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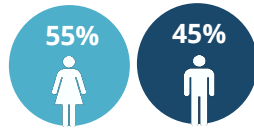
WFP Syria Situation Report #10

October 2019



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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 (November 2019 – April 2020) WFP Syria Interim Country Strategic Plan (ICSP)	USD 158 million

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 October, WFP dispatched food assistance for 4.3 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.
- Responding to mass displacement spurred by military operations in north-eastern Syria, WFP assisted some 381,500 people in October with emergency food assistance across Al-Hasakeh and Ar-Raqqa governorates.
- WFP continues responding to the humanitarian needs in north-western Syria, and reached more than 1 million people with general food assistance in October, as well as 41,200 children with nutrition support.

Situation Update

North-Eastern Syria

- Large-scale military operations commenced across Al-Hasakeh and Ar-Raqqa governorates following the Turkish announcement of a military incursion into north-eastern Syria on 09 October.
- The fighting displaced more than 215,000 people in less than three weeks, and had by the end of October forced some 12,000 refugees to flee across the border to northern Iraq. By [early November](#), some 115,500 of the internally displaced had returned to their places of origin as the security situation had stabilized in several areas, while some 99,600 people remained displaced.
- In response, WFP on 11 October commenced a large-scale emergency operation, dispatching emergency food assistance for immediate distribution to the displaced and host communities. By the end of October, WFP had reached 381,300 people, including



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165,400 people in Al-Hasakeh and 215,900 people in Ar-Raqqa governorate. Of the total, some 103,900 people had been assisted with ready-to-eat rations (RTEs), while 277,400 had been assisted through GFA rations.

For more information in WFP's response in north-western Syria, see the latest dedicated [WFP Syria North-Eastern Syria Emergency Situation Report](#) released on 29 October.

North-Western Syria

- While north-western Syria has seen a relative calm prevail in recent weeks since the announcement of a ceasefire on 31 August, sporadic airstrikes, shelling and ground clashes continued to be reported along the front lines across several areas of north-western Syria over the past week.
- In October, WFP assisted more than one million people across north-western Syria with GFA delivered cross-border from Turkey, and provided nutrition assistance (through blanket supplementary feeding) to some 41,200 children. No RTEs were distributed in October, in line with the decreasing displacement rate.

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WFP Response

- In October, WFP delivered general food assistance (GFA) for 4.3 million people across all 14 Syrian governorates, achieving 101 percent of the monthly target.
- Logistics Cluster-facilitated cross-border deliveries from Turkey accounted for 25 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 October, a total of USD 1.8 million in cash-based transfers (CBT) was distributed to more than 58,900 beneficiaries across two activities: nutrition support to pregnant and lactating women and girls, and livelihood support.

Livelihood and Resilience Programme

- In October, WFP reached 92,300 people under its ten livelihood and resilience projects across As-Sweida, Rural Damascus, Dar'a, Deir Ezzor, Aleppo, Homs, Hama, Lattakia, Tartous, Al-Hasakeh and Quneitra governorates.

School Feeding Programme

- Under the school feeding programme, WFP provided fresh meals to 16,100 primary school students in Aleppo governorate.

- In October, date bars were distributed to some 5,000 children in UNICEF-supported self-learning centers in the Areesha and Al-Hol IDP camps in Al-Hasakeh governorate.

Nutrition Programme

- In October, WFP dispatched nutrition products for the prevention of acute malnutrition and micronutrient deficiencies for 163,600 children across Al-Hasakeh, Ar-Raqqa, Dar'a, Quneitra, Damascus, Deir Ezzor, Hama, Homs, Rural Damascus, Tartous, Lattakia, Aleppo 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 750 children and pregnant and lactating women and girls.
- 53,600 pregnant and lactating women and girls received nutrition support through CBT to purchase fresh food, including dairy products, meat, fruits and vegetables, from 72 WFP-contracted shops.

Clusters and Common Services

Food Security Sector

- The Whole-of-Syria Food Security Sector reached some 4.7 million people in October 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 [23 October](#), the 2019 Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP) is 45 percent funded, with USD 1.5 billion received out of the USD 3.29 billion required. The Food Security Sector represents 37 percent of the funding received.

Logistics Cluster

- In October, the WFP-led Logistics Cluster facilitated the storage for 1673 m³ of newly received humanitarian goods in its storage facilities in Aleppo, Homs, Rural Damascus and Qamishli governorates on behalf of the Norwegian Refugee Council, UNFPA, UNICEF and WHO.
- Facilitating the cross-border operation from Turkey, the Logistics Cluster transhipped 811 Syrian trucks through the Bab al-Hawa crossing and 118 Syrian trucks through the Bab al-Salam crossing in October. The 929 trucks transhipped in October represents the highest number of trucks ever transhipped into Syria by the Logistics Cluster in a single month.

Emergency Telecommunication Cluster (ETC)

- The ETC deployed to Deir Ezzor on 18 October to set up new security communications equipment. This is the first site to implement the country-wide migration of security telecommunications infrastructure. A VHF repeater has been installed and is fully operational at the UN hub in Deir Ezzor. The radio network covers the city and parts of the surrounding areas. The ETC also trained 20 UN staff in Deir Ezzor on using VHF radio networks.
- As a result of the deteriorating security situation in north-eastern Syria, the ETC deployed a Senior IT Associate from Damascus to Qamishli to reinforce ICT capacity. The Associate is supporting IT staff on the ground and assisting in upgrades to the WFP warehouse which may be used as a UN evacuation site if the situation continues to escalate.

Resourcing Update

- WFP urgently needs funds to continue providing food assistance to those most in need and requires USD 158 million to keep operations running through April 2020.

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

WFP Syria Interim Country Strategic Plan (2019-2020)					
	2019 Requirement (in USD)	6-Month Net Funding Requirement (November 2019 - April 2020)	People Assisted (October 2019)	Female	Male
ICSP (January 2019 – December 2020)	737.8m	158m			
General Food Assistance			4,258,630	2,342,247	1,916,384
School Feeding Programme			21,132	10,355	10,777
Nutrition - Prevention of Acute Malnutrition			163,580	83,426	80,154
Nutrition Support for Pregnant and Nursing Women (Cash-Based Transfers)			53,607	53,607	N/A
Nutrition - Treatment of Moderate Acute Malnutrition			750	443	308
Livelihood Activities			92,325	50,779	41,546