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# WFP Syria

## Situation Report #8

### In Numbers

**13.5** million people in need of humanitarian assistance

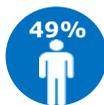
**6.3** million people internally displaced

**9** million people in need of food assistance

### Highlights

- WFP dispatched food assistance to more than four million people in August; 25 percent of the assistance was delivered to areas only reachable through cross-border, cross-line and air deliveries.
- WFP discontinued its successful high-altitude airdrop operation to Deir Ezzor city after the siege was officially lifted.
- WFP faces an imminent funding shortfall of USD 287 million for the next six months

**4.02 million** people assisted August 2017



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### Global Humanitarian Funding

**Overall:**  
USD 3,407,792,269

**WFP share:**  
USD 797,579,193

### WFP 6-month Net Funding Requirements (October 2017 –March 2018)

Protracted Relief and Recovery Operation (PRRO 200988)

**USD 190\* million**

\* Net funding requirements for the first three months of 2018.

Logistics and ETC Cluster (SO 200788)



### Response in northeastern Syria

- WFP continues to successfully respond to the needs of thousands of people that have been displaced as a result of ongoing military operations in north-eastern Syria. In August, WFP dispatched food assistance and nutrition supplies for some 200,000 people in Al-Hasakeh governorate as well as for 185,000 people as part of the Ar-Raqqa response plan. WFP was able to re-establish road access to these areas through northern Kurdish controlled areas in mid-June, enabling WFP to reach new areas and people that were previously cut off from humanitarian assistance.
- Furthermore, in early September, government forces and its allies managed to break the siege on Deir Ezzor city, which had been encircled by ISIL since mid-2014. In response, a humanitarian convoy was able to reach Deir Ezzor city by land; however, it did not contain any supplies from WFP or other UN agencies. WFP anticipates reaching the city by land in the foreseeable future, providing assistance for 70,000 people. In light of these developments, WFP discontinued its airdrop operation to the city, which had been in place since April 2016 (see supply chain section for details).
- In response to the needs of returnees in the governorate of Aleppo, WFP delivered food assistance for 35,000 people who recently returned to Deir Hafer, Maskaneh and rural parts of Menbij in eastern rural Aleppo. The returnees will be included in the regular general food assistance plan. This is the first

time since August 2014 that these areas have been reached, as they were previously inaccessible for WFP due to access constraints, continued fighting and the presence of ISIL

### **Third de-escalation zone in Homs**

- Following meetings between Russia and representatives of armed opposition groups in Cairo, a third de-escalation zone was set up north of Homs city at the beginning of August. Two de-escalation zones had previously been established in East Ghouta in Rural Damascus and in parts of the southern governorates, which are generally holding despite sporadic breaches. This agreement covers three opposition held towns and dozens of villages north of Homs city.

### **Population displacement in southern Syria**

- A small-scale return movement was observed by WFP's cooperating partners in southern Syria. Some people are returning from Jordan and Lebanon into areas in eastern rural Dar'a governorate. During the second half of August, 165 households returned to villages in eastern Dar'a where the security situation is relatively calm and stable. WFP is currently assessing the needs of those returnees in order to provide assistance if deemed eligible.
- In response to the needs of the pre-existing IDPs in Dar'a governorate, WFP provided ready-to-eat rations for 20,860 pre-existing IDPs through the cross-border operation from Jordan. IDPs received food assistance in Dar'a Al Balad in addition other villages in eastern rural Dar'a governorate.

### **WFP's Response**

- In August, WFP delivered food assistance for more than four million people in all 14 Syrian governorates. About 25 percent of the food assistance was delivered through the cross-border operations from Jordan and Turkey, cross-line inter-agency convoys, and an air operation.
- Through the cross-border operation from Turkey and Jordan, WFP dispatched food for about 714,000 people living in opposition-held areas in Aleppo, Hama, Idleb, Quneitra, Dar'a and As-Sweida governorates, which represents almost 18 percent of the total deliveries in July.
- WFP participated in four cross-line inter-agency convoys, delivering food assistance and nutrition supplies for 246,500 people in five hard-to-reach and besieged locations in Damascus, Rural Damascus, Hama and Homs governorates. Of these, 28,750 people were reached in Barzeh in Damascus and Tlul Elhomor in Hama for the first time since the start of the conflict.



### **Food and Nutrition Assistance**

- Under its nutrition interventions, WFP dispatched specialized nutrition products for the prevention of acute malnutrition for 151,648 children aged 6-23 months across the country through regular, cross-border and cross-line deliveries. In addition, WFP assisted 2,097 children aged 6-59 months and pregnant and nursing women with specialized nutrition products to treat acute malnutrition through regular and cross-line deliveries.
- Furthermore, WFP provided nutrition support to improve the dietary diversity of pregnant and nursing women, as their diet has a direct impact on the first 1,000 vital days of their child's life. In July, 12,298 pregnant and nursing women received cash-based nutrition support to purchase fresh food, including dairy products, meat, fruits and vegetables, from 17 designated retailers in Lattakia, Tartous, Homs, and Rural Damascus governorates.
- In August, WFP did not provide date bars to schools under the school meals programme, as the new academic year has yet to commence following the summer break. The programme will resume in September and WFP plans to reach 500,000 students in 10 governorates. In parallel, the cash-based-transfer support programme for out-of-school children was also on hold, as no curriculum B courses were provided during the summer. This activity will also resume in September once the new academic year starts.
- During the summer break WFP supports Summer School Clubs in Aleppo governorate, where elementary school students attend remedial classes to make up for what they missed during the last academic year. This programme is being implemented in cooperation with UNICEF, UNESCO, and the Ministry of Education. In August, WFP delivered fortified date bars for 26,650 children in 74 schools, including 44 schools that are located in formerly inaccessible eastern areas of the city.

### **Livelihood and Resilience Projects**

- Since the beginning of 2017, WFP has been implementing 14 different livelihood projects, benefitting 92,000 people in nine governorates across the country. Projects are implemented in Aleppo, Dar'a, Hama, Homs, Lattakia, Rural Damascus, Tartous, Al-Hasakeh and As-Sweida governorates in cooperation with 19 cooperating partners. Four of the projects were completed by the end of the second quarter of 2017. Projects include rehabilitation of

bakeries, support to household agricultural production, beekeeping as well as vocational skills training. In August, WFP reached 52,625 beneficiaries with food assistance and various inputs through the current activities.

### Supply Chain

- WFP continued its land deliveries to the north-eastern governorates of Ar-Raqqa, Al-Hasakeh as well as parts of northern Deir Ezzor, providing food assistance for about 400,000 people.
- WFP discontinued its successful high-altitude airdrop operation that had been in place since April 2016 after Syrian government forces broke the siege of Deir Ezzor city in 1<sup>st</sup> week of September. Through this high-altitude airdrop operation, the first of its kind in WFP's history, WFP provided seven rounds of monthly life-saving food assistance for about 93,500 people through 309 airdrops. WFP will be able to reach the governorate and city by road in the foreseeable future. This will result in substantial cost savings, as the airdrop operation carried significant costs and could only deliver limited quantities.

## Clusters and Common Services

### Food Security and Agriculture Sector

- The food security sector concluded the outcome indicators monitoring data collection and analysis. This initiative is conducted through a common Post Distribution Monitoring tool among sector partners to follow-up on the effects of various food security and livelihood activities implemented by partners across Syria from all Whole of Syria (WoS) hubs. The data collection was initiated in May 2017, so far 10,390 households in 14 governorates have been surveyed. The sector has released two reports as of late August and the final report is expected to be released by the end of 2017.
- In August, the food security sector in Jordan also finalized the Standard Operating Procedures for working with Local Councils in Southern Syria in order to ensure a proper platform of targeting and verification as per the humanitarian principles.

### Logistics Cluster

- The WFP-led Logistics Cluster continued to facilitate logistics services, information management and logistic support to the humanitarian community operating within Syria.
- In August, the Logistics Cluster facilitated five inter-agency humanitarian convoys to several hard-to-reach and besieged locations in Homs, Hama and Rural Damascus governorates. Around 4,304 m<sup>3</sup> of relief cargo was transported, including education, food, health, nutrition, shelter and WASH items in the framework of the inter-agency humanitarian convoys.
- Moreover, the Logistics Cluster stored 2,992 m<sup>3</sup> of newly received humanitarian goods in its common storage facilities in Qamishly, Rural Damascus and Aleppo on behalf of UNICEF, UNHCR, UNRWA, IOM and UNFPA. In addition, a total of 15,700 litres of diesel were dispatched to UNRWA, and UNICEF, among others, on a cost-recovery basis.

## Resourcing Update

WFP is grateful to the donors who have contributed to the current operation inside Syria since the beginning of the year. However, due to funding shortfalls until the end of the year, WFP is reducing the number of people assisted under the General Food Assistance programme to less than four million people. WFP also urgently requires USD 190 million for its operation during the first three months of 2018. Given the lead time, new contributions are required by early October to ensure timely arrival of commodities for January distributions onwards.

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## WFP Operation

	<b>Total Requirements</b> (in USD)	<b>Net Funding Requirements</b> (in USD)*	<b>People Assisted</b> (August 2017)	<b>Female</b>	<b>Male</b>
<b>PRRO 200988</b> (Jan 2017 – Dec 2018)	1,678 million	190 million	<b>4,016,395</b>	2,209,017	1,807,378
General Food Distribution			<b>4,016,395</b>	2,209,017	1,807,378
School Meals Programme			<b>0**</b>	-	-
Out-of-School Children			<b>0**</b>	-	-
Blanket Supplementary Feeding Programme			<b>151,648</b>	77,340	74,308
Nutrition Support for Pregnant and Nursing Women (Cash Based Transfers)			<b>12,298</b>	12,298	-
Targeted Treatment Programme			<b>2,097</b>	1,237	864
Livelihood activities			<b>52,625</b>	28,944	23,681

\* *\*Net Funding requirements until the end of 2017, including confirmed pledges and solid forecasts*

\*\* *School summer holiday between May and September 2017*