern Syria, the situation remained volatile with clashes ongoing between Kurdish-led and Turkish-backed forces.

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Photo: At WFP food distribution site in rural Aleppo/Aleppo governorate, north-Syria. June 2019. ©WFP/Zuha AKKASH

Situation Update

North-Western Syria

- The security situation continued to deteriorate since late November, and airstrikes continue to be reported in southern Idlib and north-western Aleppo governorate. According to the latest update in December by the Camp Coordination and Camp Management Cluster (CCCM), some 300,000 people were newly displaced from southern rural Idlib governorate, amidst the intensification of violence; 80 percent of the displaced are estimated to be women and children. The recent escalation of violence is the most intense since a ceasefire came into effect on 31 August 2019.
- In response, WFP provided emergency life-saving food assistance for some 108,400 people in December through distribution of ready-to-eat rations to the newly displaced. In addition, WFP in December assisted more than one million people across north-western Syria with GFA, and provided nutrition assistance (through blanket supplementary feeding) to some 65,000 children.

North-Eastern Syria

- The security situation in north-eastern Syria remained tense and unpredictable throughout December, with clashes between Kurdish-led and Turkish-backed forces continuing across several areas of Al-Hasakeh and Ar-Raqqa governorates, including the Ras al-Ayn and Tell Abyad areas. IDP return movement continue to be reported, as well as sporadic displacement due to ongoing hostilities. Some 70,600 people remain displaced, and some 130,000 have now returned to their places of origin in Al-Hasakeh and Ar-Raqqa governorate as of 18 December, according to [OCHA](#).
- In addition to the internally displaced in Syria, some 19,000 people have fled to northern Iraq since 14 October, according to [IOM](#). In December, WFP Iraq reached some 9,700 of the arrivals with emergency food distributions in the Bardarash camp and Gawilan transit site, located approximately 150 kilometres east of the Syria-Iraq border.

WFP Response

- In December, WFP delivered general food assistance (GFA) for 4.5 million people across all 14 Syrian governorates, 100 percent of the monthly target of 4.5 million people.
- Logistics Cluster-facilitated cross-border deliveries from Turkey accounted for 23 percent of the total WFP food assistance dispatched. This includes food rations for some 1 million people in opposition-held Idlib governorate and opposition-held areas of Aleppo governorate inaccessible from inside Syria.

- In December, a total of USD 2 million in cash-based transfers (CBT) was distributed to some 89,610 beneficiaries across three activities: nutrition support to pregnant and lactating women and girls, livelihoods and resilience, and out-of-school children programme.

Livelihood and Resilience Programme

- In December, WFP reached 65,700 people under its two livelihood and resilience projects across Rural Damascus, Dar'a, Quneitra, Aleppo, Homs, Hama, Lattakia, Tartous, Deir Ezzor, Ar-Raqqa, Qamishli and Al-Hasakeh governorates.

School Feeding Programme

- Under the school feeding programme, WFP provided fresh meals to more than 29,200 primary school students in Aleppo governorate.
- In December, fortified school snacks were distributed to 550,000 children in primary schools of Aleppo, Al-Hasakeh, Ar-Raqqa, As-Sweida, Damascus, Dar'a, Deir Ezzor, Quneitra, Rural Damascus, and Tartous governorates.
- WFP also supported some 20,210 out-of-school children with food vouchers in Damascus, Rural Damascus, Homs, Hama, Qamishli, Tartous, Lattakia and Aleppo governorates.

Nutrition Programme

- In December, WFP dispatched nutrition products for the prevention of acute malnutrition and micronutrient deficiencies for some 216,900 children across Al-Hasakeh, Ar-Raqqa, Deir Ezzor, Dar'a, Quneitra, Aleppo, Damascus, Hama, Homs, Rural Damascus, Tartous, Lattakia and Idlib governorates.
- WFP delivered nutrition supplies for the treatment of moderate acute malnutrition to Community-Based Management of Acute Malnutrition centres and mobile clinics sufficient to meet the needs of 2,200 children and pregnant and lactating women and girls.
- 58,100 pregnant and lactating women and girls received nutrition support through cash-based transfers to purchase fresh food, including dairy products, meat, fruits and vegetables, from 108 WFP-contracted shops.

Clusters and Common Services

Food Security Sector

- The Whole-of-Syria Food Security Sector reached some 4.2 million people in November with regular food baskets, cash and vouchers, with about two million people reached under emergency response activities. Approximately one million people have been assisted with agriculture and livelihoods activities since January 2019.
- As of 31 December, the 2019 Humanitarian Response Plan

(HRP) was 58 percent funded, with USD 1.84 billion received out of the USD 3.29 billion required. The Food Security Sector was funded at 55 percent.

Logistics Cluster

- In December, the WFP-led Logistics Cluster facilitated the storage for 1,497.3 m³ of newly received humanitarian goods in its storage facilities in Aleppo, Rural Damascus, and Qamishli governorates on behalf of (International Medical Crops (IMC), Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), and World Health Organization (WHO).
- Facilitating the cross-border operation from Turkey, the Logistics Cluster transhipped 838 Syrian trucks through the Bab al-Hawa crossing and 90 Syrian trucks through the Bab al Salam crossing in December.
- Due to the scale-up of operations in the northwest, daily capacity at the trans-shipment hubs in Turkey has increased



from 46 to 100 trucks at Bab al Hawa, and from 8 to 25 trucks at Bab al Salam.

Resourcing Update

- WFP urgently needs funds to continue providing food assistance to those most in need and requires USD 120 million to keep operations running at current levels through July 2020.

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See also the latest [WFP Syria Emergency Dashboard \(October 2019\)](#).

**Budget revision ongoing.*

WFP Syria Interim Country Strategic Plan (2019-2020)

	2020 Requirement (in USD)	6-Month Net Funding Requirement (January – June 2020)	People Assisted (December 2019)	Female	Male
ICSP (January 2019 – December 2020)	648.5m*	120 m			
General Food Assistance			4,492,620	2,470,941	2,021,679
School Feeding Programme			599,419	293,715	305,704
Nutrition - Prevention of Acute Malnutrition			216,900	110,619	106,281
Nutrition Support for Pregnant and Nursing Women (Cash-Based Transfers)			58,135	58,135	N/A
Nutrition - Treatment of Moderate Acute Malnutrition			2,245	1,325	920
Livelihood Activities			65,705	36,138	29,567