



WFP Syria

North-Western Syria Emergency Situation Report #2

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Situation Update

- Fighting in north-western Syria continues, with artillery shelling, airstrikes and clashes between government and non-state armed group forces reported across southern Idlib, northern Hama and western Aleppo governorates.
- Tensions across northern Hama governorate are reportedly increasing, with non-state armed groups attempting to regain control over several axes in Madiq Castle sub-district, including areas around Kafr Nabuda town which was previously accessed through WFP cross-border operations.
- Some 270,000 people have been displaced in southern Idlib and northern Hama governorates between 01 - 22 May, according to the UNHCR-led [Camp Coordination and Camp Management Cluster](#) (CCCM). The Dana sub-district of northern Idlib governorate, bordering Turkey, remains the primary destination of the displaced, resulting in overcrowded tents. The most urgent humanitarian needs reported in the camps include Shelter, WASH, NFI (blankets, mattresses and kitchen sets) and food.
- On 12 June, a three-day ceasefire was reportedly been announced in north-western Syria between Syrian government forces and non-state armed groups, following talks between Russia and Turkey. Despite the ceasefire, hostilities continued to be reported.
- Satellite-based [assessments](#) by UNOSAT and the REACH Initiative show significant impacts on agriculture, with at least 18,000 acres of farmland burned in recent weeks (as of 26 May) due to unconfirmed causes. The potential impacts on the longer-term food security situation in an already vulnerable area are believed to be severe, and WFP is currently assessing the situation together with its partners, including FAO.

In Numbers

270,000 people displaced since 01 May¹

200,000 people reached with WFP emergency food assistance since 01 May

823,000 people targeted for WFP General Food Assistance in June

Highlights

- Violence continues across north-western Syria, with at least 270,000 people displaced due to a surge in conflict since 01 May.
- WFP has since 01 May provided emergency food assistance to more than 200,000 people across north-western Syria.
- WFP remains unable to reach some 7,000 people targeted for WFP General Food Assistance in northern Hama governorate due to insecurity.
- WFP is deploying additional staff to support the response.



Food Distribution Points (FDPs)

- FDP Regular Deliveries
- FDP Cross-line Deliveries
- FDP Cross-border Deliveries
- Country Office
- Sub Office
- △ Field Office
- 🏠 Warehouse
- ↔ Open Border Crossing Point
- ↔ Sporadically Open Border Crossing Point
- ⚓ Port

¹ As per the latest CCCM displacement update of 27 May 2019. Note that this figure includes secondary displacements.

WFP Response

- WFP's emergency response is ongoing. So far, WFP and its cooperating partners have provided emergency food assistance through ready-to-eat rations (RTEs) to more than 200,000 people affected by the recent surge in violence since 01 May, primarily in the IDP camps in the Dana sub-district of northern Idlib governorate, but also in southern Idlib governorate and rural western and northern Aleppo governorate.
- In addition to the emergency food assistance, WFP is distributing regular General Food Assistance (GFA) across north-western Syria, with an increased target from 700,000 people in May to 823,000 in June. General Food Assistance is provided via the [Logistics Cluster](#)-facilitated cross-border operation from Turkey covering all of Idlib governorate, areas of western Aleppo governorate and areas of northern Hama governorate.
- WFP is planning a further scale-up of its GFA programme and is increasing the size of the food rations provided across the north-west, providing a total value of 1,900 kcal per person per day by July/August 2019 given the deteriorating situation on the ground.
- Areas of northern Hama governorate normally served by the cross-border operation remain inaccessible to WFP's cooperating partners due to ongoing conflict and insecurity, affecting distributions to some 7,000 people. WFP will resume distributions to these areas as soon as conditions allow.
- WFP cooperating partners are increasing the implementation of mitigation measures to ensure the safety and security of all staff, beneficiaries and commodities; including limiting mass gathering during distribution activities by establishing several distribution points as well as spreading distributions over several days. Furthermore, due to the prevailing insecurity, distributions to the affected populations in Khan Shaykun were moved to safer areas.
- WFP is deploying additional staff to boost the capacity at the WFP cross-border office in Gaziantep, Turkey to support the ongoing response and planned scale-up.

WFP Preparedness

- Should the situation in the north-west deteriorate further, WFP remains ready to respond to the growing humanitarian needs with strategic stocks of RTEs, food rations as well as nutrition supplies pre-positioned inside Idlib governorate, in other hubs inside Syria, as well as in Turkey as part of the inter-agency readiness plan currently in place for large-scale escalation of conflict in north-western Syria.
- WFP currently has RTEs pre-positioned inside Syria in Idlib and Aleppo governorates, with additional stocks pre-positioned in Turkey ready to be dispatched into Syria via the cross-border operation. WFP is continuously replenishing its stocks of RTEs in Turkey through already active procurement contracts.

Previous reports:

- [WFP Syria North-Western Syria Emergency Situation Report #1](#) (03 June 2013)

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