

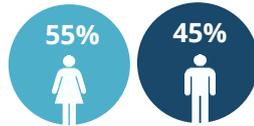


WFP Syria Situation Report #2

February 2019



3.3 million people assisted
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Gender and Age Marker **4** WFP Syria Interim Country Strategic Plan (ICSP)

2019 Syrian Arab Republic Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP)	Overall: USD 3.3 billion
	WFP share: USD 737.8 million
WFP Net Funding Requirement (March – August 2019) Syria Interim Country Strategic Plan (ICSP)	USD 110.9 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 February, WFP dispatched food assistance for 3.3 million people across all 14 Syrian governorates. This includes food assistance for some 266,000 people in 43 locations across hard-to-reach areas, and food assistance for 598,000 people via the cross-border operation from Turkey to areas not accessible from inside Syria.
- The [2019 Syria Humanitarian Needs Overview](#) (HNO) has been released, showing that 6.5 million people are food insecure, with an additional 2.5 million people at risk of food insecurity.
- On 14 February the UN, including WFP [completed](#) the second Logistics Cluster-facilitated humanitarian convoy to the Rukban settlement, delivering critically-needed assistance to the entire population of 40,000 people.

Situation Update

Food Security Situation

- The 2019 Humanitarian Needs Overview (HNO) was released on 01 March. Compared to 2018, the number of people estimated to be food insecure has remained static at 6.5 million, while the number of people at risk of food insecurity has dropped from 4 million in 2018 to 2.5 million this year. The full HNO can be found [here](#).

North-Western Syria

- A significant increase in violence and insecurity was observed in north-western Syria in February, especially in areas of southern Idlib and northern Hama governorates. Civilian casualties, injuries, displacements and destruction of infrastructures have been reported. For the first time in several months, airstrikes have been carried out in the north-west,

concentrated on the Khan Shaykun, Tamanaah, and Saraqab areas of Idlib governorate.

- The growing insecurity is impacting WFP operations, with WFP's cooperating partners postponing planned food distributions to approximately 12,250 people on 18-19 February due to insecurity.
- Should the situation in the north-west deteriorate further, WFP stands ready to respond with strategic stocks of ready-to-eat rations (RTEs), food rations, and nutrition supplies pre-positioned both inside Idlib, in Turkey, and inside Syria.

North-Eastern Syria

- The security situation in Hajin sub-district (Deir Ezzor governorate) remained volatile in February as a result of ongoing anti-ISIL military operations. WFP, through its cooperating partner, was among the first humanitarian organizations to reach the hard-to-reach city of Hajin with enough food rations for some 6,000 people in mid-February.
- Following intense military operations in the last ISIL-held areas of Baghouz, Deir Ezzor governorate, thousands of people were displaced in late February in the largest wave of displacement from the area since military operations started on 04 December 2018. Most of the displaced arrived at the Al-Hole camp (Al-Hasakeh governorate), which received approximately 10,000 new arrivals over the last week of February, most of whom are in dire need of humanitarian assistance. At the end of February, the total camp population was estimated at more than 51,500.
- WFP, together with other UN agencies and international non-governmental organizations (NGOs) are continuing to respond to the needs in the camp, reception areas and transit points. When arriving at the camp, all new arrivals receive RTEs, and inside the camp, WFP covers the entire population with 2,100 kcal per person/day of food rations, as well as nutrition supplies to children and pregnant and lactating women and girls. WFP has sufficient stocks to cover the entire camp population, including the new arrivals.

WFP Response

- In February, WFP delivered general food assistance (GFA) for 3.3 million people across all 14 Syrian governorates, accounting for 91 percent of the monthly target of 3.6 million in February.
- Cross-border deliveries from Turkey under UN Security Council Resolution 2165 accounted for 18 percent of the total WFP food assistance dispatched. This includes food rations for more than 598,000 people in opposition-held

Idlib governorate and opposition-held areas of Aleppo and Hama governorates inaccessible from inside Syria.

- WFP dispatched food assistance for some 266,000 people in 43 locations across [areas classified by the UN as hard-to-reach](#) in Ar-Raqqa, Deir Ezzor, Homs, Quneitra and Rural Damascus governorates in February.
- In February, a total of USD 1.8 million in cash-based transfers (CBT) was distributed to 84,800 beneficiaries across three activities: nutrition support to pregnant and lactating women and girls, support to out-of-school children, and livelihood support.

Livelihood and Resilience Programme

- In February, WFP reached 132,300 people under its six livelihood and resilience projects across Rural Damascus, Aleppo, Ar-Raqqa, As-Sweida, Dar'a, Deir Ezzor, Hama, Homs, Lattakia, Al-Hasakeh, Quneitra and Tartous governorates.
- WFP Syria's livelihood programme is facing significant funding challenges that are delaying programme implementation and jeopardising the planned scale-up of the 2019 livelihood programme.

School Feeding Programme

- Under the school feeding programme, WFP assisted some 589,800 children attending schools in Aleppo, Ar-Raqqa, Damascus, Rural Damascus, Homs, Hama, Lattakia, Tartous, Quneitra, Deir Ezzor, and As-Sweida governorates with fortified date bars in February.
- In Aleppo governorate, 10,500 children were provided with fresh school meals which comprise a sandwich and a fruit or vegetable.
- WFP supported some 13,000 out-of-school children with food vouchers in Tartous, Hama, Al-Hasakeh, Aleppo, Homs and Lattakia governorates.

Nutrition Programme

- In February, WFP dispatched nutrition products for the prevention of acute malnutrition and micronutrient deficiencies for 94,600 children across As-Sweida, Al-Hasakeh, Ar-Raqqa, Dar'a, Damascus, Deir Ezzor, Hama, Homs, Rural Damascus, Tartous and Quneitra 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 2,700 children and pregnant and nursing women.
- 41,500 pregnant and nursing women received nutrition support through CBT to purchase fresh food, including dairy products, meat, fruits and vegetables, from 72 WFP-contracted shops.

Supply Chain

- WFP has concluded a lease and management contract for a new transshipment hub on the Turkish side of the Bab-Al Salam Turkey-Syria border crossing (Kilis). This will enable the completion customs clearance, inspections and cross loading at the hubs, rather than at the border. This will facilitate smoother and more secure border crossing operations and will enable significant cost savings.
- WFP has been notified that previously existing waivers to facilitate WFP food imports to Syria have been revoked. This has led to delays in the import of 26,400 mt of food via Beirut, Lattakia and Tartous ports, incurring additional storage and demurrage costs. WFP has requested the re-instatement of the waivers and facilitation process previously in place.

Clusters and Common Services

Food Security Sector

- The Whole-of-Syria Food Security Sector reached 3.4 million people across Syria with regular food assistance and 148,400 people with agriculture and livelihood activities in February.
- The Sector also supported an Inter-Sector Rapid Needs Assessment analysis following the flooding in north-west Syria earlier this year.

Logistics Cluster

- From 05 to 14 February, the UN, including WFP, and the Syrian Red Crescent (SARC) completed the second Logistics Cluster-facilitated humanitarian convoy to the Rukban settlement on the Syria-Jordan border (the Berm). This was the largest and longest lasting convoy in UN history in Syria, with 133 trucks and some 300 people from both the UN, SARC and commercial transporters participating.

- As part of the convoy, WFP provided food rations, wheat flour, and ready-to-eat rations to the entire camp population of over 40,000 people.
- In February, the Logistics Cluster served four partners, and facilitated the storage of 1,606 m³ of newly received humanitarian goods in its common storage facilities in Homs and Rural Damascus on behalf of the International Medical Corps, UNICEF, and UNFPA.

Resourcing Update

- WFP's activity supporting pregnant and nursing women with cash-based transfers is facing a severe funding shortfall, which is jeopardising WFP's ability to sustain support to this very vulnerable population group.
- WFP is currently providing food assistance to 3.5 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 110.9 million to keep operations running through August 2019.

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WFP Syria Interim Country Strategic Plan (2019-2020)

	2019 Total Requirement (in USD)	6-Month Net Funding Requirement (March - August 2019)	People Assisted (February 2019)	Female	Male
ICSP (January – December 2019)	737.8 m	110.9 m	3,276,260	1,801,943	1,474,317
General Food Assistance			3,276,260	1,801,943	1,474,317
School Feeding Programme			589,764	288,984	300,780
Nutrition - Prevention of Acute Malnutrition			94,610	46,359	48,251
Nutrition Support for Pregnant and Nursing Women (Cash-Based Transfers)			41,436	41,436	-
Nutrition - Treatment of Moderate Acute Malnutrition			2,735	1,614	1,121
Livelihood Activities			133,560	73,458	60,102