3.3 million people assisted
June 2019

WFP Syria
Situation Report #6
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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 June, WFP delivered food assistance for 3.3 million people across all 14 Syrian governorates. This includes food assistance for some 320,400 people in 69 locations across hard-to-reach areas, and food assistance for 812,600 people provided via the cross-border operation from Turkey to areas not accessible from inside Syria.
- Violence continued in north-western Syria, leading to the displacement of some 330,000 people.
- In response, WFP scaled up its operation, targeting 823,000 people with General Food Assistance in June.

Situation Update

**North-Western Syria**

- The security situation in north-western Syria remained volatile in June due to ongoing fighting between government forces and non-state armed groups in southern Idlib, northern Hama, and western Aleppo governorates.
- According to the Camp Coordination and Camp Management Cluster (CCCM), some 330,000 people were displaced by the recent surge in conflict towards northern Idlib and Aleppo governorates, to areas that are already densely-populated, such as the Dana sub-district.
- Throughout June, WFP continued its emergency food assistance, providing more than 233,000 people with ready-to-eat rations (RTEs) since 1 May. Furthermore, WFP scaled up the general food assistance (GFA) provided across the north-west and targeted 823,000 people in June, an 18 percent increase from May 2019.

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WFP operations in northern Hama governorate remained at a halt in June due to ongoing hostilities, affecting distributions to some 7,000 people. WFP will resume distributions as soon as conditions allow.

- Given the rapidly changing humanitarian environment and the changing needs across north-western Syria, WFP implemented a beneficiary selection exercise to assess the current 823,000 beneficiaries targeted under the GFA programme and to identify additional eligible beneficiaries across the north-west. Based on the results, WFP will increase the target to cover 933,000 beneficiaries in July. WFP will also increase the size of the food ration in July to provide a value of 1,900 kcal per person/day.

North-Eastern Syria

- Across Ar-Raqq, Deir Ezzor and Al-Hasakah governorates some 37,000 hectares of land have been affected by fires. Fires across the country can be attributed to a number of possible causes, including high-temperature levels, deliberate acts of arson, accidental events or as a result of projectiles or landmines. Preliminary findings from the annual Crop and Food Security Assessment Mission, conducted by WFP and FAO, suggest that the recent fires have had little impact on crop production on a national scale; however, the ramifications on the livelihoods of individual farmers could be serious.

- WFP continues to assist the population in the IDP camps of north-eastern Syria and assisted some 144,900 people across the Al-Hole, Al-Roj, Ein Issa, Mabrouka, Abo Khashab, and Towhenieh IDP camps in June.

Central Syria

- People from the Rukban makeshift settlement continued to arrive in Homs governorate over June at a reduced rate. Some 15,600 people have left the settlement to Homs collective shelters since 24 March (37 percent of the total pre-outflux settlement population of 41,700). WFP continued to deliver food assistance to people in the shelters through the Syrian Arab Red Crescent (SARC) cooperating partner and refer those who are leaving to receive emergency food assistance in their areas of destinations. WFP also covers people leaving the shelters with extra allocation through SARC.

Crop and Food Security Assessment Mission (CFSAM)

- WFP and FAO in cooperation with Syria’s Ministry of Agriculture and Agrarian Reform (MAAR) conducted their annual CFSAM from 9 June to 4 July. The mission assessed the county’s food production levels for the 2018/19 agricultural season and reviewed the food security situation in 10 out of Syria’s 14 governorates. The full CFSAM report will be released in September.

### WFP Response

- In June, WFP delivered general food assistance (GFA) for 3.3 million people across all 14 Syrian governorates, accounting for 87 percent of the monthly target of 3.8 million people.

- Cross-border deliveries from Turkey under UN Security Council Resolution 2165 (2014, renewed under Resolution 2449 in December 2018) accounted for 24 percent of the total WFP food assistance dispatched. This includes food rations for some 812,600 people in opposition-held Idlib governorate and opposition-held areas of Aleppo governorate inaccessible from inside Syria.

- WFP delivered food assistance for some 320,400 people in 69 locations across areas classified by the UN as hard-to-reach in Ar-Raqqa, Deir Ezzor, Homs Hama, Aleppo, Dar’a, Quneitra and Rural Damascus governorates in June.

- In June, a total of USD 2.4 million in cash-based transfers (CBT) was distributed to 105,700 beneficiaries across three activities: nutrition support to pregnant and lactating women and girls, to out-of-school children, and to participants of livelihood activities.

### Livelihood and Resilience Programme

- In June, WFP reached 56,000 people under its four livelihood and resilience projects across Rural Damascus, Aleppo, As-Sweida, Deir Ezzor, Hama, Homs, Lattakia, Quneitra and Tartous governorates.

### School Feeding Programme

- The 2018/19 school year concluded in mid-May and thus no date bars and fresh school meals were provided in June.

- Under the cash-based transfer assistance to out-of-school children programme, WFP supported some 24,100 out-of-school children with food vouchers in Tartous, Hama, Al-Hasakeh, Aleppo, Homs and Lattakia governorates.

### Nutrition Programme

- In June, WFP dispatched nutrition products for the prevention of acute malnutrition and micronutrient deficiencies for 150,800 children across Al-Hasakeh, Ar-Raqq, Dar’a, Damascus, Deir Ezzor, Hama, Homs, Rural Damascus, Tartous, Lattakia and Aleppo governorates.

- WFP delivered nutrition supplies for the treatment of moderate acute malnutrition (MAM) to Community-Based Management of Acute Malnutrition (CMAM) centres and mobile clinics sufficient to meet the needs of 1,300 children and pregnant and lactating women and girls.
• 48,600 pregnant and lactating women and girls received nutrition support through CBT to purchase fresh food, including dairy products, meat, fruits and vegetables, from 72 WFP-contracted shops.

Supply Chain
• As part of the planned CBT top-up in refugee and IDP camps in north-eastern Syria, WFP Supply Chain and Engineering Units designed the layout of the retail structure where beneficiaries can redeem their vouchers. The identification process for qualified wholesalers who have the required capacity to deliver fresh products to the retail structure in the camps is ongoing.

Clusters and Common Services

Food Security Sector
• The Syria Food Security Sector (FSS) continued to coordinate the humanitarian response in north-western Syria, with a plan to scale up the provision of General Food Assistance by increasing the size of the food ration to provide a total value of 1,900 kcal per person/day in July and August, and 2,100 kcal per person/day in September.
• The FSS is also coordinating with the Camp Coordination and Camp Management Cluster to ensure the provision of assistance in all newly established and expanded IDP sites in the north-west.

Logistics Cluster
• In June, the WFP-led Logistics Cluster served six partners, and facilitated the storage of 530.6 m³ of newly received humanitarian goods in its common storage facilities in Rural Damascus and Qamishli governorates on behalf of the International Medical Corps, ICRC, UNICEF, WHO and UNFPA.

The Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC) in June installed a fiber link at the UN hub in Homs governorate. The fiber link is fully operational as of 18 June, providing connectivity services to all UN staff.

The UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) has requested the ETC to support the UN convoys from the Rukban makeshift settlement with portable connectivity solutions and communications equipment. The ETC will collaborate with SARC to acquire the necessary equipment.

Resourcing Update
• WFP is currently providing food assistance to 3.6 million people instead of the originally planned 4 million people due to limited funding.
• WFP urgently needs funds to continue providing food assistance to those most in need and requires USD 178.8 million to keep operations running through January 2020.

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Emergency Telecommunication Cluster

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