

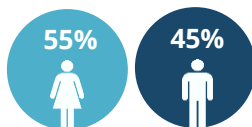


WFP Syria Situation Report #9

September 2019



4.3 million people assisted
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WFP Syria Interim Country Strategic Plan (ICSP)

2019 Syrian Arab Republic Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP)	Overall: US\$3.3 billion
	WFP share: US\$737.8 million
WFP Net Funding Requirement (October 2019 – March 2020) WFP Syria Interim Country Strategic Plan (ICSP)	US\$171 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 September, WFP dispatched food assistance for 4.3 million people across all 14 Syrian governorates. This includes food assistance for more than 1 million people provided via the Logistics Cluster-facilitated cross-border operation from Turkey to areas not accessible from inside Syria.
- In response to the situation in north-western Syria in September, WFP assisted more than than 67,600 newly displaced people with ready-to-eat rations, and provided more than 1 million people with general food assistance.
- The UN and the Syrian Arab Red Crescent in September conducted two inter-agency convoys to the Rukban settlement. As part of the convoys, WFP reached some 15,000 people with food assistance.

Situation Update

North-Western Syria

- The rate of airstrikes decreased in north-western Syria in September following a ceasefire announced on 31 August. However, ground clashes and shelling continued across several areas as the Syrian army announced the resumption of military operations on 16 September.
- Population displacements slowed significantly in September. As of mid-September, close to 700,000 displacements had been recorded since 01 May, according to the UNHCR-led Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM) Cluster. Northern Idlib governorate, and specifically the Dana sub-district bordering Turkey, remained the primary destination of the displaced.

- WFP provided RTEs to 67,600 newly displaced people in north-western Syria in September. Overall, WFP had distributed RTEs to some 418,500 newly displaced people since 01 May by the end of September.
- WFP in September scaled up its GFA programme in north-western Syria further: WFP increased the number of people targeted in September from the original 933,000 to close to 1.1 million, and for the second time in recent months increased the size of the food ration provided (to 2,100 kilocalories per person, per day).
- *For more information in WFP's response in north-western Syria, see the latest dedicated [WFP Syria North-Western Syria Emergency Situation Report](#) released on 10 September.*

Southern Syria

- In September, the UN and the Syrian Arab Red Crescent (SARC) carried out two inter-agency missions to the Rukban settlement (Rural Damascus governorate). The objectives of the missions were to provide life-saving food and humanitarian assistance to the people in the settlement, and assist those who voluntarily wish to leave the camp.
- As part of the missions, WFP provided food assistance to the entire population of the settlement.
- WFP staff members took part in both missions, and WFP also provided logistics and telecommunications support. The previous inter-agency mission to the settlement took place on 04 -14 February 2019.

WFP Response

- In September, WFP delivered general food assistance (GFA) for 4.3 million people across all 14 Syrian governorates 101 percent of the monthly target of 4.3 million people.
- Cross-border deliveries from Turkey under [UN Security Council Resolution 2165](#) (2014, renewed under [Resolution 2449](#) in December 2018) accounted for 25 percent of the total WFP food assistance dispatched. This includes food rations for some 1 million people in opposition-held Idlib governorate and opposition-held areas of Aleppo governorate inaccessible from inside Syria.
- In September, a total of US\$1.7 million in cash-based transfers (CBT) was distributed to more than 58,900 beneficiaries across two activities: nutrition support to pregnant and lactating women and girls, and livelihood support.

Livelihood and Resilience Programme

- In September, WFP reached 33,000 people under its four livelihood and resilience projects across Rural Damascus, Aleppo, Homs, Al Hasakeh and Qamishli governorates.

School Feeding Programme

- Under the school feeding programme, WFP provided fresh meals to 15,300 primary school students in Aleppo governorate.
- September was the first month of the school year. As such, school feeding activities remained limited. Date bars were distributed to around 5,000 children in Areesha, Al Hol and Mabrouka camps in Al-Hasakeh (North east Syria) in UNICEF supported self-learning centres.

Nutrition Programme

- In September, WFP dispatched nutrition products for the prevention of acute malnutrition and micronutrient deficiencies for 155,900 children across Al-Hasakeh, Ar-Raqqa, Dar'a, Quneitra, Damascus, Deir Ezzor, Hama, Homs, Rural Damascus, Tartous, Lattakia, Aleppo and Idlib governorates.
- 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 5,250 children and pregnant and lactating women and girls.
- 49,000 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.

Clusters and Common Services

Food Security Sector

- The Whole-of-Syria Food Security Sector reached some 4.7 million people in September with regular food baskets, cash and vouchers, with about two million people reached under emergency response activities. Approximately one million people have been assisted with agriculture and livelihoods activities since January 2019.
- As of [25 September](#), the 2019 Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP) is only 34 percent funded, with US\$1.11 billion received out of the US\$3.29 billion required. The Food Security Sector represents 27 percent of the funding received.

Logistics Cluster

- In September, the WFP-led Logistics Cluster facilitated the storage 1070.5 m³ of newly received humanitarian goods in its storage facilities in Rural Damascus and Qamishli governorates on behalf of UNFPA and UNICEF.
- Facilitating the cross-border operation from Turkey, the Logistics Cluster transhipped 692 Syrian trucks through the Bab al-Hawa crossing, and 116 Syrian trucks through the Bab al Salam crossing in September.

Emergency Telecommunication Cluster (ETC)

- A three-day radio communications capacity building workshop was held in Toulouse, France from 10 –12 September for 20 IT staff from various UN agencies working in Syria. The training aimed to build technical capacity for all agencies using new radio equipment within Syria.
- The ETC is finalising the deployment of the security communications infrastructure in Deir Ezzor governorate.
- The ETC received approval to relocate the UNICEF satellite terminal in Homs to Deir Ezzor. The satellite terminal has been moved to Deir Ezzor by road and planning for the installation is ongoing. Moreover, the ETC is preparing to upgrade the link to improve connectivity at the UN hub in Aleppo.

Resourcing Update

- WFP urgently needs funds to continue providing food assistance to those most in need and requires US\$171 million to keep operations running through March 2020.

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

WFP Syria Interim Country Strategic Plan (2019-2020)

	2019 Requirement (in US\$)	6-Month Net Funding Requirement (October 2019 - March 2020)	People Assisted (September 2019)	Female	Male
ICSP (January 2019 – December 2020)	737.8m	171m			
General Food Assistance			4,316,256	2,373,941	1,942,315
School Feeding Programme			20,401	9,996	10,405
Nutrition - Prevention of Acute Malnutrition			155,890	79,504	76,386
Nutrition Support for Pregnant and Nursing Women (Cash-Based Transfers)			49,000	49,000	N/A
Nutrition - Treatment of Moderate Acute Malnutrition			5,250	3,098	2,153
Livelihood Activities			32,950	18,123	14,828