



WFP Syria

Situation Report #9

September 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 3.04 million people in all 14 Syrian governorates in September, achieving 96 percent of the monthly resource-based plan.
- WFP dispatched food assistance for 407,454 people in 63 locations across hard-to-reach areas in Rural Damascus, Dar'a, Deir Ezzor, Hama, Homs, Aleppo and Ar-Raqqa governorates.

3.04 Million
People assisted
September 2018



GENDER MARKER 2A TICSP

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) (October 2018 - March 2019) **USD 136 million**

Situation Update (including security)

Situation in North-Western Syria

- On 17 September Russia and Turkey declared an agreement to establish a 15-20 km demilitarized buffer zone in Idlib, following an escalation in violence in western Idlib countryside, western Aleppo countryside and northern Hama countryside in August and early September. WFP delivers regular monthly food rations to nearly 580,000 people in Idlib, North Hama and rural Aleppo from the Turkey cross-border operation. WFP is ready to scale up and support one million people with strategic stocks of food assistance including nutrition supplies for 150,000 children from inside Idlib, Turkey, and inside Syria. WFP has the capacity to keep that scale for the coming months as long as additional funding is provided. WFP requires USD 45 million for at least six months.

Situation in North-Eastern Syria

- Recent military operations in north-eastern Deir Ezzor governorate to drive out the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) from the area continued into the month of September. In August, 8,230 people were displaced and WFP provided all of them with food assistance. On 19 September, WFP participated in an inter-agency rapid needs assessment in areas of Hajin countryside. Following the assessment, WFP dispatched enough food rations to several locations in Hajin sub-district to cover 12,500 newly and formerly displaced people as well as the most vulnerable from the host communities for one month.

Situation in southern Syria

- WFP continued to respond to persistent needs in southern Syria's As-Sweida, Dar'a and Quneitra governorates following the escalated violence in June/July 2018. Between July and September, WFP has been able to distribute food assistance for 469,365 people in 53 locations through single and inter-agency convoys from Damascus, together with



Photo: ©WFP Partner Caption: Families displaced by conflict in Idlib governorate receive food assistance.

its partner Syrian Arab Red Crescent (SARC) and a local NGO. Assistance includes family food rations, wheat flour, ready-to-eat (RTE) rations, and nutrition supplies for the prevention and treatment of malnutrition.

Situation in Eastern Ghouta in Rural Damascus

- An estimated 250,000 people remain inside Eastern Ghouta. In September, WFP dispatched enough food rations for one month for some 109,350 people living in Eastern Ghouta via regular deliveries.

Crop and Food Security Assessment Mission (CFSAM)

- In collaboration with FAO and MAAR (Ministry of Agrarian Reform), WFP conducted a CFSAM (Crop and Food Security Assessment Mission) household assessment between 23 July to 5 August. The assessment, which is representative at district level, assessed 6,012 households covering all governorates in the country, with the exception of opposition held areas (notably Idleb, and parts of Al-Hasakeh, Ar-Raqqa, Deir Ezzor, Dar'a and Quneitra). The report has been officially released by WFP and FAO from FAO Headquarters and can be found [here](#).

WFP's Response

- Under the September cycle, WFP delivered food assistance for 3.04 million people in all 14 governorates, achieving 96 percent of the monthly plan.
- Cross-border deliveries from Turkey accounted for 19 percent of the total WFP food assistance dispatched. The food delivered meets the needs of 577,410 people in areas inaccessible from inside Syria in Aleppo, Idlib and Hama governorates.
- Moreover, WFP dispatched food assistance for 407,454 people in 63 locations across hard-to-reach areas in Rural Damascus, Dar'a, Deir Ezzor, Hama, Homs, Aleppo, and Ar-Raqqa and governorates.

Livelihood and Resilience Projects

- WFP is currently implementing seven livelihood projects, benefiting 65,800 people in 11 governorates across the country. Projects cover various areas including vocational skills training, kitchen gardens, poultry, farming, and food processing.
- So far in 2018, WFP has reached 125,660 people through a range of livelihoods projects, of which some 60,000 have since graduated from WFP assistance.

School Meals Programme

- The 2018-2019 academic school year began in early September. The start date is earlier than the previous year to increase the number of school days and to allow children who dropped out as a result of the crisis to catch up on classes.
- Under the school meals programme, WFP dispatched 266 mt of fortified date bars, enough for over 166,000 children attending schools in Aleppo, As-Sweida, Damascus, Homs, Quneitra, Tartous and Rural Damascus governorates. As the school year develops and the necessary approvals are put into place, the number of children reached is expected to increase.

Nutrition Assistance

- In September, WFP dispatched nutrition products for the prevention of acute malnutrition and micronutrient deficiencies for 121,700 children in Rural Damascus, Damascus, Tartous, 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 Homs and Damascus governorates. The supplies are sufficient to meet the needs of 916 children and pregnant and nursing women for a period of three months.
- Moreover, 26,495 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 September, WFP moved a total of 39,500 mt of various food commodities from its seven storage facilities to 52 cooperating partners across all 14 governorates. Commodities were delivered under various activities and included food rations and ready-to-eat rations, fortified wheat flour, nutrition supplies, date bars, and yeast.

Clusters and Common Services



Food Security and Agriculture Sector

- In August, the Food Security Sector assisted a total of 3.8 million people through WFP and other food security actors.
- The Food Security Sector for the Whole of Syria is working on consolidating various assessments to develop the Humanitarian Needs Overview for 2019.
- The sector also conducted the new Gender and Age Marker training for humanitarian partners for better integration in the project planning phase.



Logistics Cluster

- The WFP-led Logistics Cluster continued to facilitate coordination services, information management and logistics support to the humanitarian community in Syria and provided logistics services to nine partners in September. 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 1,333 m³ of newly received humanitarian goods in its common storage facilities in Aleppo and Rural Damascus governorates on behalf of UNFPA, WFP and IMC.
- In addition, a total of 880 m³ of logistics, protection and WASH cargo was transported via land inside Syria on behalf of IMC, UNFPA and WFP.

Resourcing Update

- WFP is currently providing food assistance to 3.15 million people instead of the envisioned 4 million people due limited funding. At present, allocated contributions only cover 68 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 million to keep operations running through March 2019.

WFP's Activities					
	Total Requirements (in USD)	Net Funding Requirements (October 2018 – March 2019) (in USD)	People Assisted (September 2018)	Female	Male
Transitional Interim Country Strategic Plan (TICSP) (Jan – Dec 2018)	790.3 million	136.0 million	3,035,080*	1,669,294	1,365,786
General Food Assistance			3,065,080	1,699,294	1,365,786
School Meals Programme			166,685	81,676	85,009
Out-of-School Children**			-	-	-
Nutrition - Prevention of Acute Malnutrition			121,700	62,067	59,633
Nutrition Support for Pregnant and Nursing Women (Cash-Based Transfers)			26,495	26,495	-
Nutrition - Treatment of Moderate Acute Malnutrition			2,748	1,621	1,127
Livelihood Activities***			2,438	1,313	1,125

* 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 September due to it being the beginning of the new 2018-2019 academic school year, and eligible children are still being identified.

***Low livelihoods figures are due to the new 2018 winter cycle beginning in October, WFP partners are currently undertaking trainings to beneficiaries and they will receive their entitlements from October 2018.

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