



# WFP Syria

## Situation Report #10

October 2018

### In Numbers

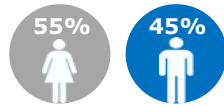
- 13.1** million people in need of humanitarian assistance\*
- 6.1** million people internally displaced
- 6.5** million people are food insecure

\*According to the 2018 Humanitarian Needs Overview (HNO)

### Highlights

- WFP dispatched food assistance for 3.2 million people in all 14 Syrian governorates in October, achieving over 100 percent of the monthly resource-based plan.
- WFP dispatched food assistance for 291,865 people in 62 locations across hard-to-reach areas in Rural Damascus, Dar'a, Quneitra, Deir Ezzor, Aleppo and Ar-Raqqa governorates.

**3.2 Million**  
People assisted  
October 2018



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### Global Humanitarian Funding

**Overall:**  
USD 3.51 billion  
**WFP share:**  
USD 792,163,289

### WFP Net Funding Requirements in 2018

Transitional Interim Country Strategic Plan (TICSP) (November 2018 - April 2019)

**USD 136.0 million**



Photo: ©WFP Marwa Awad Caption: School children receive fresh school meals in Aleppo governorate.

### Situation Update (including security)

#### Situation in North-Western Syria

- Following the Turkish-Russian agreement to establish a 15-20 km demilitarized buffer zone in Idlib to separate government troops from rebel forces, reports indicate that localized conflict via targeted missiles along the Idlib-Lattakia border intensified in the last week of October. WFP remains ready to respond to 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.

#### Situation in North-Eastern Syria

- The recent military operations in Deir Ezzor governorate to drive out the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) have resulted in the displacement of some 13,500 people. On 12 October, the security situation rapidly deteriorated as an ISIL-led attack on the Hajin IDP camp forced WFP to suspend operations when fighters captured the camp for two hours and transported IDPs towards ISIL-held areas in Hajin. As of 27 October, WFP was able to resume distributions in Hajin, completing the overall October plan to reach 27,500 people in these areas.
- During October, the north-eastern part of Syria witnessed adverse weather conditions, including heavy rains which led to flash floods in Abo-Khashab camp. As a result, IDP tents were destroyed and food stocks spoiled. In consultation with the Food Security Sector, an emergency response was initiated with national NGOs distributing food rations to those affected and UNHCR installing new tents.

#### Situation in Southern Syria

- WFP continued to respond to persistent needs in southern Syria following the escalated violence in June and July 2018. WFP now responds entirely from inside Syria. In October, WFP reached over 884,000 people in Damascus, Rural Damascus, Dar'a, Quneitra and As-Sweida governorates.

## WFP Executive Director's Visit to Syria

- On 23 October, Executive Director David Beasley undertook a mission to WFP Syria, his second visit to the country in two years. During his visit, the Executive Director met with WFP staff, Syrian families, partners and government officials, and discussed WFP's current operation and future plans. The mission also included a field visit to Zamalka, one of the worst affected areas of Eastern Ghouta in Rural Damascus.

## Inter-Agency Convoy to Rukban

- On 3 November, the United Nations began delivering critical humanitarian assistance via an inter-agency convoy in cooperation with the Syrian Arab Red Crescent (SARC), with WFP providing enough food assistance for the entire population of some 50,000 people. The last UN delivery of assistance to Rukban camp was in January 2018, delivered through Jordan.

## WFP's Response

- During the October cycle, WFP delivered food assistance for 3.2 million people in all 14 governorates, achieving over 100 percent of the monthly plan.
- Cross-border deliveries from Turkey accounted for 18 percent of the total WFP food assistance dispatched. The food delivered meets the needs of 575,100 people in areas inaccessible from inside Syria in Aleppo, Idlib and Hama governorates.
- Moreover, WFP dispatched food assistance for 291,865 people in 62 locations across hard-to-reach areas in Rural Damascus, Dar'a, Quneitra, Aleppo, Deir Ezzor, and Ar-Raqqa governorates.

## Livelihood and Resilience Projects

- WFP is currently implementing seven livelihood projects, benefiting 66,210 people in 11 governorates across the country. Projects cover various areas including vocational skills training, kitchen gardens, poultry, farming, and food processing.
- In October, WFP began a winter kitchen gardens project targeting 51,000 beneficiaries in eight of the 14 Syrian governorates.

## School Meals Programme

- Under the school meals programme, WFP dispatched 940 mt of fortified date bars, enough for some 500,00 children attending schools in Aleppo, Damascus, Homs, Hama, Lattakia, Quneitra, Tartous and Rural Damascus governorates.
- In Aleppo governorate, nearly 9,800 children were provided with fresh school meals which comprises a sandwich, and a fruit or vegetable.

## Nutrition Assistance

- In October, WFP dispatched nutrition products for the prevention of acute malnutrition and micronutrient deficiencies for 117,750 children in Rural Damascus, Damascus, Tartous, Lattakia, Quneitra, Dar'a, Homs, Hama, Al-Hasakeh, Deir Ezzor, Idlib, Aleppo and Ar-Raqqa governorates, through the cross-border operation from Turkey as well as regular deliveries from inside Syria.
- WFP also delivered nutrition supplies for the treatment of moderate acute malnutrition to

Community-Based Management of Acute Malnutrition centres and mobile clinics in Aleppo governorate. The supplies were delivered through the cross-border operation from Turkey as well as regular distributions and are sufficient to meet the needs of 3,054 children and pregnant and nursing women for a period of one month.

- Moreover, 29,525 pregnant and nursing women received nutrition support through cash-based transfers to purchase fresh food, including dairy products, meat, fruits and vegetables, from WFP-contracted shops in Lattakia, Homs, Hama, Rural Damascus, Damascus, Tartous and Aleppo governorates.



## Supply Chain

- In October, WFP moved a total of 38,973 mt of various food commodities from its seven storage facilities to 52 cooperating partners across all 14 governorates. Commodities were delivered for various activities and included RTEs, food rations, fortified wheat flour, nutrition supplies, date bars, and yeast.

## Clusters and Common Services



### Food Security and Agriculture Sector

- The Food Security Sector for the Whole of Syria completed the household level food security assessments for both inside Syria and cross border hubs. From this, a first draft of people in need and severity by district for the 2019 Humanitarian Needs Overview (HNO) was generated. In the upcoming month, the Sector will conduct consultations with the relevant line ministries in Syria.
- The Sector also conducted the new Gender and Age Marker training as well as Online Project Systems (OPS) training in preparation of the 2019 Humanitarian Response Plan project submissions.



### Logistics Cluster

- The WFP-led Logistics Cluster continued to facilitate coordination services, information management and logistic support to the humanitarian community in Syria and provided logistics services to seven partners in October. This includes land transport of humanitarian supplies to Deir Ezzor and Al-Hasakeh governorates in addition to Eastern Ghouta on a no-cost basis.
- The Logistics Cluster also stored 834 m<sup>3</sup> of newly received humanitarian goods in its common storage facilities in Aleppo, Qamishly and Rural Damascus on behalf of UNFPA, WHO, WFP and IMC.
- In addition, a total of 54 m<sup>3</sup> of WASH items were transported via land Homs governorate on behalf of UNFPA.

## Resourcing Update

- WFP is currently providing food assistance to 3.2 million people instead of the envisioned 4 million people due to limited funding. At present, allocated contributions only cover 59 percent of planned WFP activities inside Syria. WFP urgently needs funds to continue providing food assistance to those most in need and requires USD 136.0 million to keep operations running through April 2019.

## WFP's Activities

	<b>Total Requirements</b> (in USD)	<b>Net Funding Requirements</b> <b>(November 2018 – April 2019)</b> (in USD)	<b>People Assisted</b> (October 2018)	<b>Female</b>	<b>Male</b>
<b>Transitional Interim Country Strategic Plan (TICSP)</b> (Jan – Dec 2018)	790 million	136.0 million	3,206,050*	1,763,328	1,442,722
General Food Assistance			3,206,050	1,763,328	1,442,722
School Meals Programme			499,476	244,743	254,733
Out-of-School Children**			-	-	-
Nutrition - Prevention of Acute Malnutrition			117,750	60,053	57,698
Nutrition Support for Pregnant and Nursing Women (Cash-Based Transfers)			29,525	29,525	-
Nutrition - Treatment of Moderate Acute Malnutrition			3,054	1,802	1,252
Livelihood Activities			66,210	36,416	29,795

\* The total beneficiary figure includes beneficiaries of all activities as there is almost a complete overlap between activities.

\*\* The School Meals out-of-school children programme was not implemented in October due to it being the beginning of the new 2018-2019 academic school year, and eligible children are still being registered.

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