



WFP Syria

Situation Report #7

July 2016

In Numbers

13.5 million people in need of humanitarian assistance

6.6 million people internally displaced

9.4 million people in need of food assistance

Highlights

- Access to eastern and western Aleppo city became severely compromised, rendering two million people de facto besieged
- The food security situation inside Syria continues to deteriorate, as 9.4 million people are currently in need of food assistance
- The WFP-led Logistics Cluster initiated an airlift to Al-Hasakeh governorate

People assisted
4.2 million, July 2016



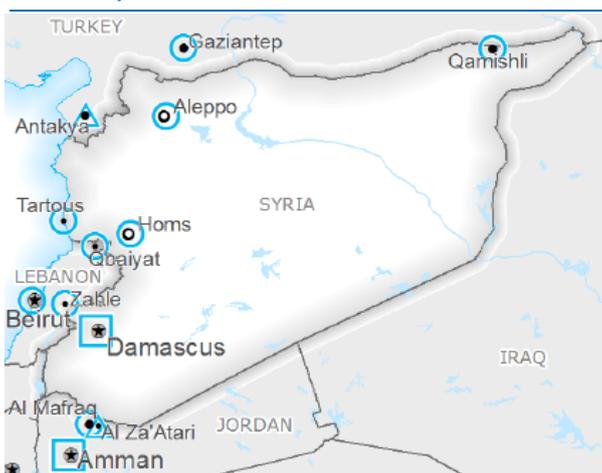
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Humanitarian Response Plan

Overall:
USD 3.19 billion
WFP share:
USD 660 million

WFP 5-month Net Funding Requirements (Aug. 2016 -Dec. 2016)

EMOP 200339	USD 0 million
Logistics and ETC Cluster (SO 200788)	USD 0 million
Airdrop deliveries to Deir Ezzor (SO 200950)	USD 5.7 million



Situation Update

- During the reporting period, the security situation in Aleppo city worsened significantly, severely compromising humanitarian access to both the opposition-held and government-held parts of the city. As a result, over two million people inside western and eastern Aleppo city are now living under de facto besiegement, while shortages of food, water, medical supplies and other essential supplies is threatening the lives of the population. The UN has called for a humanitarian pause in the hostilities in and around Aleppo city to enable immediate access and provide assistance to all people in need.
- Access to eastern Aleppo city (EAC) became impossible in early July as a result of escalating hostilities between Syrian government forces and armed opposition groups, resulting in Government forces taking control of Castello road on 17 July, the only access route to EAC. Since then, an estimated 250,000 – 275,000 people have been trapped inside the area and have been cut off from access by humanitarian actors. Prior to the access interruption, WFP had prepositioned food for 117,000 people for July and partially for August in partners' warehouses in EAC. However, food distributions were suspended on 13 July to date due to the volatile security situation and intensified shelling. Although, according to media reports, a coalition of armed opposition groups broke the siege imposed by government forces in early August from the south through Ar-Ramoussa neighbourhood, access for humanitarian actors have not yet been restored.
- In parallel, access to western Aleppo city (WAC) was compromised at the beginning of August following the advancement of armed opposition groups to the south of the city. As a result, no deliveries to WAC through the main access route have been possible to date, forcing WFP to use an alternate route northwards of the city across the eastern countryside in order to deliver much needed supplies. However, due to the extremely volatile

Photo: Airlift operation to Al Hasakeh Governorate. WFP/Jakob Kern

security situation along the alternate route, WFP has only been able to bring limited amounts of food assistance into WAC to date, while food stocks are running low and prices of commercial goods are rapidly increasing.

- The security situation similarly deteriorated in other northern parts of the country, resulting in the displacement of some 27,500 people from Idleb and Aleppo governorates as well as damage to several warehouses operated by WFP cooperating partners. In response, WFP and its cooperating partners assisted almost 16,000 newly displaced people in rural Aleppo through the distribution of ready-to-eat rations in coordination with other humanitarian actors.

WFP Response

- WFP delivered food assistance to more than 4.2 million people in 13 of the 14 governorates in July. WFP exceeded the planned 4 million people as access to besieged and hard-to-reach areas through inter-agency deliveries significantly improved for the second consecutive month, allowing WFP to reach over 457,000 people in 17 locations with food assistance, including the besieged locations of Al Wa'er in Homs and Moadamiyeh in Rural Damascus.
- Through cross-border deliveries from Turkey, WFP provided assistance to some 661,000 people in opposition-held areas in Aleppo, Idleb and Hama governorates. However, cross-border deliveries fell below planned levels due to the suspension of cross border deliveries from Jordan between 21 June and 28 July. As a result, none of the planned food rations for 150,000 people could be delivered to Dar'a and Quneitra governorates in July, after which food stocks in both governorates ran low and the limited quantities available had to be prioritized to address the critical food needs of some 21,000 newly displaced people. WFP resumed its cross border deliveries in early August.
- Following the completion of data collection in the previous months, WFP together with FAO are currently finalizing the Crop and Food Security Assessment Mission (CFSAM) report, which will tentatively be released by the end of August. This report will highlight the status of food and crop production inside Syria.



Food and Nutrition Assistance

- Under its Nutrition Specific Programmes, WFP provided nutrition products to some 104,000 children aged 6-59 months for the prevention of acute malnutrition and micronutrient deficiencies. Furthermore, through the provision of Cash Based Transfers worth USD 20 to Pregnant and Nursing mothers, WFP enabled more than 10,300 women to purchase locally produced fresh products in selected retail shops in Homs and Lattakia

governorates, a 12 percent increase compared to June.

- Livelihood and Resilience Programmes, which currently support 33,500 people across the country, continued during the reporting period, providing agriculture inputs, capacity building sessions and trainings to the targeted beneficiaries. Meanwhile, the Fortified School Snack Programme remained inactive as the academic school year ended in May. The distribution of fortified date bars will resume in September once the new academic year commences and will be complemented by milk.



Supply Chain

- As land deliveries of humanitarian assistance to Al-Hasakeh governorate have been suspended since the end of December 2015 due to continued closure of border crossing points surrounding the governorate, WFP, in its capacity as the leading agency of the Logistics Cluster, launched an airlift operation to deliver food assistance to Qamishly airport from Damascus on 9 July. As of end of July, the Logistics Cluster completed 35 airlifts, delivering food assistance for 86,000 people in addition to inter-agency cargo on behalf of other humanitarian actors. This is the first time WFP food assistance has reached the governorate since December 2015.
- Furthermore, airdrop deliveries to the besieged part of Deir Ezzor city continued during the reporting period, completing 84 airdrop rotations by the end of July, sufficient to deliver 1,511 metric tons of WFP food commodities as well as other supplies on behalf of other humanitarian agencies. Sufficient quantities were airdropped by 1 June to provide one monthly food ration to all 110,000 people in need, while by the end of the reporting period, sufficient quantities had been airdropped to provide 99,000 people with a second partial food ration.

Clusters and Common Services



Food Security Cluster

- The Food Sector published a Mid-Year Review during the reporting period, updating the number of people in need of food assistance as reported in the 2016 Humanitarian Needs Overview. The report highlights a deteriorating food security situation inside the country, as the overall number of people in need of food assistance increased by eight percent between September 2015 and June 2016, from 8.7 to 9.4 million people. Of those, 6.7 million people are food insecure, a six percent increase compared to the 6.3 million people in September 2015. In parallel, the number of people at risk of food insecurity increased by 13 percent, from 2.4 to 2.7 million people.



Logistics Cluster

- The WFP-led Logistics Cluster continued to facilitate coordination services, information management and logistic support such as common storage facilities to the wider humanitarian community operating inside Syria during the reporting period.
- The Logistics Cluster facilitated 10 inter-agency convoys to several hard-to-reach and besieged locations, where it transported over 8,000 m³ of relief cargo, including WASH, nutrition, education, protection, food and health items, on behalf of various humanitarian organizations.
- Furthermore, the Logistics Cluster launched an airlift operation to Qamishly, where it transported 2,170 m³ of much needed food, WASH and shelter supplies on behalf of UN agencies and international NGOs (see Logistics section for details). In addition, around 140 m³ of inter-agency cargo, including UNICEF High Energy Biscuits and water purification tablets as well as tomato paste for another humanitarian agency, was delivered to Deir Ezzor through WFP's airdrop operation.

Resource Update

- WFP welcomes the significant contributions and support provided by its donors, in particular the substantial pledges made during the February 2016 London Conference. This will enable WFP to provide uninterrupted humanitarian assistance to four million people that are targeted each month with food assistance across the country.

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WFP Operation						
	Total Requirements (in USD)	Total Received (in USD)	6 Months Net Funding Requirements (in USD)	People Assisted (July 2016)	Female	Male
EMOP200339 TOTAL (Nov 2011-Dec 2016)	2 844 million	1 752 million	0 million	4 236 243*	2 160 243	2 075 759
General Food Distribution				4 236 243*	2 160 243	2 075 759
Cash Based Transfer for PLW				10 308	10 308	0
Fortified School Snacks Programme				0	0	0
Blanket Supplementary Feeding Programme				104 746	53 420	51 326
Targeted Treatment Programme				3 423	1 746	1 677

*In addition to the general food rations for 4.08 million people, WFP delivered fortified wheat flour for an additional 147,000 people in hard-to-reach and besieged areas in Hama, Homs and Rural Damascus governorates through inter-agency convoys. The fortified wheat flour complemented food rations provided by other humanitarian agencies.