In Numbers

- **38,457 mt** of food assistance delivered
- **US$ 3.2 m** in cash-based transfers made
- **US$ 479 m** six-month net funding requirement (March 2022 - August 2022)
- **5.5 m people assisted** in February 2022 (based on dispatches)

Operational Updates

- In February, WFP delivered food and nutrition assistance to 5.5 million people across its general food assistance (GFA), school feeding, nutrition, livelihoods, resilience and social safety nets activities in Syria.
- WFP dispatched GFA to some 5.3 million people across all 14 Syrian governorates. Of this, 27 percent was delivered through the cross-border operation from Turkey to areas of Idlib and western rural Aleppo governorates not accessible from inside Syria.
- According to the results of the nationwide food security and livelihoods assessment, 12 million people, 55 percent of the total population of the country, are facing acute food insecurity, and 1.9 million people are at risk of sliding into food insecurity. The number of food insecure remains extremely high and 51 percent higher than 2019 levels – pre-financial crisis and the outbreak of COVID-19. The acute food-insecure figure includes 1.9 million people residing in camp settings who are considered fully dependent on humanitarian assistance.
- In February, WFP completed its emergency response to the severe winter weather conditions, which impacted tens of thousands of internally displaced people (IDPs) across north-western Syria. WFP reached more than 296,000 people with ready-to-eat rations since the emergency response started in December 2021.
- Hostilities subsided in the southern neighbourhoods of Al-Hasakah city, north-eastern Syria, following the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) attack on Gheirwan prison, and the full and partial lockdowns imposed by Kurdish authorities across the north-east following the attack ended in February. Most of the 45,000 originally displaced returned to their homes. As part of the emergency response, WFP provided

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**Photo Caption:** 2-year-old Rana is so excited about receiving the food ration; her mother will make her some cookies with the food ration ingredients © WFP/Hussam Al Saleh
emergency food assistance to newly displaced families during the initial days of displacement, reaching some 12,800 people. WFP also provided general food baskets to IDP returnees in Gheweiran neighbourhood, reaching 37,400 people in February.

- In February, the monthly average price of WFP’s standard reference food basket increased by two percent compared to January 2022, according to the latest WFP data. In February the nationwide average reference food basket price reached SYP 231,004 (USD 92.4 at the official exchange rate of SYP 2,500/USD), marking a new record high for the sixth consecutive month since WFP started price monitoring in 2013. The increase is mainly attributed to the ongoing fuel shortage countrywide, as well as to an increase in global food prices and inflation.

### Monitoring

- In February, WFP and third-party monitoring (TPM) companies conducted 1,423 on-site monitoring (OSM) visits across all 14 governorates to monitor GFA distributions, bread distributions, livelihoods activities, nutrition activities, cash-based transfer (CBT) redemptions and warehouses. Around 20 percent of the OSM visits were conducted directly by WFP monitors or jointly with TPM. The remaining visits were conducted by TPMs in areas not accessible by WFP staff.

### Challenges

- WFP requires US$ 479 million to sustain operations through August 2022.

### Voices from the field (see cover photo)

35-year-old Hana’a is a mother for two children, Ramiz, five years old, and Rana, two years old. Hana’a was displaced with her family from Aleppo in 2014 and lives in Mafa’aleh village in As-Sweida governorate ever since. “Every day is tougher than the one before. My husband earns SYP 120,000 (USD 34 at the official exchange rate of SYP 2,500/USD), and he spends one-third of that on transportation and another third on rent” said Hana’a trying to hide her tears. Hana’a had to leave her young children with her neighbours to find a job to assist her family, but opportunities were limited.

Maintaining a balanced diet is something Hana’a gave up on a long time ago; surviving is all that matters now. “I am extremely worried about my children’s health and growth; we cannot afford the very basic food items” says Hana’a. “We depend completely on the food ration we get from WFP, and when my children see it, they dance with joy as we are rarely able to buy them anything”, adds.

### Donors

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