



WFP Syria Country Brief

WFP Assistance

Assistance to the population affected by conflict in Syria PRRO 200988 (Jan 2017 – Dec 2018)	Total Requirements (in USD)	6 Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)*
	1.7 b	259 m

*July-December 2017, including confirmed pledges and solid forecasts

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The Protracted Relief and Recovery Operation (PRRO) started on 1 January 2017 and is a two-year project. The PRRO replaces the EMOP, which had been in place since 2011. Throughout the two years, WFP aims to provide assistance to 5.74 million people, and to gradually shift from humanitarian food assistance to recovery and livelihood activities.

In 2017, WFP will target up to five million people with humanitarian food assistance in all 14 Syrian governorates, subject to access availability. Under this programme, people are targeted each month with a family food ration consisting of rice, bulgur wheat, pulses and vegetable oil among other items, providing 1,700 kcal per day for one month. At the same time, WFP will target up to 400,000 people with livelihood activities in both rural and urban areas focusing on asset rehabilitation and income generation.

WFP will continue to implement activities to address the specific nutrition needs and education concerns of vulnerable groups. This includes a programme for the prevention of acute malnutrition and micronutrient deficiencies for children aged 6-23 months, a treatment programme for acute malnutrition for pregnant and nursing women as well as children aged 6-59 months, and a nutrition support programme aiming to improve the dietary diversity of pregnant and nursing women. Furthermore, WFP implements a school meals programme for pre- and primary schoolchildren to encourage enrolment and regular attendance in areas with a high number of internally displaced persons (IDPs), low food security and education indicators. WFP has also designed a programme specifically targeting out-of-school children providing an incentive to return to learning.

WFP Syria is working with 54 cooperating partners to implement its programme activities. WFP continues to review its partner base to ensure that partners have the

Highlights

- WFP delivered food assistance for 4 million people in all 14 governorates in Syria, achieving 100 percent of its monthly plan.
- WFP delivered food assistance for over 200,000 people in three hard-to-reach and besieged locations through cross-line inter-agency convoys.
- In response to population displacement from and within Ar-Raqqa governorate, WFP has provided food assistance for 183,000 people during June.
- WFP obtained permission to carry out deliveries by road from Damascus to Qamishly, enabling the resumption of land deliveries to Al-Hasakeh governorate for the first time since December 2015. As a result, the airlift operation ceased as of 25 June.

technical skills to implement nutrition and livelihood activities. Moreover, WFP also balances local and international partners in the implementation of programme activities.

WFP co-leads the Food Security and Agriculture Sector, together with FAO. The Cluster, active in Syria since 2013, guides strategic decision-making, plans and develops strategies and facilitates coordination among food sector members to ensure a coordinated and comprehensive response. For more information about the sector: www.fscluster.org/syria

Logistics and Telecommunications Augmentation and Coordination to Support Humanitarian Operations in Syria SO 200788 (Jan. 2015 – Dec. 2017)	Total Requirements (in USD)	6 Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)*
	37.6 m	4.7 m

*July-December 2017

Through a separately funded Special Operation, WFP provides logistics and telecommunications support to the wider humanitarian community operating in Syria through the Logistics Cluster as well as the Emergency Telecommunications Cluster, both activated in 2013. The Logistics Cluster coordinates inter-agency convoys and facilitates other services such as warehousing and transport. Between July 2016 and June 2017, the Cluster implemented airlifts to Al-Hasakeh governorate. For more information:

www.logcluster.org/ops/syr12a

www.etcluster.org/countries/syria

In Numbers

13.5 m in need of humanitarian assistance

6.3 m internally displaced people

9 m people in need of food assistance

4.0 m
People Assisted
June 2017



Operational Updates

- In June, WFP delivered food assistance for 4 million people in all 14 Syrian governorates. 33 percent of the food assistance was delivered through the cross-border operations from Jordan and Turkey, cross-line inter-agency convoys, and air operations.
- WFP participated in three cross-line inter-agency convoys, providing food assistance for 202,500 people in three besieged and hard-to-reach locations. These include the hard-to-reach areas of Talbiseh and Ar-Rastan in Homs as well as the besieged area of Harasta in Rural Damascus, last reached by WFP in October 2016.
- In June, WFP's air operations to the besieged parts of Deir Ezzor city and the hard-to-reach regions of north eastern Syria continued to provide life-saving food assistance to the affected populations. Through the airdrop operation WFP provided sufficient food assistance for over 31,000 people in the besieged parts of Deir Ezzor city, while the airlift enabled WFP to dispatch food for 393,300 people in Al-Hasakeh, Ar-Raqqa and Deir Ezzor governorates.
- As fighting in Ar-Raqqa governorate escalated, WFP continued to respond to population displacements. Since April, almost 185,000 have been displaced, and WFP provided assistance for almost 183,000 people during June.
- In early June, the Government of Syria granted approval to WFP to conduct deliveries from Damascus to Qamishly using the Aleppo-Menbij route, enabling WFP to resume land deliveries to Al-Hasakeh governorate for the first time since December 2015. Following a trial delivery in mid-June, additional trucks were dispatched. A total of 19 trucks arrived between 16 and 30 June carrying food sufficient for 110,000 people for one month with more trucks on the way. This has made it possible to discontinue the airlift operation, as the road access will enable WFP to scale up its response.
- A new IDP camp has been established in Al-Hasakeh governorate, Bahra camp, hosting mainly IDPs from Deir Ezzor governorate. As of late June, an estimated 2,000 people have arrived in the camp. Of these, 250 people have been assisted with ready-to-eat rations (RTEs) to date, and WFP has dispatched RTEs for a further 2,500 people. The response is being closely coordinated with the Food Security Sector to avoid any overlaps and ensure comprehensive assistance.
- The security situation in Dar'a continued to deteriorate during June. In early June, WFP's cross-border office provided RTEs within 72 hours of displacement to almost 2,500 newly displaced people following fights in Neimeh in eastern Dar'a. A 48-hours ceasefire took place in Dar'a city in mid-June, but fighting resumed shortly thereafter. WFP's partners were able to conduct a rapid needs assessment before supporting 5,800 new IDPs that had managed to flee to safe havens during the ceasefire.

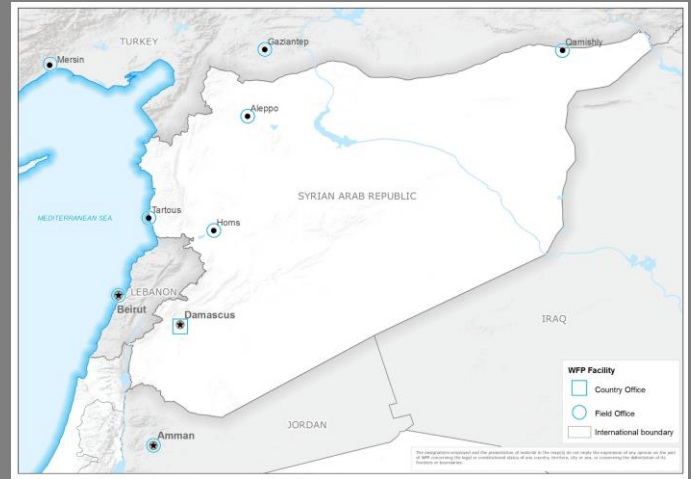
Resourcing Update

- WFP is grateful to the donors who have made contributions to the PRRO. However, under current resources, WFP's operation inside Syria is only covered until October. To ensure continued assistance through the end of 2017, WFP requires an additional USD 259 million for its operation inside Syria.

Challenges

- WFP welcomes the enhanced access to the north-eastern part of Syria; however, it will also require additional resources. Resources permitting, WFP will increase the number of people targeted with general food assistance from 4 to 4.5 million people.

Country Background & Strategy



The violent conflict in Syria has entered its seventh year. The conflict has taken a devastating toll on the lives of the Syrian people and has created the largest humanitarian crises since World War II.

Soaring food and fuel prices, stagnant salaries, loss of livelihoods and reduced food production have led to widespread food insecurity across the country, with seven million people unable to meet their food needs and a FURTHER two million people at risk of food insecurity. The most vulnerable people live in hard-to-reach and besieged areas. In the 13 besieged areas, home to 624,500 people, all inhabitants are food-insecure, and access to assistance is intermittent. Households headed by women tend to utilize more negative coping mechanisms than those headed by men, though due to the prolonged conflict many households have exhausted all assets.

Prior to the conflict, Syria was on track to reach the 2015 Millennium Development Goals (MDG), but the human development gains have been dramatically reversed. Syria is now ranked 149 out of 188 countries in the 2015 Human Development Index (HDI), putting the country in the low human development category, with access to essential services, including healthcare, safe water, and education, being severely disrupted.

In response to the alarming situation, WFP has been providing food assistance to the most vulnerable families in the country. The activities contribute towards achieving WFP's Strategic Objective 1, saving lives and protecting livelihoods, through the provision of food, nutrition and livelihoods to those affected by the crisis. WFP's activities adhere to the objectives of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) by contributing directly to an eradication of extreme hunger (SDG2).

WFP has been active in Syria since 1964.

Donors

Five largest donors to WFP Syria in 2017 ranked by contributions: Germany, USA, European Commission, Canada, and Saudi Arabia

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cdn.wfp.org/syriainfo/syria.html