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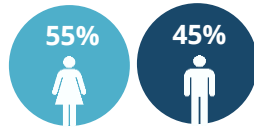
WFP Syria Situation Report #4

April 2019



3.2 million people assisted

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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
(May – October 2019)**

Syria Interim Country Strategic Plan (ICSP)

USD 114.9 million



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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 April, WFP dispatched food assistance for 3.2 million people across all 14 Syrian governorates. This includes food assistance for some 261,400 people in 24 locations across hard-to-reach areas, and food assistance for 677,500 people provided via the cross-border operation from Turkey to areas not accessible from inside Syria.
- The security situation in north-western Syria deteriorated significantly in late April. Over the course of the month, WFP assisted more than 18,000 people displaced by the recent surge in violence.
- The outflux of people from the Rukban settlement continued in April, with 7,700 people having left as of the end of the month. WFP is assisting all evacuees with ready-to-eat rations (RTEs).

Situation Update

Countrywide

- Fuel shortages were reported across the country over the last half of April, leading to overnight queues at fuel stations and extensive traffic disruptions. WFP operations were not significantly impacted except for slight delays in monitoring activities and food deliveries in some areas.

North-Western Syria

- The security situation in north-western deteriorated significantly in late April, and the United Nations on 02 May [expressed](#) grave concern over the escalating violence, related mass displacement and worsening humanitarian situation. Over the course of the month, WFP assisted more than 18,000 people displaced by the recent surge in violence.
- 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 security situation in the north-west escalate further.

- Adverse weather conditions over the first half of April led to floods in IDP communities across north-western Syria. In response, WFP assisted over 7,800 flood-affected people with RTEs in Azaz and Afrin subdistricts of Aleppo governorate.

North-Eastern Syria

- Following the announcement by the Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) of the capture of the last ISIL-held areas of Deir Ezzor governorate in late March and the end of the anti-ISIL military operation there, the influx of displaced people to Al-Hole camp has decreased significantly. Just 380 people arrived at the camp in April, and the total camp population now stands at 73,500 people as of the end of April.
- WFP continues to assist the population in the IDP camps of north-eastern Syria and assisted some 146,000 people across the Al-Hole, Newroz, Al-Roj, Ein Issa, Mabrouka, Abo Khashab, and Towhenieh IDP camps in April.
- WFP continued in April to assist all new arrivals to the camp. Inside the camp, WFP covers the monthly needs of the settled 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 remains able to support the entire Al-Hole camp population with food assistance.

Central Syria

- The outflux of people from the Rukban settlement which began in late March accelerated over the month of April, with 7,660 people having left the settlement as of 30 April out of the original settlement population of 41,700.
- Most of the people leaving the settlement are heading for Homs governorate, where they are hosted in collective shelters before voluntarily moving on to their areas of origin, to shelter with family, or to other areas. WFP, through the Syrian Arab Red Crescent (SARC) cooperating partners, provides RTEs to all arrivals from the settlement in the collective shelters.

WFP Response

- In April, WFP delivered general food assistance (GFA) for 3.2 million people across all 14 Syrian governorates, accounting for 89 percent of the monthly target of 3.6 million.
- Cross-border deliveries from Turkey under [UN Security Council Resolution 2165](#) (2014, renewed under

[Resolution 2449](#) in December 2018) accounted for 21 percent of the total WFP food assistance dispatched. This includes food rations for some 677,600 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 261,400 people in 24 locations across [areas classified by the UN as hard-to-reach](#) in Ar-Raqqa, Deir Ezzor, Homs and Rural Damascus governorates in April.
- In April, a total of USD 2.3 million in cash-based transfers (CBT) was distributed to 101,600 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 April, WFP reached 118,600 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.

School Feeding Programme

- Under the school feeding programme, WFP assisted some 545,200 children attending schools in Aleppo, Damascus, Rural Damascus, Homs, Hama, Lattakia, Tartous, Quneitra, and As-Sweida governorates with fortified date bars in April.
- In Aleppo governorate, 13,500 children were provided with fresh school meals which comprise a sandwich and a fruit or vegetable.
- WFP supported some 24,000 out-of-school children with food vouchers in Tartous, Hama, Al-Hasakeh, Aleppo, Homs and Lattakia governorates.

Nutrition Programme

- In April, WFP dispatched nutrition products for the prevention of acute malnutrition and micronutrient deficiencies for 95,300 children across As-Sweida, Al-Hasakeh, Ar-Raqqa, Dar'a, Damascus, Deir Ezzor, Hama, Homs, Rural Damascus, Tartous, Lattakia and Aleppo 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 15,800 children and pregnant and lactating women and girls.
- 42,900 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.

Supply Chain

- The countrywide fuel shortages continued to present challenges to transporters in April, leading to delivery delays in some areas. Mitigation measures have been put in place by WFP Syria to minimize the impact on humanitarian operations.
- Capacity assessment of the currently contracted 72 retailers, wholesalers and manufacturers has been completed to assess the ability of the entire cash-based transfer (CBT) supply chain to serve additional beneficiaries as part of the planned scale-up of CBT as a transfer modality for WFP's humanitarian response in Syria.

Clusters and Common Services

Food Security Sector

- In April, the Syria Food Security Sector (FSS) continued operational coordination in the Al-Hole camp to ensure food needs are being addressed. The April food distribution cycle in the camp started in the second week of April, and as of 01 May, approximately 69,000 people had received assistance.
- The FSS has updated its north-western Syria preparedness plan, which includes the planned provision of assistance from both Turkey and from inside Syria. From Syria, WFP stands ready to meet the immediate food needs of 175,000 people from Aleppo, Homs and Tartous. From Turkey, WFP

and other FSS partners have the total capacity to respond to the needs of some 500,000 people.

Logistics Cluster

- In April, the WFP-led Logistics Cluster served five partners, and facilitated the storage of 2,065 m³ of newly received humanitarian goods in its common storage facilities in Rural Damascus and Qamishli governorates on behalf of the International Medical Corps, FAO, UNICEF and UNFPA.

Resourcing Update

- 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 114.9 million to keep operations running through October 2019.

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WFP Syria Interim Country Strategic Plan (2019-2020)

	2019 Total Requirement (in USD)	6-Month Net Funding Requirement (May - October 2019)	People Assisted (April 2019)	Female	Male
ICSP (January - December 2019)	737.8m	178.6 m	3,167,795	1,742,287	1,425,508
General Food Assistance			3,167,795	1,742,287	1,425,508
School Feeding Programme			545,236	267,166	278,070
Nutrition - Prevention of Acute Malnutrition			95,310	48,608	46,702
Nutrition Support for Pregnant and Nursing Women (Cash-Based Transfers)			42,877	42,877	N/A
Nutrition - Treatment of Moderate Acute Malnutrition			15,770	9,304	6,466
Livelihood Activities			118,635	65,249	53,386