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# WFP Syria Situation Report #11

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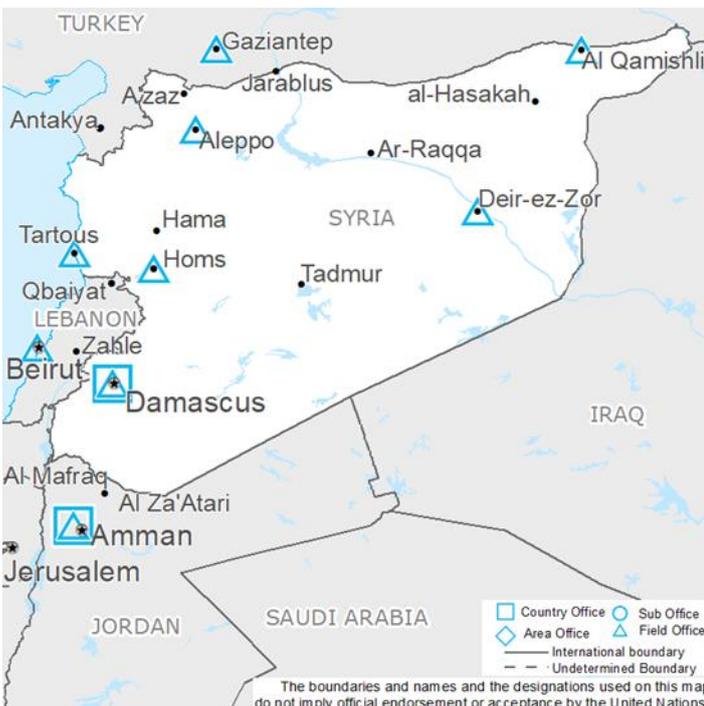
**4.7 million people assisted**

November 2020 (based on dispatches)



WFP Syria Interim Country Strategic Plan (ICSP)

<b>2020 Syrian Arab Republic Humanitarian Response Plan</b>	<b>Overall requirement:</b> USD 3.82 billion
	<b>WFP share:</b> USD 1.07 billion
<b>WFP 6-Month Net Funding Requirement</b> (December 2020 – May 2021)	<b>USD 308.6 m</b> As of 11 December 2020
<a href="#">WFP Syria 2019-2020 Interim Country Strategic Plan</a> (November 2018)	
<a href="#">Interim Country Strategic Plan Revision 02</a> (June 2020)	



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## In Numbers

**6.7 million** people internally displaced

**9.3 million** people food insecure

**2.2 million** people at risk of food insecurity

## Highlights

- WFP dispatched assistance for 4.7 million people across all activities in Syria in November.
- WFP data released in November show that food prices in October reached the highest levels ever recorded, with rates of poor food consumption doubling year-on-year.
- Under the WFP's "Farm-to-Bread" value chain/food system concept, WFP in November finalised the delivery and installation of two generators to two bakeries in Dar'a governorate.
- The number of COVID-19 cases in north-western Syria increased by 131 percent in November, far outpacing the entire rest of the country. Close to 31,400 cases had been confirmed across Syria as of early December.

## Situation Update

### Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

- Approximately 31,412 COVID-19 cases and 787 deaths have been confirmed across all areas of Syria as of the end of November. This includes 8,059 cases and 424 deaths reported in government-controlled areas; 16,289 cases and 166 deaths reported in north-western Syria, and 7,064 cases and 197 deaths reported in north-eastern Syria.
- The number of confirmed COVID-19 cases in densely populated north-western Syria continued to grow dramatically in November, with the number of cases increasing by 131 percent over the course of the month. As of 02 December, 16,289 cases of COVID-19 and 166 deaths had been confirmed.

### Economic Situation

- After a brief decrease in September, food prices continued to increase in October, according to WFP data released in November. The nationwide average

price of the WFP standard reference food basket increased by five percent from September, reaching SYP 88,138 (approximately USD 70 at the current official exchange rate). This is the highest level ever recorded since WFP started collecting food price data in Syria in 2013.

- Concurrently, key food security indicators remain at critical levels, according to WFP mobile Vulnerability Analysis and Mapping (mVAM) data covering the month of October (released in November). Close to half (49 percent) of all households reported inadequate (poor and borderline) food consumption in October, a 44 percent increase since June 2020 and a doubling in the level of inadequate food consumption year-on-year.

### North-Western Syria

- Violence and hostilities continued in north-western Syria in November. As a result, a limited wave of population displacement was reported from areas along the frontlines of southern Idlib governorate. In response, WFP in November assisted some 19,350 people with emergency food assistance through ready-to-eat rations in the affected areas. WFP has sufficient stocks of RTEs should the situation deteriorate further.
- At least seven people were killed and at least 27 others injured in two separate bomb explosions in Aleppo governorate on 24 November. In response, UN Resident Coordinator and Humanitarian Coordinator for Syria, Imran Riza, and UN Regional Humanitarian Coordinator for the Syria Crisis, Muhannad Hadi issued a [statement](#) strongly condemning the attacks. There were no impacts on WFP or cooperating partner staff or operations.

### Southern Syria

- In November, WFP finalised the delivery and installation of two generators to two bakeries in the towns of Jasim and Bosra El Sham (Dar'a governorate). The two bakeries will supply approximately 18,000 families (approximately 90,000 people) with bread daily. This work was carried out under the WFP's "Farm-to-Bread" value chain/food system concept, with the aim of reactivating the bread supply chain as a basic service to the food insecure population; boosting food security while contributing to social cohesion in vulnerable areas.
- Under the same concept, WFP, in cooperation with Première Urgence Internationale, is conducting rehabilitation works on one bakery in the town of Dar'a Al-Balad. Once the rehabilitation works are completed, the bakery will provide fresh bread to some 40,000 people daily.

## WFP Response

- WFP dispatched humanitarian assistance sufficient for an estimated 4.7 million people across all activities in Syria in November.
- A total of USD 2.5 million in cash-based transfers (CBT) was distributed to 127,133 WFP beneficiaries across four activities: General Food Assistance (GFA-CBT pilot); School Feeding (support to out-of-school children); Malnutrition Prevention (support to pregnant and lactating women); and Livelihoods, Resilience and Social Safety Nets.
- In response to COVID-19, and under agreement with UNFPA, CBT top-ups at a total value of USD 843,600 were distributed, allowing the households of the 75,320 pregnant and lactating women (PLW) assisted by WFP to purchase hygiene items (benefitting some 376,600 people).
- As part of the Health Sector-led response to COVID-19 in Syria, WFP, in cooperation with the World Health Organization (WHO) had by the end of November provided food assistance to some 12,600 people in ten quarantine and seven isolation centres in Aleppo, Hama, Homs, Lattakia, Tartous, and Rural Damascus governorates. The project is funded through the Syria Country-Based Pooled Fund (CBPF).

### General Food Assistance (GFA) Programme

- In November, WFP dispatched GFA sufficient for some 4.5 million people across all 14 Syrian governorates.
- Cross-border deliveries from Turkey accounted for 30 percent of the total WFP general food assistance dispatched. This includes food rations for some 1.35 million people areas of Idlib and Aleppo governorate inaccessible from inside Syria.
- Working with UNICEF, soap is included in all WFP GFA food rations.

### Livelihoods, Resilience and Social Safety Nets

- WFP reached some 43,100 people under its livelihoods, resilience and social safety-nets-projects across Rural Damascus, Dar'a, Quneitra, As-Sweida, Homs, Hama, Lattakia, Tartous and Deir Ezzor governorates.
- As part of the COVID-10 response, WFP continue to make hygiene items available to beneficiaries of the Livelihoods and Resilience programme receiving CBT.

### School Feeding Programme

- In November, WFP assisted 525,000 children with in-school provision of fortified snacks.
- WFP reached some 30,000 school children with fresh meals in Aleppo city in November.
- WFP supported 10,300 out-of-school children with food vouchers in Aleppo, Homs, Hama, Al-Hasakeh, Lattakia

and Tartous out of the 75,000 planned. The registration process for new out-of-school students in the UNICEF-supported “Curriculum B” accelerated learning programme is still ongoing, and newly enrolled children will start receiving assistance starting next month.

### Nutrition Programme

- WFP dispatched nutrition products for the prevention of acute malnutrition and micronutrient deficiencies for 348,900 children and pregnant and lactating women (PLW). This includes 75,300 PLWG who received nutrition support through CBT to purchase fresh food from WFP-contracted shops.
- WFP dispatched nutrition products sufficient for the treatment of moderate acute malnutrition for 1,100 children and PLWG for one month.

### Clusters and Common Services

#### Logistics Cluster

- Facilitating the cross-border operation from Turkey, the WFP-led Logistics Cluster transhipped 420 Syrian trucks from Turkey in November. A total of 8,432 mt of Food Security, Health, shelter and WASH items were transhipped on behalf of WFP, UNHCR, UNFPA, UNICEF, WHO, and IOM.

#### United Nations Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS)

- In November, UNHAS Syria completed eight rotations on the Damascus-Qamishli-Damascus-route, transporting 166 passengers; 61 percent were UN staff, 36 percent were staff from national and international non-governmental organisations, and 3 percent were donor and diplomatic passengers.

### Resourcing Update

- WFP requires USD 308.6 million to keep operations running at current levels through May 2021.

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### WFP Syria Interim Country Strategic Plan (2019-2020)

	2020 Requirement (in USD)	6-Month Net Funding Requirement (November 2020 - April 2021)	People Assisted (November 2020 dispatches)	Female	Male
<b>ICSP (January 2019 – December 2020)</b>	<b>1.07 billion</b>	<b>308.6 million</b>	<b>4,748,080</b>		
Activity 1: <b>General Food Assistance</b>			<b>4,498,153</b>	2,473,984	2,024,169
Activity 2: <b>School Feeding</b>			<b>565,267</b>	276,981	288,286
Activity 3: <b>Livelihoods and Resilience</b>			<b>43,120</b>	23,716	19,404
Activity 4: <b>Prevention of Acute Malnutrition</b>			<b>348,876</b>	214,832	134,044
Activity 5: <b>Treatment of Moderate Acute Malnutrition</b>			<b>1,070</b>	631	439