Situation Update

Sustained heavy conflict beginning on 19 June in non-state armed group controlled south-western Syria has led to the displacement of up to 325,000 people. WFP has responded with emergency food assistance to over 200,000 people through the provision of monthly food rations, ready-to-eat (RTE) rations for a family of five for five days and nutrition supplies. Since the 27 June, cross-border convoys through Ar-Ramtha have been suspended due persistent security concerns on the Syrian side of the border. WFP Syria is exploring alternative routes to maintain the flow of commodities into Syria to assist the growing number of people in need.

Situation in Eastern Ghouta in Rural Damascus

While the situation in Eastern Ghouta appears to have stabilised, humanitarian actors’ access to the area remains restricted. An estimated 200,000 people remain inside Eastern Ghouta. WFP has transitioned to the provision of monthly food rations as the displaced populations have regained access to cooking facilities.

Security Situation in North-Western Syria

In north-west Syria, the security situation continues to be of concern. Intensive conflict in Idleb forced thousands of people to seek refuge in relatively safer areas away from their homes. Due to the deteriorating security and humanitarian situation, the UN Regional Humanitarian Coordinator, Panos Moumtzis, expressed deep concern for Idleb’s population and reiterated the need to broker a settlement. The difficult security situation and challenging operational environment frequently affects WFP’s operations in the governorate. Separate food distributions in Bensh, Teftnaz and Khan Shaykun were all temporarily suspended for several weeks. They have since resumed.

Highlights

- WFP dispatched food assistance for 3.01 million people in all 14 Syrian governorates in June, achieving 100 percent of the monthly resource-based plan.
- WFP dispatched food assistance for 269,500 people in 36 locations across besieged or hard-to-reach areas in Rural Damascus, Damascus, Deir Ezzor, Homs, Aleppo and Ar-Raqqa governorates.

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)

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)

(July-December 2018)

USD 247.3 million
WFP’s Response

- Under the June cycle, WFP delivered food assistance for 3.01 million people in all 14 governorates, achieving 100 percent of the monthly plan.
- Cross-border deliveries from Jordan and Turkey accounted for 18 percent of the total WFP food assistance dispatched. The food delivered meets the needs of 529,9210 people in areas inaccessible from inside Syria in Aleppo, Idleb, Hama, Quneitra, and Dar’a governorates.
- Moreover, WFP dispatched food assistance for 269,500 people in 36 locations across besieged or hard-to-reach areas in Rural Damascus, Damascus, Deir Ezzor, Homs, Hama, Aleppo, and Ar-Raqqa and governorates.
- In June, WFP provided assistance via three cross-line inter-agency convoys to hard-to-reach areas in Homs and Rural Damascus governorates, delivering 40,880 food rations sufficient for 204,400 people.

Livelihood and Resilience Projects

- WFP is currently implementing six livelihood projects, benefiting 30,925 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 85 mt of fortified date bars, enough for 35,608 children attending schools in Rural Damascus governorate over the summer season. WFP also reached 1,106 students through its cash-based-transfer (CBT) support to out-of-school children (OOSC) activity in Homs and Lattakia governorates.

Nutrition Assistance

- In June, WFP dispatched nutrition products for the prevention of acute malnutrition and micronutrient deficiencies for 88,530 children in Rural 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 at CMAM centers and mobile clinics in Aleppo, Homs, Damascus and Rural Damascus governorates. The supplies are sufficient to meet the needs of 1,961 children and pregnant and nursing women for a period of three months.
- Moreover, 21,686 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 June, WFP moved a total of 39,200 mt of various food commodities from its seven storage facilities to 53 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, , and yeast.

Clusters and Common Services

Food Security and Agriculture Sector

- The Food Security Sector - the Whole of Syria with Syria, Jordan and south-Turkey hub are currently coordinating the emergency response in southern Syria. The sector is facilitating the allocation of villages, issuing situation reports, conducting gap analysis, and providing technical and operational guidance to all partners.

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 2,403 m³ of newly received humanitarian goods in its common storage facilities in Homs, Qamishly and Rural Damascus on behalf of IMC, UNICEF and UNFPA.
- In addition, a total of 723 m³ of WASH and protection 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 247.3 million to keep operations running through December.
## WFP’s Activities

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

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