



World Food Programme



WFP Syria

Situation Report #2

February 2018

In Numbers

13.1 million people in need of humanitarian assistance*

6.1 million people internally displaced

10.5 million people in need of food assistance

**According to the 2018 Humanitarian Needs Overview (HNO)*

Highlights

- WFP dispatched food assistance for 2.7 million people in all 14 Syrian governorates under the February cycle, achieving 90 percent of the monthly plan.
- Despite the United Nations Security Council Resolution 2401, which established a ceasefire, the security situation continued to worsen across Syria, particularly in Eastern Ghouta and the north-west.
- Fighting between government forces and non-state armed groups in Idlib governorate has resulted in the displacement of about 385,000 people since December.

Situation Update

Security Council Resolution 2401

- In light of the deteriorating security situation across Syria, the United Nations Security Council unanimously adopted Resolution 2401 on 24 February 2018, which called for a nationwide ceasefire for 30 days to allow humanitarian supplies to reach people in need, especially those living in besieged and hard-to-reach areas. Furthermore, the resolution demanded unimpeded and sustained access each week for humanitarian convoys. The ceasefire, however, did not apply to military activities against ISIL and Al-Nusra and their associates.

Situation in Eastern Ghouta in Rural Damascus

- Despite the passing of Resolution 2401, the humanitarian and security situation in Eastern Ghouta continued to deteriorate. At least 900 people have reportedly been killed and another 3,000 people wounded. About 30,000 people were reportedly displaced within Eastern Ghouta due to the ongoing military activity. Amid the worsening security situation, WFP has reached Eastern Ghouta twice through two cross-line inter-agency convoys, delivering food assistance for 7,200 people in Nashabiyeh in mid-February and for 27,500 people in Douma in early March.

WFP's operations in North-eastern Syria

- In north-eastern Syria, WFP's operations resumed in early February, following a temporary agreement between the Government of Syria and the Kurdish Self-Administration for the registration of NGOs in the area. The agreement will be in place for two months, and discussions are currently under way to identify a more sustainable solution. The United Nations continues its advocacy efforts to ensure sustainable humanitarian assistance can be provided in the affected Al-Hasakeh, Deir Ezzor and Ar-Raqqa governorates, where WFP assists more than 350,000 people with food and nutrition assistance on a monthly basis.

2.7 Million
People assisted
February 2018



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Global Humanitarian Funding*

Overall: USD*

WFP share: USD 792,163,289

WFP 6-Month Net Funding Requirements

(March-August 2018)

Transitional Interim Country Strategic Plan (TICSP) (March-August 2018)

USD 134 million

** The 2018 HRP is currently being finalized*



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Caption: Food distributions in Ein Issa camp in Ar-Raqqa.

Security Situation in North-western Syria

- In north-western Syria, conflict escalated on several fronts. Fighting between government forces and non-state armed groups (NSAG) in Idlib governorate have resulted in the displacement of 385,000 people since December (some with secondary displacements). Moreover, fighting intensified between different NSAGs in late February, affecting Idlib, western Aleppo and northern Hama. WFP's operations have been significantly impacted by these developments which caused the suspension of food distributions to 72,500 people in south Idlib and north-west Hama, as well as temporary disruptions to distributions in camps in northern Idlib. In response to unfolding events, WFP provided emergency food assistance for 30,000 people in Idlib and Aleppo.
- In parallel, the Turkish offensive in Afrin district has led to a deteriorating humanitarian and security situation, with an estimated 35,000-50,000 people displaced within the district since 20 January. Some 5,500 people have arrived in Aleppo city and surroundings. WFP, in coordination with partners, provided ready-to-eat (RTE) rations for 4,200 people, while the remaining 1,300 people were assisted by other humanitarian actors.

Security Situation in Southern Syria

- In southern Syria, the security situation deteriorated in mid-February as ISIL-affiliated armed groups based in south-west Dar'a initiated a massive ground offensive against non-state armed groups with the aim to expand their control in the area. Fighting caused the displacement of thousands of people from Hit in southwest Dar'a into surrounding villages. In response, WFP provided RTE rations for 3,100 people in Amoriyeh, Zayzun, and Tafas.

WFP's Response

- Under the February cycle, WFP delivered food assistance for 2.7 million people in all 14 governorates, achieving 90 percent of the monthly plan.
- Cross-border deliveries from Jordan and Turkey accounted for 24 percent of the total food dispatched. The food delivered meets the needs of 650,000 people in areas inaccessible from inside Syria in Aleppo, Idlib, Quneitra, As-Sweida and Dar'a governorates.
- Moreover, dispatches included the delivery of food assistance for 131,000 people in ten locations, classified by the United Nations as besieged or hard-to-reach, in Aleppo, Ar-Raqqa, Deir Ezzor, Dar'a, Quneitra and Rural Damascus governorates.
- In response to the needs of thousands of displaced people in Al-Hasakeh governorate, WFP provided RTE rations for 7,000 people at Mabrouka and Al-Hole camps in the governorate.

Livelihood and Resilience Projects

- WFP is currently implementing six livelihood projects, benefitting over 60,000 people in ten governorates across the country. Projects cover various areas including vocational skills training, kitchen gardens, poultry, farming, and food processing. For the first

time since late 2016, WFP has restarted implementing livelihood activities in Al-Hasakeh governorate, introducing two livelihood projects related to poultry and tunnel farming, which support 5,500 beneficiaries.

School Meals Programme

- Under the school meals programme, WFP dispatched 4,330 mt of milk and fortified date bars, enough for 295,000 children attending schools in Aleppo, As-Sweida, Damascus, Dar'a, Hama, Homs, Lattakia, Rural Damascus, and Tartous governorates. WFP also reached 919 students through its cash-based-transfer (CBT) support to out-of-school children (OOSC) activity in Homs and Lattakia governorates.

Nutrition Assistance

- WFP dispatched nutrition products for the prevention of acute malnutrition and micronutrient deficiencies for 68,700 children in Aleppo, Idlib, Rural Damascus, Damascus, Tartous, Quneitra, Dar'a, Homs, Hama, Al-Hasakeh 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 CMAM¹ centers in Al-Hasakeh governorate. The supplies are sufficient to meet the needs of about 330 children and pregnant and nursing women for a period of three months. Additional nutrition supplies for 55 children and pregnant and nursing women were dispatched to Nashabiyeh in Eastern Ghouta as part of a cross-line inter-agency convoy.
- Moreover, 20,544 pregnant and nursing women received nutrition support through CBT to purchase fresh food, including dairy products, meat, fruits and vegetables, from WFP-contracted retailers in Lattakia, Tartous, Homs, Hama, Rural Damascus and Aleppo governorates.



Supply Chain

- In February, WFP moved a total of 38,000 mt of various food commodities from its eight storage facilities to 50 cooperating partners across all 14 governorates. Commodities were delivered under various activities and included food boxes, fortified wheat flour, nutrition supplies, date bars, milk, and yeast.

Clusters and Common Services



Food Security and Agriculture Sector

- As part of its regular activities, the Food Security and Agriculture Sector in Syria facilitated discussions with Whole of Syria partners to determine areas where food support will be needed through inter-agency convoys for both March and April.
- The sector also finalised the multi-hub response plan for north-western Syria, including Afrin, which covers both food assistance and quick impact livelihood projects. Discussions are ongoing to prepare a contingency plan focusing on scenarios developed by the inter-sector coordination group.

¹ Community-Based Management of Acute Malnutrition

Logistics Cluster

- The WFP-led Logistics Cluster continued to facilitate coordination services, information management and logistic support to the humanitarian community in Syria, providing logistics services to six partners in February. This includes land transport of humanitarian supplies to Deir Ezzor and Al-Hasakeh governorates at a no-cost basis.
- The Logistics Cluster facilitated only one inter-agency humanitarian convoys to the besieged area of Eastern Ghouta in Rural Damascus.
- In addition, a total of 238 m³ of health cargo was transported via land inside Syria on behalf of UNFPA. A total of 700 litres of fuel were donated to International Medical Corps (IMC).
- The cluster also stored 401 m³ of newly received humanitarian goods in its common storage facilities in Rural Damascus on behalf of MEDAIR, UNICEF and WHO.

Resourcing Update

- WFP is currently providing food assistance to 3 million people instead of the envisioned 4 million people due to lower funding levels than anticipated. WFP urgently needs funds to continue providing food assistance to those most in need and requires USD 134 million to keep operations running through August.

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WFP's Activities					
	Total Requirements (in USD)	6-Month Net Funding Requirements (Mar-Aug 2018) (in USD)	People Assisted (February 2018)	Female	Male
Transitional Interim Country Strategic Plan (TICSP) (Jan – Dec 2018)	792 million	134 million	2,703,725*	1,487,049	1,216,676
General Food Assistance			2,703,725	1,487,049	1,216,676
School Meals Programme			295,161	144,629	150,532
Out-of-School Children			919	450	469
Nutrition - Prevention of Acute Malnutrition			68,698	35,036	33,662
Nutrition Support for Pregnant and Nursing Women (Cash-Based Transfers)			20,544	20,544	0
Nutrition - Treatment of Moderate Acute Malnutrition			388	228	160
Livelihood Activities			60,770	33,424	27,347

* The total beneficiary figure includes beneficiaries of other activities as there is almost a complete overlap between activities.