

WFP Syria Situation Report #11

November 2019

World Food Programme

4.4 million people assisted November 2019



Gender

WFP Syria Interim Country Strategic Plan (ICSP)



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In Numbers

11.1 million people in need of humanitarian assistance

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6.2 million people internally displaced

6.6 million people food insecure

2.6 million people at risk of food insecurity

Highlights

- In November, WFP dispatched food assistance for 4.4 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 the emergency situation in northeastern Syria, WFP assisted some 175,000 people in November with ready-to-eat parcels and general food baskets across the Al-Hasakeh and Ar-Raqqa governorates.
- After a lull following the 31 August ceasefire, the security situation in north-western Syria deteriorated in November. WFP continues to respond to the humanitarian needs, and reached more than 1 million people with general food assistance in November, as well as 43,500 children with nutrition support.

Situation Update

North-Eastern Syria

- The situation in north-eastern Syria remained tense in November, with continued clashes between Kurdish-led and Turkish-backed forces across several areas of northern Al-Hasakeh and Ar-Raqqa governorates. Significant IDP return movement was reported in November, combined with continuous small-scale population displacement due to localized fighting.
- In addition to the internally displaced in Syria, some 17,350 people have fled to northern Iraq as of 30 November, according to IOM. WFP reached some 16,700 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.

In response to the emergency needs in the north-east, WFP continues dispatching emergency food assistance for immediate distribution to the displaced and host communities. In November, WFP reached more than 175,000 people including 152,500 people in Al-Hasakeh and 22,500 people in Ar-Raqqa governorate. Of the total, some 30,000 people had been assisted with RTEs, as a second distribution round in the camps of Al-Hasakeh governorate.

North-Western Syria

- After some two months of relative calm since the 31 August ceasefire, the situation in north-western Syria has flared up again, with increasing rates of airstrikes reported over the course of November. On 20 November, a rocket struck the Qah camp in the Dana sub-district of northwestern Idlib governorate, close to the Turkish border, reportedly killing at least 15 people and wounding many others.
- Across Idlib governorate, the unavailability of fuel in local markets caused price increases in November, affecting the cost of bread at bakeries, and many aspects of life, as key facilities had limited supply of electricity with the shortage and high prices of fuel on which they operate.
- In November, WFP assisted more than one million people across north-western Syria with GFA, and provided nutrition assistance (through blanket supplementary feeding) to some 43,500 children.

WFP Response

- In November, WFP delivered general food assistance (GFA) for 4.4 million people across all 14 Syrian governorates 98 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 November, a total of USD 1.8 million in cash-based transfers (CBT) was distributed to more than 57,300 beneficiaries across two activities: nutrition support to pregnant and lactating women and girls, and the Livelihoods and Resilience programme.

Livelihood and Resilience Programme

 In November, WFP reached 74,900 people under its three livelihood and resilience projects across Rural Damascus, As-Sweida, Dar'a, Quneitra, Aleppo, Homs, Hama, Lattakia, Tartous, Deir Ezzor, Qamishli and Al-Hasakeh governorates.

School Feeding Programme

- Under the school feeding programme, WFP provided fresh meals to some 20,200 primary school students in Aleppo governorate.
- In November, date bars were distributed to 455,800 children in primary schools of Aleppo, Al-Hasakeh, Ar-Raqqa, As-Sweida, Damascus, Dar'a, Deir Ezzor, Quneitra, Rural Damascus, and Tartous governorates.

Nutrition Programme

- In November, WFP dispatched nutrition products for the prevention of acute malnutrition and micronutrient deficiencies for some 172,100 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 1,300 children and pregnant and lactating women and girls.
- 57,300 pregnant and lactating women and girls received nutrition support through CBT to purchase fresh food, including dairy products, meat, fruits and vegetables, from 84 WFP-contracted shops.

Clusters and Common Services

Food Security Sector

- The Whole-of-Syria Food Security Sector reached some 4.7 million people in November with regular food baskets, cash and vouchers, with about two million people reached under emergency response actitivities. Approximately one million people have been assisted with agriculture and livelihoods activities since January 2019.
- As of 05 December, the 2019 Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP) was 56 percent funded, with USD 1.84 billion received out of the USD 3.29 billion required. The Food Security Sector was funded at 54 percent.

Logistics Cluster

- In November, the WFP-led Logistics Cluster facilitated the storage for 1,494 m³ of newly received humanitarian goods in its storage facilities in Rural Damascus governorate on behalf of UNFPA.
- Facilitating the cross-border operation from Turkey, the Logistics Cluster transhipped 906 Syrian trucks through the Bab al-Hawa crossing and 113 Syrian trucks through the Bab al Salam crossing in November. The 1,019 trucks transhipped in November represents the highest number of trucks ever transshipped into Syria by the Logistics Cluster in a single month, due to the scale-up of operations in the north-west.

• Two Mobile Storage Units have been newly set up in Qamishli, and free-to-user access is now being facilitated by the Logistics Cluster to the whole humanitarian community.

Resourcing Update

 WFP urgently needs funds to continue providing food assistance to those most in need and requires USD 75.3 million to keep operations running at current levels through June 2020.

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See also the latest <u>WFP Syria Emergency Dashboard (October</u> 2019).

WFP Syria Interim Country Strategic Plan (2019-2020)					
	2019 Requirement (in USD)	6-Month Net Funding Requirement (December 2019 - May 2020)	People Assisted (November 2019)	Female	Male
ICSP (January 2019 – December 2020)	737.8m	149 m			
General Food Assistance			4,417,739	2,429,756	1,987,983
School Feeding Programme			476,039	233,259	242,780
Nutrition - Prevention of Acute Malnutrition			172,130	87,786	84,344
Nutrition Support for Pregnant and Nursing Women (Cash-Based Transfers)			57,293	57,293	N/A
Nutrition - Treatment of Moderate Acute Malnutrition			1,335	788	547
Livelihood Activities			74,900	41,195	33,705