

# WFP Syria

## Situation Report #7

July 2017



### In Numbers

**13.5 m** people in need of humanitarian assistance

**6.3 m** people internally displaced

**10 m** people in need of food assistance

### Highlights

- WFP dispatched food assistance for over 4.2 million people; 23 percent of the assistance was delivered to areas reachable only through cross-border, cross-line and air deliveries.
- According to the 2017 WFP/FAO [CFSAM](#) report, released in late July, ten million people are in need of food assistance across Syria.
- Violent clashes erupted in Idleb governorate, resulting in the temporary suspension of WFP food distributions.

**4.2 million people assisted**  
July 2017



**GENDER MARKER 2A** PRRO 200988

**Global Humanitarian Funding**

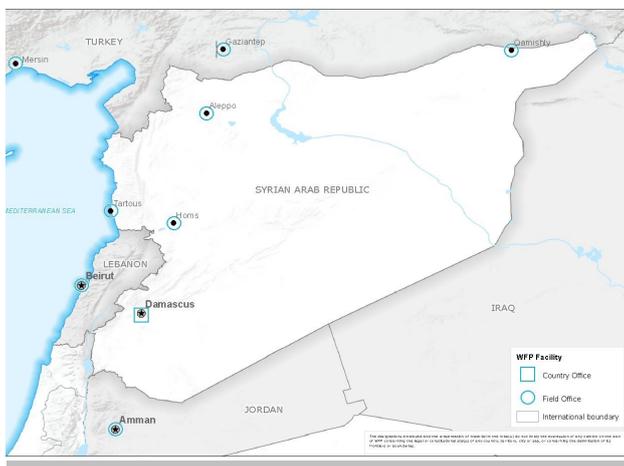
**Overall:**  
**USD 3,407,792,269**  
**WFP share:**  
**USD 797,579,193**

### WFP Net Funding Requirements\*

PRRO 200988 **USD 235 million**

Logistics Cluster & ETC (SO 200788) **USD 3.5 million**

\*Net funding requirements until the end of 2017, including confirmed pledges and solid forecasts



**Photo:** © WFP/Hussam Al-Saleh - Food distribution in Ein Issa, northern Ar-Raqqa governorate.

### Situation Update

#### Response in North-Eastern Syria

- WFP continued to respond to population displacements from and within Ar-Raqqa governorate where an estimated 216,000 people have been displaced since 1 April due to the ongoing military activity. Following the re-establishment of land access to Al-Hasakeh governorate from Aleppo governorate to the north-eastern areas of the country, WFP provided food assistance, including nutrition supplies, for 193,950 people in Al-Hasakeh governorate, 165,500 people in Ar-Raqqa governorate and 15,000 people in north-western Deir Ezzor. WFP was also able to reach Mansoura in Ar-Raqqa governorate and several rural areas north of Ar-Raqqa city for the first time in three years, delivering monthly food rations for 32,000 people.

#### Security Situation in Idleb Governorate

- On 18 July, violent clashes erupted in Idleb governorate amongst non-state armed groups, resulting in the temporary suspension of WFP's activities in the northern and central parts of the governorate. The security situation forced WFP partners operating in the affected areas to temporarily suspend food distributions between 19 and 21 July. Following a ceasefire agreement on 21 July amongst armed groups, the security situation gradually improved enabling partners to resume activity. By 24 July, all WFP partners had resumed operations.

#### Population Displacement in Southern Syria

- The security situation in Dar'a and Quneitra governorates has been relatively calm following the announcement of the ceasefire on 9 July. However, fighting between government forces and armed opposition groups was reported in Dar'a City, Dar'a camp and Lajat in north-eastern Dar'a in mid-July. Since mid-June, heavy fighting in Al-Lajat has resulted in the displacement of over 8,700

people, who sought refuge in 20 nearby villages. In response, WFP provided ready-to-eat (RTE) rations and fresh bread for 8,700 displaced people who sought refuge in safer nearby villages following a rapid needs assessment.

- In nearby western As-Sweida, the security situation worsened in mid-July, resulting in the displacement of about 1,200 people from to Al-Musayfirah and Sahwa in eastern rural Dar'a. In response, WFP completed two rounds of food distributions for all people in cooperation with its partners on the ground, including ready-to-eat rations, bread and nutrition supplies for the prevention of malnutrition in children aged 6-23 months.

### Release of the 2017 WFP/FAO CFSAM

- The 2017 WFP/FAO [Crop and Food Security Assessment Mission \(CFSAM\)](#) report on Syria was released. The report found that the food security situation in parts of Syria slightly improved compared to last year, due to an improved security situation and enhanced access to humanitarian assistance. However, the overall situation remains far worse than before the crisis. The total wheat production (1.8 million tonnes in 2016-2017) is less than half of the pre-crisis ten-year average. In addition, the report estimates that 6.9 million people are food insecure while an additional 3.1 million people are at risk of becoming food insecure. The 2017 report is the fourth CFSAM conducted in Syria since 2011.

### WFP's Response

- In July, WFP delivered food assistance for 4.2 million people in all 14 Syrian governorates. About 23 percent of the food assistance was delivered through the cross-border operations from Jordan and Turkey, cross-line inter-agency convoys, and air operation.
- Through the cross-border operation from Turkey and Jordan, WFP dispatched food for about 708,000 people living in opposition-held areas in Aleppo, Hama, Idleb, Quneitra and Dar'a governorates, which represents 17 percent of the total deliveries in July.
- WFP participated in five cross-line inter-agency convoys, providing food assistance for some 200,000 people in 15 the hard-to-reach and besieged locations in Rural Damascus, Hama and Homs governorates.
- About 290,000 people, who have returned to the formerly inaccessible areas of Aleppo city since late 2016, now receive WFP monthly food rations and fresh bread. In July, WFP continued to provide bread for 515,000 people across the city and rural areas through eleven bakeries including three located in the former inaccessible parts of the city.



#### Food and Nutrition Assistance

- Under its nutrition interventions, WFP dispatched specialized nutrition products for the prevention of

acute malnutrition for 121,548 children aged 6-23 months across the country through regular, cross-border and cross-line deliveries. In addition, WFP assisted 2,881 children aged 6-59 months and pregnant and nursing women with specialized nutrition products to treat acute malnutrition through regular and cross-line deliveries.

- Furthermore, WFP provided nutrition support to improve the dietary diversity of pregnant and nursing women, as their diet has a direct impact on the first 1,000 vital days of their child's life. In July, 11,829 pregnant and nursing women received cash-based nutrition support to purchase fresh food, including dairy products, meat, fruits and vegetables, from 17 designated retailers in Lattakia, Tartous, Homs, and Rural Damascus governorates.
- WFP currently supports Summer School Clubs in Aleppo governorate, where elementary school students attend remedial classes to make up for what they missed during the last academic year. This programme is being implemented in cooperation with UNICEF, UNESCO, and the Ministry of Education. In July, WFP delivered fortified date bars for 26,650 children in 74 schools, of which 65 schools were reached for the first time since the school meals programme commenced in Aleppo in 2015, including 44 schools that are located in formerly inaccessible eastern areas of the city.

### Livelihood and Resilience Projects

- Since the beginning of 2017, WFP has been implementing 14 different livelihood activities, benefitting 92,000 people across the country. Projects are implemented in Aleppo, Dar'a, Hama, Homs, Lattakia, Rural Damascus, Tartous, Al-Hasakeh and As-Sweida governorates in cooperation with 19 cooperating partners. Projects include rehabilitation of bakeries, support to household agricultural production, beekeeping as well as vocational skills training. In June, WFP launched a new joint programme with UNDP providing food security support to 4,018 households receiving vocational skills training and toolkits. Furthermore, 52,625 beneficiaries were provided with food assistance and various inputs through the aforementioned activities.



#### Supply Chain

- WFP's air operations to the besieged parts of Deir Ezzor continues to provide life-saving food assistance for the 93,500 people in need in the city. In July, WFP conducted 22 airdrop rotations, delivering food assistance for 50,445 people.

### Clusters and Common Services



#### Food Security and Agriculture Sector

- The Sector continued to coordinate with partners providing assistance to people displaced as a result of

the ongoing military offensive in Ar-Raqqa governorate. The key priorities included the provision of immediate response within 72 hours of displacement as well as additional support beyond the first week of displacement. Furthermore, the sector continued to be actively engaged in the discussions and the preparation for the 2018 Humanitarian Needs Overview (HNO).



## Logistics Cluster

- The WFP-led Logistics Cluster continued to facilitate logistics services, information management and logistic support to the humanitarian community operating within Syria.
- In July, the Logistics Cluster facilitated six inter-agency humanitarian convoys to hard-to-reach and besieged locations in Hama, Homs and Rural Damascus governorates. Around 4,265 m<sup>3</sup> of relief cargo was transported, including education, nutrition, health, food, protection, shelter and WASH items in the framework of the inter-agency humanitarian convoys.
- In addition, 50.3 m<sup>3</sup> of WASH and Health cargo were transported to safe and accessible locations inside Syria on behalf of UNFPA.
- Furthermore, the Logistics Cluster stored 1,952 m<sup>3</sup> of newly received humanitarian goods in its common storage facilities in Qamishly in Al-Hasakeh governorate and Rural Damascus on behalf of IOM, UNFPA, UNICEF, UNRWA and international NGO's. Furthermore, a total of 20,000 litres of diesel were dispatched to UNRWA on a cost-recovery basis.

## Resourcing Update

- WFP is grateful to the donors who have made contributions to the PRRO. With the current funding levels and low return movements, WFP is currently targeting over four million people under its general food assistance programme with a revised monthly food basket (1,500 kcal/per day). Funding requirements until the end of the year currently stand at USD 235 million. Without additional funds, WFP will be forced to further reduce the food basket in the future and reduce complementary activities such as education, nutrition and livelihood activities.

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WFP Operation					
	Total Requirements (in USD)	Net Funding Requirements (in USD)*	People Assisted (July 2017)	Female	Male
<b>PRRO 200988</b> (Jan 2017 – Dec 2018)	1,719 million	235 million	<b>4,226,640</b>	2,324,653	1,901,987
GFA			<b>4,226,640</b>	2,324,653	1,901,987
School Meals Programme			<b>0**</b>	-	-
Out-of-School Children			<b>0**</b>	-	-
Blanket Supplementary Feeding Programme			<b>121,548</b>	61,989	59,559
Nutrition Support for Pregnant and Nursing Women (Cash Based Transfers)			<b>11,829</b>	11,829	-
Targeted Treatment Programme			<b>2,881</b>	1,632	1,249
Livelihood activities			<b>52,625</b>	28,944	23,681

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\*\* School summer holiday between May and September 2017