



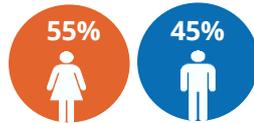
WFP Syria

Situation Report 12

December 2018

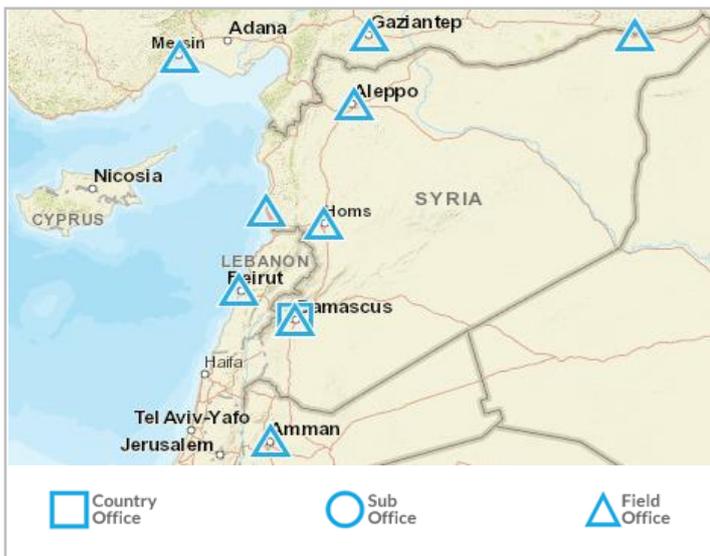


3.6 million people assisted
December 2018



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Global Humanitarian Funding (2018)	Overall: USD 3.51 billion
	WFP share: USD 790.2 million
WFP Net Funding Requirement (February - July 2019) Interim Country Strategic Plan (ICSP)	USD 136 million



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In Numbers

13.1 million people in need of humanitarian assistance

6.2 million people internally displaced

6.7 million people food insecure

4.5 million people at risk of food insecurity

Highlights

- In December, WFP dispatched food assistance for 3.6 million people in all 14 Syrian governorates, achieving 99 percent of the monthly plan.
- WFP dispatched food assistance for 368,900 people in 55 locations across hard-to-reach areas.
- The United Nations in Syria, through the WFP-led Logistics Cluster, started a one-off exceptional delivery of life-saving humanitarian assistance from Jordan to Syria, the first delivery from Jordan to Syria since June 2018.

Situation Update

North-Western Syria

- In December, the north-western part of Syria saw a wave of population displacement as a result of ongoing fighting between the Government and non-state armed groups as well as the infighting among non-state armed groups. In response, WFP provided food assistance to over 2,500 newly displaced people.
- Should the situation deteriorate further, WFP stands ready to respond to the needs of 1 million people with strategic stocks of ready-to-eat rations (RTEs), food rations as well as nutrition supplies for 150,000 children both inside Idlib, in Turkey, and inside Syria.
- Adverse weather conditions contributed to a deteriorating humanitarian situation for IDPs in camps in Idlib and Aleppo governorates, where heavy rains have destroyed thousands of tents as well as IDP's food and NFIs. In response, WFP distributed enough RTEs to the affected families sheltering in camps and public buildings in Atareb town of Aleppo governorate.

North-Eastern Syria

- WFP is participating with the rest of the United Nations in Syria in the development of preparedness plans for a possible Turkish military operation in north-eastern Syria. WFP is on standby to respond to the needs of the potentially affected population across the north-east with pre-positioned RTEs and monthly food rations, contingent on the security and access situation. So far humanitarian activities in north-eastern Syria, including those of WFP, are proceeding as usual.
- Fighting between the Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) and the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) continued across Hajin sub-district of Deir Ezzor governorate, resulting in the displacement of more than 7,000 people. WFP dispatched enough RTEs to the newly displaced people in Al-Hole camp and stands by to provide assistance to any new displacement wave through pre-positioned contingency stocks.

WFP Response

- Under the December cycle, WFP delivered food assistance for 3.6 million people in all 14 governorates, achieving 99 percent of the monthly plan.
- Cross-border deliveries from Turkey accounted for 16 percent of the total WFP food assistance dispatched. The food delivered met the needs of 578,600 people in areas inaccessible from inside Syria in Aleppo, Idlib and Hama governorates.
- Moreover, WFP dispatched food assistance for 368,900 people in 55 locations across hard-to-reach areas in Rural Damascus, Quneitra, Homs, Deir Ezzor, and Ar-Raqqa governorates.

Livelihood and Resilience Projects

- WFP is currently implementing seven livelihood projects, benefiting 133,400 people in 11 governorates across the country. Projects cover various areas including vocational skills training, kitchen gardens, poultry, and farming.
- WFP Syria's livelihood programme is facing significant funding challenges that are delaying programme implementation and jeopardizing the planned 2019 Livelihood programme scale-up.

School Meals Programme

- Under the school meals programme, WFP dispatched 406 mt of fortified date bars, enough for some 298,900 children attending schools in Aleppo, Damascus, Homs, Hama, Lattakia, Quneitra, Deir Ezzor, As-Sweida, Tartous and Rural Damascus governorates.

- In Aleppo governorate, nearly 9,000 children were provided with fresh school meals which comprise a sandwich and a fruit or vegetable.
- WFP also supported some 2,100 out-of-school children with food vouchers in Homs and Lattakia governorates.

Nutrition Assistance

- In December, WFP dispatched nutrition products for the prevention of acute malnutrition and micronutrient deficiencies for 100,500 children in Rural Damascus, Damascus, Tartous, Lattakia, Quneitra, Dar'a, Homs, Hama, Al-Hasakeh, Deir Ezzor, Idlib, 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 Community-Based Management of Acute Malnutrition centres and mobile clinics in Rural Damascus governorates. The supplies were delivered through regular distributions and are sufficient to meet the needs of 575 children and pregnant and nursing women for a period of one month.
- Moreover, 37,800 pregnant and nursing women received nutrition support through cash-based transfers to purchase fresh food, including dairy products, meat, fruits and vegetables, from WFP-contracted shops in Lattakia, Homs, Hama, Rural Damascus, Damascus, Tartous and Aleppo governorates.

Supply Chain

- In December, WFP moved a total of 44,516 mt of various food commodities from its seven storage facilities to 52 cooperating partners across all 14 governorates. Commodities were delivered for various activities and included RTEs, food rations, fortified wheat flour, nutrition supplies, date bars, and yeast.

Clusters and Common Services

Food Security and Agriculture Sector:

- In December, the Food Security Sector of the Whole of Syria conducted consultations on the main findings of the 2019 Humanitarian Needs Overview (HNO) with the Ministry of Agriculture and Agrarian Reform (MAAR).
- The Sector also conducted briefings on WFP's re-targeting tool to the sector partners and is putting efforts to strengthen a more harmonized targeting system for the identification of the most vulnerable food insecure households.

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 December. This includes land transport of humanitarian supplies to Deir Ezzor and Al-Hasakeh governorates in addition to Eastern Ghouta on a no-cost basis.
- The Logistics Cluster also stored 2,316 m³ of newly received humanitarian goods in its common storage facilities in Homs, Qamishli and Rural Damascus on behalf of IMC, WHO, UNFPA and WFP.
- In addition, a total of 1,733 m³ of health, logistics and WASH items were transported via land to Aleppo, Damascus, Qamishli, Homs, Rural Damascus on behalf of UNFPA.

Resourcing Update

- WFP is currently providing food assistance to 3.5 million people instead of the envisioned 4 million people due to limited funding.
- At present, allocated contributions only cover 74 percent of planned WFP activities inside Syria. WFP urgently needs funds to continue providing food assistance to those most in need and requires USD 116.6 million to keep operations running through June 2019.

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WFP Syria Interim Country Strategic Plan

	2019 Total Requirements (in USD)	6-Month Net Funding Requirement (February - July 2019)	People Assisted (December 2018)	Female	Male
ICSP TOTAL (January - December 2019)	737.8m	136.0m	3,592,370	1,975,803	1,616,567
General Food Assistance			3,592,370	1,975,803	1,616,567
School Meals Programme			309,905	151,853	158,052
Out-of-School Children*			2,119	1,038	1,081
Nutrition - Prevention of Acute Malnutrition			100,510	51,260	49,250
Nutrition Support for Pregnant and Nursing Women (Cash-Based Transfers)			37,875	37,875	-
Nutrition - Treatment of Moderate Acute Malnutrition			575	339	236
Livelihood Activities			133,400	73,370	60,030

* The number of Out-of-School children is already included in the above total number of beneficiaries reached through the School Meals Program.