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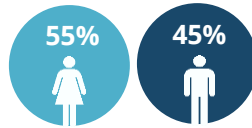
WFP Syria Situation Report #1

January 2020



5.3 million people assisted

January 2020 (based on dispatches)



WFP Syria Interim Country Strategic Plan (ICSP)

2020 Syrian Arab Republic Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP)

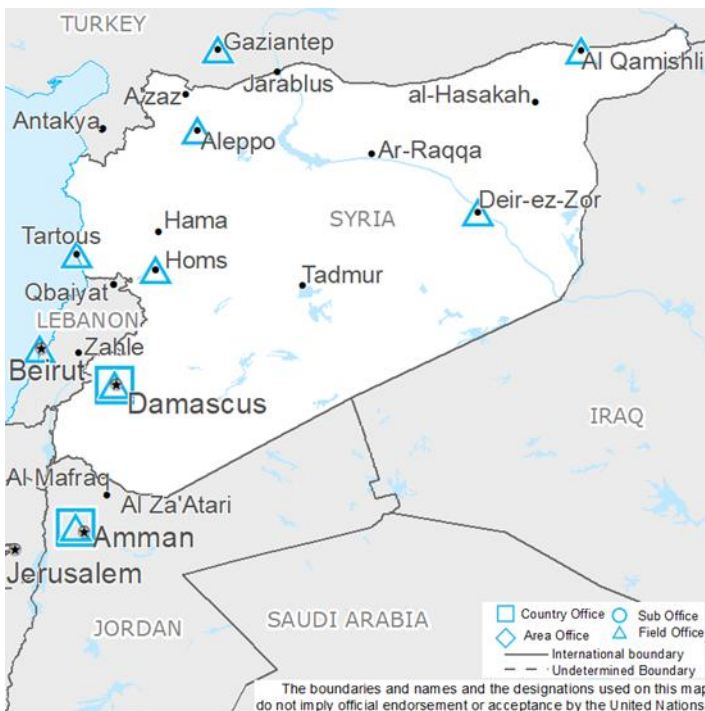
Overall:
Not yet available

WFP share:
USD 648.5 million

WFP Net Funding Requirement (February 2020 – July 2020)

WFP Syria Interim Country Strategic Plan (ICSP)

USD 122 million



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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 January, WFP dispatched food assistance sufficient for an estimated 5.3 million people across its activities in Syria.
- WFP dispatched general food assistance sufficient for 4.9 million people across all 14 Syrian governorates. This includes food assistance for more than 1.6 million people dispatched via the Logistics Cluster-facilitated cross-border operation from Turkey to areas not accessible from inside Syria.
- The high dispatch figure for January was primarily caused by extra dispatches for the cross-border pre-positioning of commodities in north-western Syria.
- In response to the situation in north-western Syria, WFP assisted some 50,900 newly displaced people with ready-to-eat rations, and reached some 897,500 people with general food assistance in January.

Situation Update

North-Western Syria

- The situation in north-western Syria continued to deteriorate significantly in January. Throughout the month, hostilities, including intense airstrikes, shelling and ground clashes continued across southern and eastern Idlib governorate as well as western Aleppo governorate.
- Some 288,000 people were displaced across north-western Syria in January, according to the UNHCR-led Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM) Cluster. Among the recently displaced, 57 percent, some 331,000 people, reported food as a primary need. Most of the displaced people moved to urban centers and IDP camps in north-western Idlib, primarily the Dana sub-district. Winter season added to the already deteriorating humanitarian situation, with the basic needs of shelter, food, health, non-food

and winterization assistance being among the urgent needs of the displaced families.

- WFP assisted 50,800 newly displaced people in north-western Syria with emergency ready-to-eat rations (RTEs) in January, and reached some 897,500 people with GFA dispatched into Syria via the cross-border operation in January. This represents just 80 percent of the monthly plan of 1.1 million. WFP was unable to reach the remaining 20 percent (some 238,000 people) due to the volatile security situation, a lack of manpower (WFP cooperating partner staff and transporters were in many cases themselves among the displaced), the rapid population movement, and access challenges related to winter weather conditions and military movement on main roads.
- The security situation in Aleppo continued to deteriorate in tandem with the offensive in north-western Syria. Non-state armed group intensified mortar attacks on Aleppo city, with 246 strikes reported on the city in January in retaliation for the government offensive. At least 22 civilians were killed in the city in January due to the shelling, with 49 others injured.
- *For the latest information in WFP's response in north-western Syria, see the latest dedicated [WFP Syria North-Western Syria Emergency Situation Report](#) released on 12 February 2020.*

Southern Syria

- The security situation in Dar'a governorate deteriorated significantly in January, as non-state armed groups declared several areas of the governorate "military zones" on 12 January through coordinated statements in local media. As a result, operations in Dar'a governorate were temporarily suspended between 12 and 15 January.
- Distributions to approximately 138,000 people in four locations across Dar'a governorate were suspended in January and remained suspended at the end of the month due to the deteriorating security situation related to the spread of non-state armed groups. In January, WFP reached a total of 230,000 people in Dar'a governorate.

WFP Response

- In January, WFP dispatched general food assistance (GFA) for some 4.9 million people across all 14 Syrian governorates.
- Cross-border deliveries from Turkey under [UN Security Council Resolution 2165](#) (2014, extended under [Resolution 2504](#) in January 2020) accounted for 33 percent of the total WFP food assistance dispatched. This includes food rations for some 1.6 million people in

opposition-held Idlib governorate and opposition-held areas of Aleppo governorate inaccessible from inside Syria. The increase of dispatch came as a result of the preposition measures that were taken as a precautionary measure in the event of the non-renewal of the cross-border resolution in January 2020.

- In January, a total of USD 2.1 million in cash-based transfers (CBT) was distributed to 124,300 beneficiaries across three activities: nutrition support to pregnant and lactating women and girls, livelihood support, and support provided to out-of-school children.

Livelihood and Resilience Programme

- In January, WFP reached some 68,500 people under its livelihood and resilience projects across Rural Damascus, Aleppo, Dar'a, As-Sweida, Quneitra, Homs, Hama, Qamishli, Al-Hasakeh, Tartous, and Latakia governorates.

School Feeding Programme

- Under the school feeding programme, WFP provided fresh meals to 24,000 primary school students in Aleppo governorate.
- In January, fortified school snacks were distributed to 790,000 children in primary schools of Aleppo, Homs, Hama, Rural Damascus, Damascus, Dar'a, As-Sweida, Al-Hasakeh, Ar-Raqqa, Deir Ezzor, Tartous and Latakia.
- WFP also supported some 21,300 out-of-school children with food vouchers in Damascus, Rural Damascus, Homs, Hama, Qamishli, Tartous, Latakia and Aleppo governorates.

Nutrition Programme

- In January, WFP dispatched nutrition products for the prevention of acute malnutrition and micronutrient deficiencies for 215,800 children across Ar-Raqqa, Deir Ezzor, Al-Hasakeh, Aleppo, Idlib, Hama, Tartous, Damascus, Quneitra, Dar'a, and Rural Damascus.
- 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 7,600 children and pregnant and lactating women and girls.
- More than 60,000 pregnant and lactating women and girls received nutrition support through CBT to purchase fresh food, including dairy products, meat, fruits and vegetables, from 108 WFP-contracted shops.

Clusters and Common Services

Food Security Sector

- As of [05 February](#), the 2019 Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP) is only 58 percent funded, with USD 1.92 billion received out of the USD 3.29 billion required. The

Food Security Sector represents 55 percent of the funding received.

Logistics Cluster

- In January, the WFP-led Logistics Cluster facilitated the storage 1,313.7 m³ of newly received humanitarian goods in its storage facilities in Rural Damascus, Qamishli, and Homs governorates on behalf of UNFPA.
- Facilitating the cross-border operation from Turkey, the Logistics Cluster transhipped 1,227 trucks from Turkey to Syria in January: 1,006 Syrian trucks through the Bab al-Hawa crossing, and 221 Syrian trucks through the Bab al-Salam crossing in January. This represents the highest number of trucks transhipped in a single month since the cross-border operation started in 2014.

Emergency Telecommunication Cluster (ETC)

- On 28 January, the ETC submitted its Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP) 2020 to OCHA. The submission was delayed due to the deteriorating security situation at the end of 2019.
- The ETC has been contacted by United Nations Department for Safety and Security (UNDSS) and the WFP Qamishli field office in Al-Hasakeh governorate to carry out maintenance work on its radio infrastructure to ensure that security communications are fully operational during the deteriorating security situation in the area.

Resourcing Update

- WFP urgently needs funds to continue providing food assistance to those most in need and requires USD 122 million to keep operations running through July 2020.

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

WFP Syria Interim Country Strategic Plan (2019-2020)

	2020 Requirement (in USD)	6-Month Net Funding Requirement (February 2020 - July 2020)	People Assisted (Dispatches) (January 2020)	Female	Male
ICSP (January 2019 – December 2020)	648.5 m	122m	5,294,400	2,911,920	2,382,480
General Food Assistance			4,919,510	2,213,780	2,705,731
School Feeding Programme			835,317	409,305	426,012
Nutrition - Prevention of Acute Malnutrition			215,800	110,058	105,742
Nutrition Support for Pregnant and Nursing Women (Cash-Based Transfers)			60,021	60,021	
Nutrition - Treatment of Moderate Acute Malnutrition			7,600	4,484	3,116
Livelihood Activities			68,450	37,648	30,803