

# Situation Report – January 2024

## Highlights

- WFP assisted 135,300 people across Syria in January, including 82,750 people through cash-based transfers worth a total of USD 1.5 million.
- Following the discontinuation of the large-scale nationwide General Food Assistance (GFA) programme in December 2023, WFP continues preparations to launch the new emergency food assistance programme.
- Food prices continued to increase. Average incomes can only cover a fraction of one family's food needs - a fifth for a family that earns minimum wage.

## In Numbers



135,300 people in Syria received WFP assistance in January 2024.



7.2 million Internally Displaced People (2024 [HNO](#)).



12.9 million people are food insecure in Syria (2024 [HNO](#)).



3.1 million people are severely food insecure in Syria.



WFP requires a USD 479 million for the next 6 months to ensure the implementation of all its activities in Syria.

## Situation Update

- Food prices continued to increase, with the price of WFP's reference food basket for a family of five reaching SYP 961,619 in January; a 5 percent increase compared to December 2023. Food prices more than doubled compared to one year ago (January 2023). Average incomes can only cover a fraction of one family's food needs - a fifth for a family that earns minimum wage.

## WFP Operations

### General Food Assistance (GFA)

- WFP continued preparations to launch its new emergency food assistance programme replacing the previous GFA programme which was discontinued in December 2023. WFP initiated community consultations which will guide the design and targeting of the new set of interventions focusing on the most severely food insecure people.
- WFP provided 47,260 people living in five camps in Al-Hasakeh, Ar-Raqqa and Deir Ezzor governorates in northeast Syria with in-kind food rations, until new interventions are launched.
- Furthermore, WFP provided ready-to-eat rations to 1,020 people who were affected by floods in the non-government-controlled parts of Idlib governorate in January.



### School Meals

- WFP reached 148,500 schoolchildren with fortified date bars. WFP resumed the provision of fortified date bars five days per week, after being temporarily reduced to three days per week since October 2023 due to supply chain challenges.
- WFP provided cash-based assistance to 35,000 very vulnerable schoolchildren enrolled in Curriculum B across the country, as well as to 470 schoolchildren receiving non-formal education in Dar'a governorate.
- Provision of fresh meals was temporarily on-hold in January pending the renewal of the field-level agreements with the cooperating partners

implementing the activity. The activity will resume in February.



### Building Resilience

- WFP completed the rehabilitation of three irrigation water pumping stations in Deir Ezzor governorate. The pumping stations will secure water to irrigate 590 hectares of agricultural lands, benefiting 7,350 farmer households.



### Nutrition

- WFP's prevention of acute malnutrition and micronutrient deficiencies interventions reached 98,600 children (6-23 months) and 47,400 pregnant and breastfeeding women and girls (PBWG) who received vouchers to purchase food from WFP-contracted shops. Treatment of moderate acute malnutrition interventions reached 21,000 children (6-59 months) and PBWGs.

## Clusters and Common Services



### Food Security Sector

- The Food Security Sector reached 4.2 million people with regular food baskets and another 4.2 million people with bread and flour distribution in December 2023. In addition, at least 102,630 were reached with emergency response through ready-to-eat rations, cooked meals and emergency food baskets.



### Logistics Cluster

- On 11 January, the host government extended its authorization for the UN to use the Bab al-Hawa border crossing to deliver humanitarian assistance to non-government-controlled areas of northwest Syria for six more months, until 13 July 2024. In addition to Bab al-Hawa, the UN is using two other border crossings in northwest Syria (Bab al-Salam and Al-Ra'ee) that were opened for the response to the earthquakes in February 2023.
- In January, the cluster transhipped over 42 trucks carrying humanitarian relief items through Bab Al-Hawa border crossing on behalf of four UN agencies.



### UN Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS)

- In January, UNHAS Syria conducted 14 flights from Damascus to Aleppo and Qamishli, transporting 322 passengers and 1.12 mt of light cargo on behalf of 22 humanitarian organisations.



### Funding

- WFP Syria requires USD 479 million for the next six months (February 2024 – July 2024) across all its activities.



### Monitoring

- WFP and third-party monitoring companies (TPM) conducted over 647 on-site monitoring visits and 389 post-distribution monitoring interviews across all governorates in Syria.
- In January, WFP processed 13,868 cases received through WFP's community feedback mechanism (CFM) helpline, which provides a direct link between WFP and the affected population. The majority of calls were requests for information and assistance.

## Operational challenges

- WFP was not able to distribute food rations in Al-Hol camp, Al-Hasakeh governorate, in January due to temporarily suspension of the cooperating partner by the camp administration. The issue was resolved on 25 January. Following that, on 27 January, a large-scale security operation was launched in the camp until 5 February, and only health, water and bread distribution activities were allowed during this period.

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## WFP Syria Interim Country Strategic Plan (2022-2025)

	2023 Requirement (in USD)	6-Month Net Funding Requirement (February 2024 – July 2024)	People Assisted (January 2024) *	Female	Male
<b>ICSP (January 2022– December 2025)</b>	<b>1.5 billion</b>	<b>479 million</b>	<b>135,306</b>		
Activity 1: <b>General Food Assistance</b>			<b>47,260</b>	24,481	22,779
Activity 2: <b>School Feeding</b>			<b>183,914</b>	87,359	96,555
Activity 3: <b>Livelihoods and Resilience</b>			<b>0**</b>	0	0
Activity 4: <b>Prevention of Acute Malnutrition</b>			<b>98,635</b>	72,532	26,103
Activity 5: <b>Treatment of Moderate Acute Malnutrition</b>			<b>47,352</b>	24,324	23,028

\* Note that per-activity assistance figures cannot be summed due to overlap between activities. Monthly distribution figures are estimates and subject to change pending final beneficiary reconciliation. \*\* As part of its livelihoods strategy, WFP is gradually phasing out household-level interventions and focusing more on communal asset rehabilitation. Thus, direct distribution of assistance is now implemented as a complementary activity to communal asset rehabilitation activities and when necessary.