

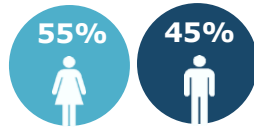


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WFP Syria Situation Report #5



3.5 million people assisted
May 2019



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 (July – December 2019) Syria Interim Country Strategic Plan (ICSP)	USD 217.8 million

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 May, WFP dispatched food assistance for 3.5 million people across all 14 Syrian governorates. This includes food assistance for some 351,000 people in 62 locations across hard-to-reach areas, and food assistance for 670,800 people provided via the cross-border operation from Turkey to areas not accessible from inside Syria.
- The security situation in north-western Syria deteriorated dramatically over the course of May, with 270,000 people displaced.
- In response to the surge in conflict, WFP assisted some 190,000 people with emergency food assistance through ready-to-eat rations (RTEs).

Situation Update

North-Western Syria

- The security situation in north-western Syria deteriorated dramatically in May, with a massive surge in conflict between government forces and their supports and non-state armed group forces in the north-west de-escalation zone, affecting southern Idlib, northern Hama, and western Aleppo governorates.
- The surge in conflict led to mass population displacement across May, with some 270,000 people displaced by the surge in conflict in southern Idlib and northern Hama governorates over the first three weeks of May alone (01-22 May), according to the UNHCR-led Camp Coordination and Camp Management Cluster (CCCM).
- Reports indicate that agriculture has been severely impacted by fires with no confirmation on the cause. The destruction of crops and damage to agricultural equipment has potentially serious impacts on the food security situation in an already vulnerable area, and WFP is assessing the



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impacts together with its Food Security and Agriculture Cluster partners.

- Over the course of May, WFP and its cooperating partners continued to respond to the needs of the affected population, including providing emergency food assistance through ready-to-eat rations (RTEs) to some 190,000 people affected by the surge in violence, primarily in the IDP camps in the Dana sub-district of northern Idlib governorate, but also in southern Idlib governorate and rural western and northern Aleppo governorate, including Afrin.

North-Eastern Syria

- No new arrivals to the Al-Hole camp (Al-Hasakeh governorate) was reported in May, as the situation in the areas of Deir Ezzor governorate where most of the IDPs have arrived from have stabilized. At least 1,300 people have left the camp, with some 500 foreigners reportedly departing for their home countries, and 800 Syrians departing for their home governorates. As a result, the total camp population at the end of May was some 72,500, a slight decrease from April.
- WFP continued to cover the monthly food needs of the entire camp population with daily 2,100 kcal food rations as well as nutrition supplies to children and pregnant and lactating women and girls (PLWG).
- WFP continues to assist the population in the IDP camps of north-eastern Syria and assisted some 145,000 people across the Al-Hole, Newroz, Al-Roj, Ein Issa, Mabrouka, Abo Khashab, and Towhenieh IDP camps in May.

Central Syria

- Groups of people leaving the Rukban settlement continued to arrive in Homs governorate over the month of May, with 5,700 newly arrivals at the collective shelters. Since late March, some 13,360 people have left the settlement. WFP, through the Syrian Arab Red Crescent (SARC) cooperating partners, provides RTEs to all arrivals from the settlement in the collective shelters.
- The humanitarian needs in the Rukban settlement remain dire. The humanitarian community in Syria continues to advocate for a third convoy to assist the 29,000 people that remain there.

WFP Response

- In May, WFP delivered general food assistance (GFA) for 3.5 million people across all 14 Syrian governorates, accounting for 97 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 19 percent of the total WFP food assistance dispatched. This includes food rations for some 670,800 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 351,000 people in 62 locations across [areas classified by the UN as hard-to-reach](#) in Ar-Raqqa, Deir Ezzor, Homs and Rural Damascus governorates in May.
- In May, a total of USD 2.4 million in cash-based transfers (CBT) was distributed to 108,500 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 May, WFP reached 67,750 people under its six 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 357,300 children attending schools in Aleppo, Damascus, Rural Damascus, Homs, Hama, Lattakia, Tartous, Quneitra, and As-Sweida governorates with fortified date bars in May.
- WFP supported some 23,900 out-of-school children with food vouchers in Tartous, Hama, Al-Hasakeh, Aleppo, Homs and Lattakia governorates.

Nutrition Programme

- In May, WFP dispatched nutrition products for the prevention of acute malnutrition and micronutrient deficiencies for 95,500 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 5,900 children and pregnant and lactating women and girls.
- 46,300 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

- A joint CBT mission was undertaken in three refugee and IDP camps in north-eastern Syria, where WFP is expected to implement CBT targeting some 33,000 households, approximately 165,000 people. A CBT solution involving several CO units as well as the Qamishli Field Office is being drafted, which will be piloted in the Al-Hole, Ein Issa and Roj camps.

Clusters and Common Services

Food Security Sector

- The Syria Food Security Sector (FSS) continued to coordinate and support the provision of assistance in the Al-Hole camp (Al-Hasakeh governorate) among other north-eastern camps through RTEs and 2,100 kcal/day food rations.
- The FSS is also coordinating with all partners from inside Syria and in Turkey to fully reach the newly accessible areas of Deir Ezzor governorate. WFP in May reached several new locations, including Al-Baghouz and Susah towns in rural Deir Ezzor with food rations.
- The FSS launched the 2019 Assessment Registry Collection Tool to collect details on partners assessments and allow partners to upload assessment reports and any other shareable data.

Logistics Cluster

- In May, the WFP-led Logistics Cluster served four partners, and facilitated the storage of 543.8 m³ of newly received humanitarian goods in its common storage facilities in Rural Damascus and Qamishli governorates on behalf of the International Medical Corps, ICRC, and UNICEF.

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

193.4 million to keep operations running through November 2019.

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WFP Syria Interim Country Strategic Plan (2019-2020)

	2019 Total Requirement (in USD)	6-Month Net Funding Requirement (July - December 2019)	People Assisted (May 2019)	Female	Male
ICSP (January - December 2019)	737.8m	217.8 m	3,503,950	1,927,173	1,576,778
General Food Assistance			3,503,950	1,927,173	1,576,778
School Feeding Programme			381,202	186,789	194,413
Nutrition - Prevention of Acute Malnutrition			95,460	48,685	46,775
Nutrition Support for Pregnant and Nursing Women (Cash-Based Transfers)			46,250	46,250	N/A
Nutrition - Treatment of Moderate Acute Malnutrition			5,885	3,472	2,413
Livelihood Activities			67,755	37,265	30,470