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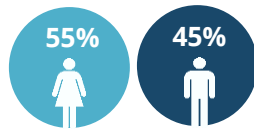
WFP Syria Situation Report #8

August 2019



4 million people assisted

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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
(September 2019 – February 2020)

USD 162.5 million

[WFP Syria Interim Country Strategic Plan \(ICSP\)](#)

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 August, WFP dispatched food assistance for 4 million people across all 14 Syrian governorates. This includes food assistance for 906,800 people provided via the Logistics Cluster-facilitated cross-border operation from Turkey to areas not accessible from inside Syria.
- In August, 147,300 displacements were recorded across north-western Syria due to the ongoing conflict. WFP assisted more than 110,900 newly displaced people with ready-to-eat rations in August, and provided 917,300 people with general food assistance.
- On 17 August, an inter-agency team, including WFP, carried out the third UN mission to the Rukban settlement.

Situation Update

North-Western Syria

- The situation in north-western Syria remained extremely volatile in August, as heavy fighting between government forces and non-state armed groups continued across southern Idlib, northern Hama and western Aleppo governorates.
- As a result of the continued fighting, mass population displacement continued across the affected areas. More than 147,300 displacements were recorded in north-western Syria in August alone, and as of the end of August, a total of more than 630,000 displacements had been recorded since 01 May. Northern Idlib governorate, and specifically the Dana sub-district bordering Turkey, remained the primary destination of the displaced.
- WFP provided some 110,900 newly displaced people across the north-west with ready-to-eat rations (RTEs)



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in August, and has in total assisted some 393,700 people with RTEs since 01 May.

- In addition to the assistance provided to the newly displaced, WFP reached 917,300 people under its scaled-up general food assistance programme (GFA) in August.
- The volatile security situation forced the temporary suspension of WFP assistance in some areas of southern Idlib governorate over 17-18 August and northern Hama governorate remains inaccessible to WFP, affecting the provision of food assistance to more than 20,000 people.
- *For more information in WFP's response in north-western Syria, see the latest dedicated [WFP Syria North-Western Syria Emergency Situation Report](#) released on 10 September.*

Southern Syria

- On 17 August, an inter-agency team carried out the third UN mission to the Rukban settlement (Rural Damascus governorate). The objective of the mission was to assess the number and needs of people who voluntarily wish to leave the settlement and of those who want to stay.
- Five WFP staff members took part in the mission, and WFP also provided logistics and telecommunications support. The previous inter-agency mission to the settlement took place on 04-14 February 2019.

WFP Response

- In August, WFP delivered general food assistance (GFA) for 4 million people across all 14 Syrian governorates, 98 percent of the monthly target of 4.1 million people.
- Cross-border deliveries from Turkey under [UN Security Council Resolution 2165](#) (2014, renewed under [Resolution 2449](#) in December 2018) accounted for 23 percent of the total WFP food assistance dispatched. This includes food rations for some 906,800 people in opposition-held Idlib governorate and opposition-held areas of Aleppo governorate inaccessible from inside Syria.
- In August, a total of USD 1.6 million in cash-based transfers (CBT) was distributed to 58,000 beneficiaries across two activities: nutrition support to pregnant and lactating women and girls and livelihood support.

Livelihood and Resilience Programme

- In August, WFP reached 62,630 people under its three livelihood and resilience projects across Rural Damascus, Aleppo, As-Sweida, Dar'a, Deir Ezzor, Hama, Homs, Lattakia, Quneitra and Tartous governorates.

School Feeding Programme

- In August, WFP provided fortified date bars to some 2,100 students in Lattakia and Tartous governorates attending the intensive eight-week summer program supported by UNESCO to help primary school students who have failed their final exams catch up and move on to the next school year.
- School summer holidays were still ongoing throughout August. As such, school feeding activities remained limited, and no assistance was provided under the out-of-school children and fresh school meals programmes in August.

Nutrition Programme

- In August, WFP dispatched nutrition products for the prevention of acute malnutrition and micronutrient deficiencies for 181,900 children across Al-Hasakeh, Ar-Raqqa, Dar'a, Quneitra, Damascus, Deir Ezzor, Hama, Homs, Rural Damascus, Tartous, Lattakia, Aleppo and Idlib governorates.
- 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 1,500 children and pregnant and lactating women and girls.
- 48,300 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.

Clusters and Common Services

Food Security Sector

- The Whole-of-Syria Food Security Sector reached about 4.1 million people in August with regular food baskets, cash and vouchers, with about one million people reached under emergency response activities. 734,000 people were assisted with agriculture and livelihood activities.
- In response to the situation in north-western Syria, the Syria Cross-Border Humanitarian Fund (SCHF) has released a reserve allocation to mobilize additional funding to support the ongoing response, with a total of USD 22.5 million divided among six recipient clusters. The Food Security Sector continues to coordinate the emergency food assistance response among the responding actors.
- As of 08 September, the 2019 Syria Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP) is only 31 percent [funded](#), with USD

1.02 billion received out of the total USD 3.29 billion requirement. The Food Security Sector requirement of USD 1.1 billion is currently 24 percent funded.

Logistics Cluster

- In August, the WFP-led Logistics Cluster facilitated the storage of 1,028 m³ of newly received humanitarian goods in its storage facilities in Rural Damascus and Qamishli governorates on behalf of UNFPA, UNICEF and WHO.
- Facilitating the cross-border operation from Turkey, the Logistics Cluster transhipped 495 Syrian trucks through the Bab al-Hawa crossing, 77 Syrian trucks through the Bab al Salam crossing, and 8 trucks through the Al-Yarubiyah crossing in August.

Emergency Telecommunication Cluster

- The Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC) supported the UN convoy to the Rukban settlement in August, providing connectivity and telecommunications services and equipment to a total of 42 humanitarian staff who participated in the convoy.
- An ETC maintenance mission was carried out at the Security Operations Centre (SOC) in Damascus city in August to improve the security communications services for humanitarian workers.
- On request from UNRWA, the ETC conducted a maintenance mission to Dara'a on 25 August to repair a High Frequency (HF) radio installation damaged in a storm.

Resourcing Update

- WFP urgently needs funds to continue providing food assistance to those most in need and requires USD 162.5 million to keep operations running through February 2020.

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See also the latest [WFP Syria Emergency Dashboard \(August 2019\)](#).

WFP Syria Interim Country Strategic Plan (2019-2020)

	2019 Requirement (in USD)	6-Month Net Funding Requirement (September 2019 - February 2020)	People Assisted (August 2019)	Female	Male
ICSP (January 2019 – December 2020)	737.8m	162.5 m	4,029,155	2,216,035	1,813,120
General Food Assistance			4,029,155	2,216,035	1,813,120
School Feeding Programme			2,100	1,029	1,071
Nutrition - Prevention of Acute Malnutrition			181,860	92,749	89,111
Nutrition Support for Pregnant and Nursing Women (Cash-Based Transfers)			48,348	48,348	N/A
Nutrition - Treatment of Moderate Acute Malnutrition			1,500	885	615
Livelihood Activities			62,630	34,447	28,184