

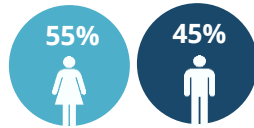


# WFP Syria Situation Report #1

## January 2019



**3.1 million people assisted**  
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WFP Syria Interim Country Strategic Plan (ICSP)

<b>2018 Syrian Arab Republic Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP)</b> <i>(2019 HRP forthcoming)</i>	<b>Overall:</b> <b>USD 3.51 billion</b>
	<b>WFP share:</b> <b>USD 790.2 million</b>
<b>WFP Net Funding Requirement</b> (February – July 2019) Syria Interim Country Strategic Plan (ICSP)	<b>USD 102.4 million</b>



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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 January, WFP dispatched food assistance for 3.1 million people across all 14 Syrian governorates.
- WFP dispatched food assistance for 328,300 people in 62 locations across hard-to-reach areas, and food assistance for 537,000 people via the cross-border operation from Turkey to areas not accessible from inside Syria.
- Violence and insecurity across the Hajin sub-district of Deir Ezzor governorate as a result of ongoing anti-ISIL military operations continued to spur population displacement, which accelerated sharply in late January. WFP continues to assist the affected population.

## Situation Update

### North-Western Syria

- Fighting continued in the north-west in January, with reported clashes between the Hayat Tahrir al-Sham (HTS) and the National Liberation Front non-state armed groups in southern Idlib, as well as clashes between the Syrian Arab Army and other non-state armed groups in northern Hama governorate.
- HTS continues to consolidate territorial gains across the north-west and has reportedly established control over 70-80 percent of Idlib governorate, most of rural western Aleppo governorate, as well as large areas of north-western Hama governorate. WFP January dispatches in western Aleppo were temporarily halted due to the security situation.
- Should the situation in the north-west deteriorate further, WFP stands ready to respond to the needs of one 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.

## North-Eastern Syria

- Violence and insecurity across the Hajin sub-district of Deir Ezzor governorate as a result of ongoing anti-ISIL military operations continued to spur mass displacement, which accelerated sharply in late January. Al-Hole camp (approximately 270 kilometres away in Al-Hasakeh governorate), the main destination for the displaced, had at the end of January received some 23,000 people since 04 December 2018, with the total camp population at approximately 34,000 people.
- WFP continues to assist the population of Al-Hole camp including all new arrivals and is scaling up its operation in the camp to meet the growing needs. WFP is providing all new arrivals with RTEs, which provide the entire camp population with 2,100 kcal/day food rations. WFP has enough rations in the camp to cover the needs of 35,000 people and stands ready to scale up further if and as needed.
- Following extensive advocacy efforts, approval was granted in January to resume UN humanitarian assistance to Areesha camp (Al-Hasakeh governorate). Following the approval, WFP conducted deliveries of food rations and RTEs sufficient to cover the entire camp population of approximately 11,000 people as well as nutrition supplies. UN assistance was last provided to the camp on 10 November 2018.

## WFP Response

- In January, WFP delivered general food assistance (GFA) for 3.1 million people across all 14 Syrian governorates, above the standard allocation plan target of 2.9 million (In addition to the monthly standard GFA allocation plan, WFP maintains a buffer to assist approximately 600,000 additional people over the course of the month to address emerging needs, for a total monthly target of some 3.5 million people).
- Cross-border deliveries from Turkey under UN Security Council Resolution 2165 accounted for 17 percent of the total WFP food assistance dispatched. This includes food rations for more than 537,000 people in opposition-held Idlib governorate and opposition-held areas of Aleppo and Hama governorates inaccessible from inside Syria.
- WFP dispatched food assistance for 328,300 people in 62 locations across [areas classified by the UN as hard-to-reach](#) in Ar-Raqqa, Deir Ezzor, Homs, Quneitra and Rural Damascus governorates in January.
- In January, a total of USD 1.4 million in cash-based transfers (CBT) was distributed to 69,300 beneficiaries

across three activities: nutrition support to pregnant and lactating women and girls (PLWG), support to out-of-school children, and livelihood support.

### Livelihood and Resilience Programme

- In January, WFP reached 135,000 people under its six livelihood and resilience projects across Aleppo, Ar-Raqqa, As-Sweida, Dar'a, Deir Ezzor, Hama, Homs, Lattakia, Qamishli, Quneitra and Tartous governorates.
- 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 Feeding Programme

- Under the school feeding programme, WFP assisted some 410,000 children attending schools in Aleppo, Damascus, Homs, Hama, Lattakia, Quneitra, Deir Ezzor, As-Sweida with fortified date bars in January.
- In Aleppo governorate, 8,600 children were provided with fresh school meals which comprise a sandwich and a fruit or vegetable.
- WFP supported some 8,900 out-of-school children with food vouchers in Homs and Lattakia governorates.

### Nutrition Programme

- In January, WFP dispatched nutrition products for the prevention of acute malnutrition and micronutrient deficiencies for 131,000 children across Aleppo, Al-Hasakeh, Ar-Raqqa, Dar'a, Damascus, Deir Ezzor, Hama, Homs, Rural Damascus, Tartous and Quneitra 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 6,700 children and pregnant and nursing women.
- 28,700 pregnant and nursing women received nutrition support through CBT to purchase fresh food, including dairy products, meat, fruits and vegetables, from 72 WFP-contracted shops.

### Supply Chain

- In January, WFP worked to increase its storage capacity in Damascus governorate to satisfy operational requirements in Damascus and the southern governorates of Syria.

- WFP also conducted a retail mission to assess the retail capacity of 25 potential shops in Homs and Hama governorates have expressed interest in providing services to WFP.
- WFP also conducted monitoring visits to selected retailers already under contract with WFP and interviewed beneficiaries to receive feedback on retailer performance.

## Clusters and Common Services

### Logistics Cluster

- Facilitated by the Logistics Cluster, the exceptional United Nations delivery of humanitarian assistance from Jordan to Syria via the Jaber-Nassib border crossing, which started on 09 December, continued throughout January. As of the end of January, 328 of the 349 planned trucks (94 percent) had crossed. WFP completed its part of the operation on 16 January with 289 trucks carrying WFP commodities sufficient for 780,000 people having crossed.
- In January, the Logistics Cluster served four partners, and facilitated the storage of 830 m<sup>3</sup> of newly received humanitarian goods in its common storage facilities in Qamishli and Rural Damascus on behalf of the Syrian Arab Red Crescent (SARC), UNFPA, WHO and WFP.
- No inter-agency convoys were conducted in January.

## Resourcing Update

- WFP is currently providing food assistance to 3.5 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 98.5 million to keep operations running through July 2019.

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## WFP Syria Interim Country Strategic Plan (2019-2020)

	2019 Total Requirement (in USD)	6-Month Net Funding Requirement (February - July 2019)	People Assisted (January 2019)	Female	Male
<b>ICSP</b> (January - December 2019)	<b>737.8m</b>	<b>102.4m</b>	<b>3,127,480</b>	<b>1,720,114</b>	<b>1,407,366</b>
General Food Assistance			3,127,480	1,720,114	1,407,366
School Feeding Programme			427,251	209,353	217,898
Nutrition - Prevention of Acute Malnutrition			131,360	66,995	64,366
Nutrition Support for Pregnant and Nursing Women (Cash-Based Transfers)			28,725	28,725	-
Nutrition - Treatment of Moderate Acute Malnutrition			6,680	3,941	2,752
Livelihood Activities			135,000	74,250	60,750