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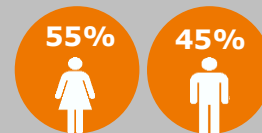
In Numbers

4.4 m people assisted in November 2019

60,767 mt of food assistance delivered

US\$1.9 m in cash-based transfers made

US\$75.3 m six-month net funding requirement (January – June 2020)



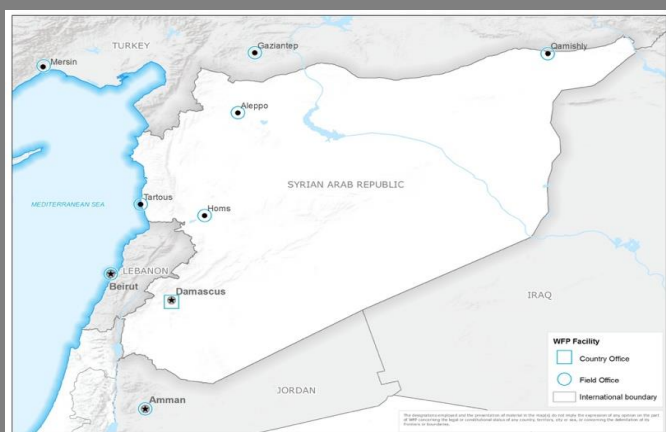
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Operational Context

The conflict in Syria has entered its ninth year, taking a devastating toll on the lives of the Syrian people. The largest displacement crisis since World War II, some 6.2 million Syrians are internally displaced and 5.7 million are registered as refugees outside of the country.

Soaring food and fuel prices, stagnant salaries, loss of livelihoods and reduced food production have led to widespread food insecurity across the country. There are 6.5 million people unable to meet their food needs and a further 2.5 million people at risk of food insecurity, according to the 2019 Humanitarian Needs Overview.

Since 2011, WFP has been providing food, nutrition and livelihoods assistance to conflict-affected Syrian families in the country. WFP has been active in Syria since 1964.



Population: **18 million**

2018 Human Development Index:
155 out of 188

Income Level: **Low-income**

Chronic malnutrition: **81,700 of children**
between 6-59 months

Operational Updates

- In November, WFP delivered general food assistance (GFA) for 4.4 million people across all 14 Syrian governorates. Of this, 23 percent was delivered through the cross-border operation from Turkey to areas not accessible from inside Syria, including Idlib and western rural Aleppo governorates.
- Following the start of Turkish military operations in north-eastern Syria in early October, the situation remains tense, with reports of clashes between Kurdish-led and Turkish-backed forces in multiple areas of Ar-Raqqa and Al-Hasakeh governorates. The security situation in Qamishli remains calm, but unpredictable.
- Small scale displacement continued to be reported, with some displacements recorded from Ein Issa town in Ar-Raqqa governorate, as well as sporadic IDP return movement to Ras al-Ayn in Al-Hasakeh governorate.
- In response, WFP continues to dispatch emergency food assistance to north-eastern governorates of Ar-Raqqa and al-Hasekeh, including ready-to-eat parcels and GFA baskets for immediate distribution to the newly displaced population. WFP in November assisted some 145,740 people including new arrivals and families who remain displaced, with emergency food assistance across Al-Hasakeh and Ar-Raqqa governorates.
- In addition to the internally displaced, WFP Iraq

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Photo Caption: In Nubul village/Aleppo SARC's centre, at a focus group discussion
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Interim Country Strategic Plan (2019–2020)	
Total Requirement (in USD)	Allocated Contributions (in USD)
1.39 bn	845 m
2019 Requirement	Six-month Net Funding Requirement (January–June 2020)
737.8 m	75.3 m

Strategic Result 1: Everyone has access to food

Strategic Outcome 1: Food insecure populations affected by the crisis, including host communities, IDPs and returnees, in all governorates, have access to life-saving food to meet their basic food needs all year round.
Focus area: Crisis Response

- Activities:**
- Provision of general food assistance in the form of regular in-kind monthly food rations and ready-to-eat rations in the initial phase of displacement.
 - Provision of school feeding for pre- and primary school children in regular schools and CBT to out-of-school children enrolled in informal education or alternate learning opportunities.

Strategic Result 1: Everyone has access to food

Strategic Outcome 2: Food insecure families in urban and rural areas affected by the crisis are enabled to meet their basic food and nutrition needs and increase their self-reliance throughout the year.
Focus area: Resilience Building

- Activities:**
- Provision of livelihood support through household- and communal-level asset creation through food assistance for assets (FFA) activities and enhanced human capital through food assistance for training (FFT).

Strategic Result 2: No one suffers from malnutrition

Strategic Outcome 3: Nutritionally vulnerable groups, especially children and pregnant and lactating women and girls, across the Syrian Arab Republic have reduced levels of malnutrition throughout the year.
Focus area: Resilience Building

- Activities:**
- Prevention of acute malnutrition and micronutrient deficiencies in children aged 6–23 months and pregnant and lactating women and girls.
 - Treatment of moderate acute malnutrition in children aged 6–59 months and pregnant and lactating women and girls.

Strategic Result 8: Sharing of knowledge, expertise and technology, strengthen global partnership support to country efforts to achieve the SDGs

Strategic Outcome 4: Humanitarian partners across the Syrian Arab Republic benefit from augmented logistics and emergency telecommunications capacity and services, enabling them to provide humanitarian assistance throughout the crisis.
Focus area: Crisis Response

- Activities:**
- Provide coordination, information management, capacity development and shared logistics services to sector partners that face logistics gaps.
 - Provide shared ICT services, emergency telecommunications coordination and information technology (IT) emergency preparedness training to humanitarian organizations in common operational areas.
 - Provide technical assistance and support services to humanitarian partners.

assisted some 16,700 Syrian refugees who have crossed the border to Iraq since the beginning of the Turkish military operations.

- After a lull following the 31 August ceasefire, the security situation in north-western Syria deteriorated significantly in November. WFP continues to respond to the humanitarian needs, and reached more than 1 million people with general food assistance in November, as well as 43,500 children with nutrition support.
- On the evening of 20 November, a rocket struck the Qah IDP camp in the Dana sub-district of north-western Idlib governorate, close to the Turkish border, reportedly killed 15 people and wounded at least 54 others. Qah camp hosts some 2,800 people, and before the attack, WFP had last provided food assistance to the population of the camp on 07 November.

Monitoring

- In November, WFP and third-party monitoring (TPM) companies conducted 421 on-site monitoring (OSM) checklists across all 14 governorates to monitor GFA distributions, bread distributions, school feeding activities, livelihood activities, nutrition activities, cash-based transfer redemptions and warehouses.
- Of the OSM checklists conducted, WFP monitors conducted 115 checklists, equivalent to 27 percent direct WFP monitoring coverage. The rest of the monitoring checklists were conducted by TPMs in areas not accessible to WFP staff due to the security situation, lack of approvals or temporary logistical constraints.

Challenges

- While conflict lines are shifting, humanitarian access to distribute humanitarian assistance, assess needs and monitor operations remains a challenge. The United Nations continues to call on all parties to facilitate unconditional, unimpeded and sustained access to all people in need throughout the country.

Donors

The largest donors to WFP Syria in 2019 ranked by contributions: USA, Germany, Canada, European Commission, Kuwait.