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WFP Syria Situation Report #5

May 2018

In Numbers

13.1 million people in need of humanitarian assistance*

6.1 million people internally displaced

10.5 million people in need of food assistance

**According to the 2018 Humanitarian Needs Overview (HNO)*

Highlights

- WFP dispatched food assistance for 2.82 million people in all 14 Syrian governorates in April, achieving 94 percent of the monthly plan.
- WFP dispatched food assistance for 280,594 people in 31 locations across besieged or hard-to-reach areas in Rural Damascus, Damascus, Deir Ezzor, Homs, Hama, Aleppo, Ar-Raqqa and Dar'a governorates.

2.82 Million
People assisted
May 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) (June-November 2018)

USD 209 million

Situation Update

Situation in Eastern Ghouta in Rural Damascus

- Following the agreements to have members of the armed opposition groups and their families leave for the northern parts of Syria, the situation in Eastern Ghouta appears to have stabilised. An estimated 30,000 people remain in nearby displacement sites, while an estimated 195,050 people remain inside Eastern Ghouta. Since 15 March, WFP and other partners have been covering the needs of all evacuees, providing food assistance in collective shelters in Rural Damascus, areas inside Eastern Ghouta accessible by actors, and in Idleb and Aleppo governorates.

Security Situation in Central Syria

- The evacuation agreement between the Government of Syria and non-state armed groups was implemented in the beginning of May, with approximately 35,000 people moving to Idleb and Aleppo governorates from northern Homs countryside. An estimated 217,500 people remain in the area, and WFP is unable to access the area on a regular basis.

Security Situation in North-Western Syria

- In north-west Syria, in Idleb and western rural Aleppo, WFP, through the Turkey cross-border operation, is responding to the needs of the evacuees arriving from both southern Damascus and Homs. WFP has provided food rations for about 21,000 people, while other Food Security and Livelihood Sector partners are on the ground providing emergency food assistance in addition to WFP assistance. WFP has pre-positioned approximately 30,000 ready-to-eat (RTE) rations and will continue to track the movement of the displaced population, most of whom are expected to need regular food assistance in the medium-term due to the lack of livelihood opportunities.
- Since the launch of Turkey's military offensive against the Kurdish Self-Administration in Afrin in



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Caption: Schoolchildren in Aleppo receive fresh school meals.

January, some 137,000 people have been displaced from the district into other parts of Aleppo governorate, mainly to Tal Rifat, Nubul and Zahra. It is estimated that 150,000 people remain in Afrin district. WFP has provided a comprehensive response since February. As of the end of May, WFP has transitioned to the second phase of the response, now providing monthly food rations for some 70,000 people, as families gain access to cooking facilities.

WFP's Response

- Under the May cycle, WFP delivered food assistance for 2.82 million people in all 14 governorates, achieving 94 percent of the monthly plan.
- Cross-border deliveries from Jordan and Turkey accounted for 20 percent of the total WFP food assistance dispatched. The food delivered meets the needs of 557,410 people in areas inaccessible from inside Syria in Aleppo, Idleb, Hama, Quneitra, and Dar'a governorates.
- Moreover, WFP dispatched food assistance for 280,594 people in 31 locations across besieged or hard-to-reach areas in Rural Damascus, Damascus, Deir Ezzor, Homs, Hama Aleppo, Ar-Raqqa and Dar'a governorates.
- In May, WFP provided assistance via two cross-line inter-agency convoys to the hard-to-reach areas of Talbiseh and surrounding villages in Homs and Tlul-Elhomor in Hama delivering 20,950 food rations sufficient for 104,750 people.

Livelihood and Resilience Projects

- WFP is currently implementing six livelihood projects, benefiting 40,925 people in ten governorates across the country. Projects cover various areas including vocational skills training, kitchen gardens, poultry, farming, and food processing.

School Meals Programme

- Under the school meals programme, WFP dispatched 1,773 mt of milk and 92 mt of fortified date bars, enough for over 361,597 children attending schools in Lattakia, Damascus and Rural Damascus governorates. WFP also reached 1,620 students through its cash-based-transfer (CBT) support to out-of-school children (OOSC) activity in Homs and Lattakia governorates.

Nutrition Assistance

- In May, WFP dispatched nutrition products for the prevention of acute malnutrition and micronutrient deficiencies for 97,200 children in Rural Damascus, Damascus, Tartous, Quneitra, Dar'a, Homs, Hama, Al-Hasakeh, Idleb, 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 CMAM¹ centers and mobile clinics in Aleppo, Homs, Damascus and Rural Damascus governorates. The supplies are sufficient to meet the needs of 5,520 children and pregnant and nursing women for a period of three months.

- Moreover, 21,135 pregnant and nursing women received nutrition support through CBT to purchase fresh food, including dairy products, meat, fruits and vegetables, from WFP-contracted retailers in Lattakia, Homs, Hama, Rural Damascus and Aleppo governorates.



Supply Chain

- In May, WFP moved a total of 40,200 mt of various food commodities from its seven storage facilities to 54 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, milk, and yeast.

Clusters and Common Services



Food Security and Agriculture Sector

- Through the Turkey hub, the Food Security and Agriculture Sector participated in a multi-sectoral assessment in Afrin. A total of ten organizations participated in the data collection, and analysis is ongoing.
- The Sector released the [Whole of Syria price monitoring](#) in collaboration with iMMAP which included prices and markets monitored by WFP and other sector partners across Syria.



Logistics Cluster

- The WFP-led Logistics Cluster continued to facilitate coordination services, information management and logistic support to the humanitarian community in Syria, and provided logistics services to four partners in May. 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 796 m³ of newly received humanitarian goods in its common storage facilities in Aleppo, Homs, Qamishly and Rural Damascus on behalf of IMC, Oxfam, UNICEF and UNFPA.
- In addition, a total of 3.82 m³ of WASH cargo was transported via land inside Syria on behalf of UNFPA.

Resourcing Update

- WFP is currently providing food assistance to 3 million people instead of the envisioned 4 million people due to lower funding levels than anticipated. WFP needs funds to continue providing food assistance to those most in need and requires USD 209 million to keep operations running through November.

¹ Community-Based Management of Acute Malnutrition

WFP's Activities

	Total Requirements (in USD)	Net Funding Requirements (June-November 2018) (in USD)	People Assisted (May 2018)	Female	Male
Transitional Interim Country Strategic Plan (TICSP) (Jan – Dec 2018)	792 million	209 million	2,824,505*	1,553,478	1,271,027
General Food Assistance			2,824,505	1,553,478	1,271,027
School Meals Programme			361,597	177,183	184,414
Out-of-School Children			1,620	794	826
Nutrition - Prevention of Acute Malnutrition			97,200	49,572	47,628
Nutrition Support for Pregnant and Nursing Women (Cash-Based Transfers)			21,135	21,135	0
Nutrition - Treatment of Moderate Acute Malnutrition			5,520	3,257	2,263
Livelihood Activities			40,925	22,509	18,416

* The total beneficiary figure includes beneficiaries of all activities as there is almost a complete overlap between activities.

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