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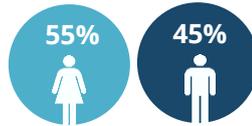
WFP Syria Situation Report #2

February 2020



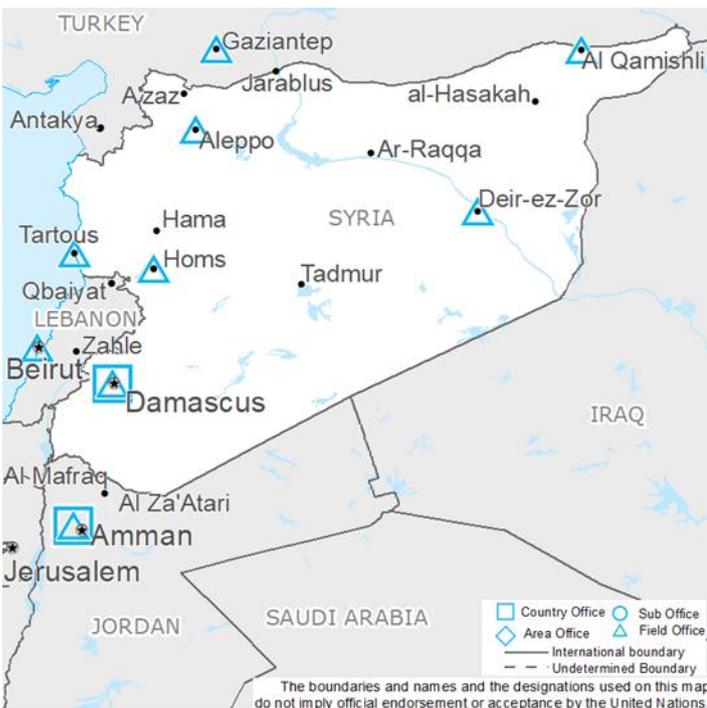
4.3 million people assisted

February 2020 (based on dispatches)



WFP Syria Interim Country Strategic Plan (ICSP)

2020 Syrian Arab Republic Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP)	Overall: <i>Not yet available</i>
	WFP share: USD 985 million
WFP Net Funding Requirement (March 2020 – August 2020) WFP Syria Interim Country Strategic Plan (ICSP)	USD 184 million



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In Numbers

11.1 million people in need of humanitarian assistance

6.1 million people internally displaced

7.9 million people food insecure

1.9 million people at risk of food insecurity

Highlights

- In February, WFP dispatched assistance sufficient for an estimated 4.3 million people across its activities in Syria.
- WFP dispatched general food assistance sufficient for 3.9 million people across all 14 Syrian governorates. This includes food assistance for more than 580,700 people dispatched via the cross-border operation from Turkey to areas not accessible from inside Syria.
- WFP provided cash-based transfers to 124,900 people at a total value of USD 2.4 million.
- In response to the situation in north-west Syria, WFP assisted some 509,000 newly displaced people with ready-to-eat rations, and reached close to 1.2 million people with general food assistance in February in the north-west.
- In southern Syria, clashes erupted in Dar'a governorate between government forces and non-state armed groups in the city of An-Sanamayn; the first such incident since 2018.

Situation Update

North-Western Syria

- The security situation remained extremely volatile across north-western Syria in February, with hostilities continuing across large swaths of Idlib and western Aleppo governorates.
- Population displacement accelerated, with 375,000 people displaced in February alone. In total, some 961,000 people had been displaced since 01 December 2019 by [01 March 2020](#) according to the UNHCR-led Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM) Cluster; the largest wave of displacement in nearly nine years of crisis in Syria.

- Among the recently displaced, 72 percent, some 704,000 people, reported food as a primary need, a significant increase from the 57 percent who reported food as a primary need in early February.
- WFP assisted 509,000 newly displaced people in north-western Syria with ready-to-eat rations (RTEs) in February. In addition, WFP reached close to 1.2 million people with general food assistance (GFA) dispatched into Syria via the cross-border operation in February.
- *For the latest information in WFP's response in north-western Syria, see the latest dedicated [WFP Syria North-Western Syria Emergency Situation Report](#) released on 03 March 2020.*

North-Eastern Syria

- The security situation in Al-Hasakeh governorate remained relatively stable in February, despite several minor incidents primarily concentrated in the southern rural areas of the governorate. All roads normally used by the UN remained clear throughout the month, and UN missions were conducted normally without incident.
- WFP dispatched food assistance sufficient for some 925,000 people across the north-eastern governorates of Al-Hasakeh, Ar-Raqqa and Deir Ezzor in February.

Southern Syria

- In southern Syria, the security situation in Dar'a governorate continued to deteriorate: On 19 February, two Oxfam staff members were killed, and on 29 February clashes erupted between government forces and non-state armed groups in the city of An-Sanamayn; the first clashes since 2018.
- The security situation in Damascus city deteriorated significantly in February, with a notable escalation in improvised explosive device (IED) and vehicle-borne improvised explosive device (VBIED) attacks. Six such attacks were reported in the city in February, with an additional two reported in Rural Damascus. In comparison, seventeen IED incidents were reported in the capital and the surrounding areas throughout 2019.
- WFP dispatched food assistance sufficient for some 1.3 million people across the southern governorates of Dar'a, Damascus, Rural Damascus, As-Sweida, and Quneitra in February.

WFP Response

- In February, WFP dispatched general food assistance (GFA) sufficient for some 3.9 million people across all 14 Syrian governorates.
- Cross-border deliveries from Turkey under [UN Security Council Resolution 2165](#) (2014, extended under [Resolution 2504](#) in January 2020), accounted for 15

percent of the total WFP food assistance dispatched. This includes food rations for some 580,700 people in opposition-held Idlib governorate and opposition-held areas of Aleppo governorate inaccessible from inside Syria.

- In February, a total of USD 2.4 million in cash-based transfers (CBT) was distributed to 124,900 beneficiaries across three activities: Nutrition (Malnutrition prevention - support to pregnant and lactating women and girls), Livelihoods and Resilience, and School Feeding (support to out-of-school children).

Livelihood and Resilience Programme

- In February, WFP reached some 65,300 people under its livelihood and resilience projects across Rural Damascus, Aleppo, Dar'a, As-Sweida, Quneitra, Homs, Hama, Qamishli, Al-Hasakeh, Tartous, and Lattakia governorates.

School Feeding Programme

- WFP reached a total of 990,200 children under the School Feeding activity in February:
- Fortified school snacks were distributed to 962,200 children in primary schools of Aleppo, Homs, Hama, Rural Damascus, Damascus, Dar'a, As-Sweida, Al-Hasakeh, Ar-Raqqa, Deir Ezzor, Tartous and Lattakia.
- WFP also supported some 28,000 out-of-school children enrolled in the UNICEF-supported "Curriculum B" accelerated learning programme with cash-based transfers (value vouchers) in Damascus, Rural Damascus, Homs, Hama, Qamishli, Tartous, Lattakia and Aleppo governorates.

Nutrition Programme

- In February, WFP dispatched nutrition products for the prevention of acute malnutrition and micronutrient deficiencies for 147,700 children and pregnant and lactating women and girls (PLWG) across Al-Hasakeh, Ar-Raqqa, Deir Ezzor, Dar'a, Quneitra, Aleppo, Damascus, Rural Damascus, Hama and Homs Damascus governorates. This includes 57,800 PLWG who received nutrition support through CBT to purchase fresh food, including dairy products, meat, fruits and vegetables, from 108 WFP-contracted shops.
- 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 2,600 children and pregnant and lactating women and girls.

Clusters and Common Services

Food Security Sector

- In north-western Syria, the Food Security Sector continued to support the frontline emergency response in February through Sector member coordination, the development and use of emergency tracker database, as well as the organization of ad-hoc Strategic Advisory Group and cluster meetings. By the end of February 2020, Food Security Sector members had provided one-off distributions of Emergency Food Baskets to 116,500 people, RTEs to 567,800 people, cash-based transfers to 159,200 people, and cooked meals to 100,200 people.
- In north-eastern Syria, winter conditions continued to affect the situation of displaced families living at the Areesha IDP (internally displaced persons) camp, as well as other camps and informal sites. The Food Security Sector reached some 522,600 people with emergency food assistance and 107,600 people received agriculture-based livelihoods inputs and assets restoration support in areas of return.

Logistics Cluster

- In February, the WFP-led Logistics Cluster facilitated the storage 344 m³ of newly received humanitarian goods in its storage facilities in Rural Damascus and Qamishli governorates on behalf of UNFPA.
- Facilitating the cross-border operation from Turkey, the Logistics Cluster transhipped 927 trucks from Turkey to Syria in February: 738 Syrian trucks through the Bab al-Hawa crossing, and 189 Syrian trucks through the Bab al-Salam crossing in January.

Resourcing Update

- Overall, WFP urgently requires USD 184 million to keep operations running through August 2020. If WFP does not receive additional funds in March, the operation will face a pipeline break from June onward as there is a four month lead time to import food into Syria.

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WFP Syria Interim Country Strategic Plan (2019-2020)

	2020 Requirement (in USD)	6-Month Net Funding Requirement (March - August 2020)	People Assisted (Dispatches) (February 2020)	Female	Male
ICSP (January 2019 – December 2020)	984.9 m	184 m	4,319,179		
Activity 1: General Food Assistance			3,886,530	2,137,592	1,748,939
Activity 2: School Feeding			990,197	485,197	505,000
Activity 3: Livelihoods and Resilience			65,325	35,929	29,396
Activity 4: Nutrition - Prevention of Acute Malnutrition			147,738	103,672	44,066
Activity 5: Nutrition - Treatment of Moderate Acute Malnutrition			2,590	1,528	1,062